

Prizes, Awards Fellowships and Bursaries



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The following Prizes, Awards, Fellowships and Bursaries are available exclusively to members of the British Toxicology Society (BTS)

By Nomination

Below is a list of BTS prizes and awards for which BTS members can submit nominations. For more information on how to nominate, please see Annex 1. Eligibility time periods exclude periods of maternity or paternity leave.

1. Barnes Prize (Awarded Biennially)

This Prize Lecture was established in memory of Dr John Barnes, a pioneer in toxicology. The John Barnes lecture is presented biennially at the Annual Congress to a person of senior standing in Toxicology. The first award was made in 1979 to Professor W N Aldridge. Nominations for the Award should be sent to the BTS Secretariat by 30th June in the year preceding the Annual Congress. The nomination should include a brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to toxicology and to the BTS. Submissions are collated by the Nominations Committee that makes recommendations for approval by the Executive Committee in September of the year preceding the Annual Congress at which the Award will be made. The final decision rests with the Executive Committee. The Barnes Prize does not attract a monetary award. Travel, accommodation and registration at the Annual Congress are paid by the Society and a commemorative plaque is presented. The awardee will be notified by the President of the Society by the 30th September of the year preceding the Annual Congress.

2. Paton Prize (Awarded Biennially)

Sir William Paton left the BTS a bequest to encourage scholarship in historical aspects of toxicology. The Prize is awarded biennially at the Annual Congress to a person of senior standing in toxicology. Nominations for this Award should be sent to the BTS Secretariat by 30th June in the year preceding the Annual Congress. The nomination should include a brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to toxicology and to the BTS. Submissions are collated by the Nominations Committee that makes recommendations in September of the year preceding the Annual Congress at which the Award will be made. The final decision rests with the Executive Committee. The Paton Prize does not attract a

monetary award. Travel, accommodation and registration for attendance at the Annual Congress are paid by the Society and a commemorative plaque is presented. The awardee will be notified by the President of the Society by the 30th September of the year preceding the Annual Congress.

3. Early Career Investigator Award (Awarded Annually)

This Award is made in recognition of contributions to toxicology by early career investigators.

Eligibility for the award includes:

- No more than 10 years postdoctoral (or 14 years postgraduate) experience, on 1st January preceding the Annual Congress.
- Current member of the British Toxicology Society.

Nomination for the award must include the following:

- A full CV.
- Four recent and scientifically relevant publications authored by the candidate.
- A description (of no more than 1000 words) of the candidate's achievements to date.
- A letter of recommendation from the member's supervisor (or another senior toxicologist).

The winner will be invited to present at the Annual Congress. Following the presentation the winner will receive a cheque to the value of £250 and a commemorative certificate. The winner will be invited to submit a paper for publication in the Society's journal *Toxicology Research*. Registration for the Annual Congress is waived and travel is reimbursed up to the equivalent of a second class rail fare. Applications should be submitted to the BTS Secretariat by 30th November each year. Applications are considered by the Scientific Subcommittee (SSC) in January. The SSC make recommendations for final approval and ratification by the Executive Committee. There will be a single award annually. The winner will be notified by the SSC Chair by the end of February preceding the Annual Congress.

By Award or Application

Below are BTS awards awarded directly by the BTS Executive Committee for which BTS members are eligible. For more information please see Annex 2. For abstract guidelines, where these are required, see Annex 3. Eligibility time periods exclude periods of maternity or paternity leave.

4. Student Prizes at the Annual Congress

There are prizes awarded for the best presentation of a poster and an oral communication by students at the Annual Congress. Any student who submits a poster or makes an oral presentation is eligible. Presentations and posters are judged by a panel appointed by the Scientific Sub-Committee and the prize is presented at the Congress Dinner. The prize for each category (oral presentation and poster) is a cheque to the value of £100 plus a commemorative certificate.

5. The Norman Aldridge Travel Fellowship

This Fellowship was created in memory of the contributions made by Professor Norman Aldridge to toxicology. It is intended to support a UK scientist who is a current member of the BTS to advance their research in toxicology by visiting key laboratories within or outside the UK, but **NOT** for travel to a scientific conference. The eligibility criteria are that the applicant has no more than 10 years postdoctoral or 14 years postgraduate experience on 1st January preceding the Annual Conference. The Norman Aldridge Travel Fellowship will be awarded on a competitive basis. A single award will be made annually, the value of which will not exceed £500. Applications for this award should be made using the forms of the BTS website (Awards and Prizes section) and submitted to the BTS Secretariat by 30th November each year. A decision will be made by Officers of the Society. The application should include the full CV of the candidate, a description of the work that will be conducted in the laboratory or laboratories to be visited, and a letter of support from the Head of Department. Candidates are expected to apply personally for this fellowship.

6. Bursaries for attendance at BTS meetings to present an oral or poster communication

The Society awards Bursaries to pre-doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers (maximum 3 years from PhD) who are members of the BTS, to support their attendance at the Annual Congress.

The award includes:

- Registration for the Congress.
- Accommodation and meals.
- A contribution of up to £100 towards the cost of travel.

The criteria for eligibility are:

- Membership of BTS (or application for membership received no later than the application for the bursary).
- Eligibility status confirmed by Head of Department.
- Submission of a written report on the meeting for inclusion in the BTS Newsletter.

Applications should be made using the form on the BTS website (Awards and Prizes section), and sent to the BTS Secretariat. Applications must be made no later than 30th January each year. An awards decision will be reached by the Scientific Sub-Committee (SSC). There will be no more than 10 student awards per annum and 4 postdoctoral bursaries. No more than two bursaries will be awarded to an individual during their pre-doctoral training. The Chair of the SSC will notify successful applicants by the end of February preceding the Annual Congress.

7. The BTS Travel Grant Scheme

The BTS Travel Grant scheme seeks to encourage and support knowledge exchange and networking activities by Society members. The scheme is available to all members of the Society who wish to attend a conference related to toxicology. Awards are of a maximum value of £500. Such conferences may include, but are not limited to, SOT, EUROTOX, ACT, Toxicology Forum, ISSX, and ICT. Applications from all members of the Society are welcomed; there are no restrictions regarding age, career stage or place of employment. Application should be made using the form on the BTS website (Awards and Prizes section).

Conditions are:

- An individual being a member of the BTS for one full calendar year before application.
- Once awarded, individuals cannot apply for a BTS Travel Grant for a further 3 years.
- Applications for grants must be made at least 1 month in advance of the conference.
- An abstract and full CV must be supplied with the application.
- Additional information about other possible sources of funding that have been applied for must also be provided at the time of application.
- Awardees must make a presentation at the conference (either oral or poster presentation).

Recommendations will be made by Officers of the Society for ratification by the Executive Committee.

8. Gordon Gibson Travel Fellowship (Awarded Biennially)

The Gordon Gibson Travel Fellowship is awarded, on a competitive basis, to support participation by a member of the Society at the Gordon Research Conference on Toxicology. The value of the Fellowship is up to £1000. Award of this Fellowship is independent of age, career stage or place of employment.

Conditions are:

- An individual being a member of the BTS for one full calendar year before application.
- Once awarded, individuals cannot apply for this grant for a further 4 years.
- Applications for grants must be made at least 6 months in advance of the Gordon Research Conference.
- Awardees must make a presentation at the Gordon Research Conference (either oral or poster presentation).
- An abstract must be supplied with the application.
- Additional information about other possible sources of funding that have been applied for must also be supplied at the time of application.

Recommendations will be made by the Officers of the Society for ratification by the Executive Committee.

9. Gay Hawksworth Travel Fellowship (Awarded Annually)

The Gay Hawksworth Travel Fellowship is awarded, on a competitive basis, to support participation by a member of the Society at a EUROTOX Conference. The value of this Fellowship is up to £1000. Award of this Fellowship is independent of age, career stage or place of employment. Application should be made using the form on the BTS website (Awards and Prizes section).

Conditions are:

- An individual being a member of the BTS for one full calendar year before application.
- Once awarded, individuals cannot apply for a grant for a further 3 years.
- Applications for grants must be made at least 6 months in advance of EUROTOX.
- Awardees must make a presentation at EUROTOX (either oral or poster presentation).
- An abstract must be supplied with the application.
- Additional information about other possible sources of funding that have been applied for must also be supplied at the time of application.

Recommendations will be made by the Officers of the Society for ratification by the Executive Committee.

Annex 1

Prize name	When?	How?	Criteria	What is required?
Barnes Prize	Awarded biennially in odd numbered year	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org by 30 June the year preceding the award	Senior Toxicologist BTS Member	A brief description of the candidates career and contributions to toxicology and the BTS
Paton Prize	Awarded biennially in even numbered year	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org by 30 June the year preceding the award	Senior Toxicologist BTS Member	A brief description of the candidates career and contributions to toxicology and the BTS
Early Career Investigator Award	Awarded annually	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org by 30 November each year.	No more than 10 years postdoctoral experience on 1 January preceding the conference. Eligibility time-period excludes maternity or paternity leave. Must be a member of the BTS	A full CV of the nominee. The four most recent publications. A description of the candidates achievement and a letter of recommendation from their supervisor

Annex 2

Prize name	When?	How?	Criteria	What is required?
Local MSc Student bursaries	Throughout the year	Send an application to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS membership	A full CV and details of the meeting you would like to attend
Pre-doctoral bursaries	Applications to be made by 30 January each year	Apply using the online form and send to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS membership, student eligibility status to be confirmed by the Head of Department.	Submission of a written report on a session following the meeting
Post-doctoral bursaries	Applications to be made by 30 January each year	Apply using the online form and send to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS membership, student, postdoctoral status to be confirmed by Head of Department.	Submission of a written report on a session following the meeting
BTS Travel Grant Scheme	Applications to be made at least one month before the event	Complete the online form	BTS member for at least one full calendar year. Awardees must make a presentation at the conference	An abstract and full CV
Gordon Gibson Travel Fellowship	Applications to be made at least 6 months ahead of the Gordon Research Conference	Email applications to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS member for at least one full calendar year.	An abstract and CV. Any information about other possible sources of funding which have been applied to.
Gay Hawksworth Travel Fellowship	Applications to be made at least 6 months ahead of the EUROTOX	Email applications to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS member for at least one full calendar year.	An abstract and CV. Any information about other possible sources of funding which have been applied to.
Norman Aldridge Travel Fellowship	Applications to be made by 30 November each year	Email applications to secretariat@thebts.org	The applicant has no more than 10 years postdoctoral or 14 years postgraduate experience (excludes maternity or paternity leave) on 1 January preceding the Annual Conference.	A full CV, a description of the work that will be conducted and a letter of support from the Head of Department
Student Prizes at the Annual Congress	Awarded annually	Awarded by the Scientific Sub-Committee	Student Member	Present an abstract during the Annual Congress

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

- You are allowed a maximum number of 250 words in the abstract body. This does not include the title which can be up to 500 characters (including spaces and punctuation).
- Please do not include author details in the body of the abstract or in the abstract title.
- You will be asked to provide all author details in the final page of the submission process.
- It is best to type your abstract straight into the online submission form, or alternatively paste the text from a word-processed document.
- Please use the symbol font for special characters. You can use the buttons to add formatting.
- The 'Full title' should be presented sentence case (not in title case or block capitals), i.e. only the first letter of the title or appropriate terms such as abbreviations or proper nouns should be upper case.
- Please do not include tables, figures or references in the abstract as these will be removed before your abstract is published.

By submitting an abstract, you agree to the following:

- The abstract is scientifically sound and ethically approved.
- The abstract is not an advertisement, nor contains anything obscene, defamatory, libellous, unlawful or in any way actionable.
- The abstract will be included in the programme book and will be made available on the Society's website.
- All authors have seen and approved the abstract as submitted.