

Criteria for Award of a Bursary by UKRT for Attendance at the British Toxicology Society Annual Congress

Qualifying Criteria for Applicants

1. The award is open to all new UKRT members wishing to attend and present a poster or lecture at a BTS Annual Congress within 18 months of the Panel meeting at which their inclusion in the UKRT was approved.
2. The award is intended as a contribution towards registration fees and travel expenses incurred in the course of attending the BTS Annual Congress, up to a maximum of £500.
3. Payment of the award (by bank transfer) will be made in advance of the meeting (within four weeks of award confirmation) and will be based on reasonable anticipated costs subject to terms and conditions¹.
4. An abstract that meets the requirements of the BTS must be submitted to the UKRT for evaluation.
5. The successful applicant will be expected to submit the abstract to the BTS and present a poster (as lead author) or oral presentation at the BTS Annual Congress with an acknowledgement of funding².
6. Applicants should complete the UKRT Conference Award form (<https://www.rsb.org.uk/careers-and-cpd/registers/uk-register-of-toxicologists>) and submit it by 31st December of the year preceding the Annual Congress to the UKRT Secretariat using the email address toxreg@rsb.org.uk. The winner of the award will be announced within 10 days of the first Panel meeting after the closing date.
7. It is a condition of accepting the bursary that the successful applicant submits to the UKRT Panel a brief written report of the BTS Annual Congress.
8. The decision of the UKRT Panel is final and communication with unsuccessful applicants will not be entered into.

¹ The anticipated costs, which must be supported by third party evidence wherever possible, will be subject to approval by the UKRT Panel. The award must be refunded if the individual fails to attend the meeting for reasons not outside their control. Failure to refund the award in the event of non-attendance will result in removal from the UK Register of Toxicologists.

² The acknowledgement should read "The lead author wishes to acknowledge the financial assistance of the Royal Society of Biology and UK Register of Toxicologists in presenting this work."

Assessment Criteria for Use by UKRT Panel

The following criteria should be used by the UKRT Panel to evaluate the applications submitted for the UKRT Bursary for attendance at the BTS Annual Congress:

1. The work described must have been completed within the last 3 years and make a substantive contribution to the field of toxicology.
2. The applicant's contribution to the work described, which should be significant, must be clearly stated on the application form.
3. The abstract must describe the results of research (e.g. from an experimental investigation, survey, epidemiology study or monitoring programme); but does not have to be laboratory-based.
4. The abstract should demonstrate application of the scientific method, including a clear hypothesis, aims, methods applied, results obtained and conclusions drawn.
5. The written content must be well organised, clear and concise.
6. The following categories of abstract are not eligible:
 - a. Abstracts concerning anticipated results or speculative descriptions of future work.
 - b. Abstracts that constitute marketing or promotion of services.
 - c. Reviews of published literature in the absence of novel insights or conclusions.