



THE BRITISH
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RHEOLOGY

BSR Early Career Travel Award

Purpose

The purpose of the BSR Early Career Travel Award is to assist early-career researchers with disseminating rheological research and building their research network by either supplementing travel to a national/international conference, or supplementing funding for a short research visit. Research visits that connect academia and industry are especially encouraged.

BSR will award up to £150 for UK-based and £300 for European-based conference travel, and up to £500 for conference travel in the rest of the world. In the case of research visits (or combined conference and research visit), BSR will award up to £500 for UK-based and £1000 for non-UK-based research activity.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a BSR member of 9 months standing¹.

This travel award is intended to assist those in the 'early stage' of their careers; that is an academic post-doctorate position, transitioning to an established independent researcher, or new to an industrial role. (PhD students, please see student travel award.)

There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience or whether the applicant holds a permanent position. Consideration will be given to applicants who have taken a non-standard career path after their primary degree. Applications are also welcomed from candidates who wish to re-establish themselves after a career break or any other period of absence from active research.

Please note applicants may only apply for one travel award in any 12 month period. Individuals may receive no more than one award within a 3-year period.

Application

In the case of conference travel, submissions should include the name and location of the conference, the title, authors and abstract of the paper submitted to the conference. The support of the British Society of Rheology should be mentioned in the conference presentation, and the Society's logo may be used for this purpose.

In the case of a short research visit, submissions should include the name and location of the host institution/company, and a short synopsis of the intended research.

Applicants should justify why they consider themselves an 'early-career' researcher in their submission.

A breakdown of the projected costs and a brief supporting letter from the head of school/line manager (and the host institution/company in the case of a research visit) should also be included.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Scientific excellence in the area of rheology, including theory and application.
2. Benefits to applicant's career progression.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary (secretary@bsr.org.uk). Applications must be received at least 1 month prior to conference travel and 3 months prior to a research visit. Up to a maximum of 4 awards will be granted per annum.

Payment of the award will be made on receipt of a report suitable for publication in the Bulletin of the Society.

¹ BSR welcomes membership from anyone that uses rheology as part of their work.