

Prizes, Awards and Bursaries



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

Prizes awarded by nomination

The BTS has two prestigious prizes, for which the recipients are nominated by other BTS members. For more information on how to nominate, please see Annex 1.

1. Barnes Prize (Awarded biennially)

This Prize Lecture was established in memory of Dr John Barnes, a pioneer in toxicology. The John Barnes Prize 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 Prize should be sent to the BTS Secretariat following a call to the Membership in the year preceding the relevant Annual Congress. The nomination should include a brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to toxicology and, where applicable, to the BTS. Submissions are collated by the Nominations Sub-Committee, which makes recommendations for approval by 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 gift is presented.

2. Paton Prize (Awarded biennially)

Sir William Paton left the BTS a bequest to encourage scholarship in historical aspects of toxicology. This Prize Lecture is awarded biennially at the Annual Congress to a person of senior standing in toxicology. Nominations for this Prize should be sent to the BTS Secretariat in response to a call to the Membership in the year preceding the relevant Annual Congress. The nomination should include a brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to toxicology and, where applicable, to the BTS. Submissions are collated by the Nominations Sub-Committee, which makes recommendations for approval by 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 gift is presented.

Awards available by application or nomination

Below are BTS awards for which BTS members are eligible to apply, or may be nominated by others. For more information please see Annex 2. For abstract guidelines, where these are required, see Annex 4. Eligibility time periods exclude periods of maternity or paternity leave.

3. Early Career Investigator Award

This Award is made in recognition of contributions to toxicology by early career investigators. The winner will be invited to present a plenary lecture at the Annual Congress. Following the presentation, the winner will receive a cheque to the value of £250 and a commemorative certificate. Registration for the Annual Congress is waived and travel is reimbursed in accordance with the BTS Travel Policy.

Eligibility for the award includes:

- No more than 10 years postdoctoral (or 14 years postgraduate) experience, on 1st January preceding the Annual Congress.
- Paid-up member of the BTS for at least one year prior to the nomination closure date.

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.
- Two letters of recommendation from BTS members, one of whom should be the member's line manager and the other a senior toxicologist at another institution.

Judging criteria

- Originality and applicability of research
- Impact of research
- Quality of publications and internal reports
- Innovation and/or translation of research
- Professional standing
- External collaborations and teamwork

- Progress to Independence – including the acquisition of financial support for research in the form of grants, venture capital funding or commercial awards
- Other indicators of esteem indicated by the nominee/nominator.

Applications should be submitted to the BTS Secretariat in response to a call to the Membership in the year preceding the relevant Annual Congress. Applications are considered by the Scientific Sub-Committee (SSC) which makes recommendations for final approval by the Executive Committee. The winner will be notified by the SSC Chair by the end of January preceding the Annual Congress.

4. Mid-Career Achievement Award

This award is made in recognition of the achievements of an exceptional mid-career member of the BTS. The successful candidate will be a BTS member and will have made a significant contribution to toxicology within 10 to 25 years since obtaining their highest degree. Areas of contribution to the science of toxicology include regulatory toxicology (e.g. risk assessment and/or regulation of chemicals), communication (e.g. broadening the awareness of the general public to toxicological issues), the teaching and training of toxicologists and/or research based on peer reviewed publications. The winner will be invited to present a lecture at the BTS Annual Congress and will receive a commemorative certificate. Registration for the Annual Congress is waived and travel is reimbursed in accordance with the BTS Travel Policy.

Eligibility for the award includes:

- 10 to 25 years' experience in toxicology post highest qualification, on 1st January preceding the Annual Congress.
- Paid-up full member of the BTS for at least one year prior to the nomination closure date.

Nomination for the award must include the following:

- A full CV.
- A description (maximum 1000 words) of the candidate's achievements to date.
- Two letters of support from current BTS members.

Judging criteria

- Impact of achievements

- Professional standing at an international level
- Other indicators of esteem indicated by the nominee/nominator.

Applications should be submitted to the BTS Secretariat in response to a call to the Membership in the year preceding the relevant Annual Congress. Applications are considered by the SSC, which makes recommendations for final approval by the Executive Committee. The winner will be notified by the SSC Chair by the end of January preceding the Annual Congress.

5. Student Prizes at the Annual Congress

There are prizes awarded for the best poster and oral communication presented by students at the Annual Congress. Any student who submits a poster or makes an oral presentation is eligible. Presentations are judged by a panel appointed by the SSC 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.

Travel Awards and Scholarships

For more information please see Annex 3.

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 bursary includes:

- Registration for the Congress.
- Accommodation and meals.
- A contribution of up to £200 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 by the advertised deadline. Decisions on bursary awards will be reached by the SSC. There will be no more than 10 student bursaries 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. ASCEPT Lecture

The lectureship is run together with the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT) and the successful nominee will be funded to travel to the ASCEPT Annual conference to present a BTS Lecture. This lectureship offers a unique opportunity to form new collaborations and to visit a number of Universities and Institutions and (where appropriate) present a lecture.

Requirements

Membership of the BTS for at least one full year before application. Candidates must be nominated and seconded by 2 full members of the BTS. Please ensure that you have their permission for BTS to contact them for this purpose.

Judgement criteria

The award is made on the basis of the quality of the candidate's published work and a supporting statement from the applicant. These applications will be judged by the Nominations Subcommittee of the BTS.

Submissions

Applicants must provide the following by the advertised date by email to secretariat@thebts.org:

- A two to four page (A4) summary describing the candidate's major research achievements and its significance.
- A full curriculum vitae of the candidate.
- The candidate's list of refereed publications.

Conference presentation

The recipient will be invited to deliver a special lecture during the Annual Scientific Meeting of ASCEPT in the year of the Award. [<https://www.asceptasm.com>]. The

recipient will also need to present up to 3 lectures that can be delivered at the hosting institutions. The host institution will choose one lecture from out of the three that they wish to be presented.

Travel expenses

The cost of travel and expenses up to the value of £2000 will be reimbursed by the BTS. The Secretariat will liaise with the recipient of the award regarding travel and payment

8. The Norman Aldridge Travel Award

This Award 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 at the time of application. The Norman Aldridge Travel Award 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 on the BTS website (Awards and Prizes section) and submitted to the BTS Secretariat by 30th November each year. A decision will be made by the Executive Committee. 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 award. After the research has been completed the awardee will be reimbursed following provision of a short report to be posted on the BTS website.

9. BTS Travel Awards

The BTS Travel Award 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 at least one full calendar year before application.
- Once awarded, individuals cannot apply for a BTS Travel Award for a further 3 years.
- Applications for awards 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),
- The awardee will be reimbursed following provision of a short event report to be posted on the BTS website.

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

10. Gordon Gibson Travel Award (Awarded Biennially)

The Gordon Gibson Travel Award 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 Award is up to £1000. This Award is independent of age, career stage or place of employment.

Conditions are:

- An individual being a member of the BTS for at least one full calendar year before application.
- Once awarded, individuals cannot apply for this award for a further 4 years.
- Applications for awards 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 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 supplied at the time of application.
- The awardee will be reimbursed following provision of a short event report to be posted on the BTS website.

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

11. Gay Hawksworth Travel Award

The Gay Hawksworth Travel Award is awarded, on a competitive basis, to support participation by a member of the Society at a EUROTOX, SOT or other major international conference. The value of this Award is up to £1000. Award of this Award 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 any BTS travel award for a further 3 years.
- Applications must be made at least 6 months in advance of the relevant conference.
- Awardees must make a presentation at the conference (either oral or poster presentation).
- 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 supplied at the time of application.
- The awardee will be reimbursed following provision of a short event report to be posted on the BTS website.

Recommendations will be made by the Officers of the Society for ratification by the Executive Committee at each of its quarterly meetings. Closing dates will be published on the BTS website.

12. Vacation scholarships (Awarded annually)

These scholarships are designed to encourage students or new graduates to experience working in the field of toxicology. There are two studentships on offer, each providing up to £1,500 to support the living costs of the student for up to 8 weeks. The student will gain valuable hands-on research experience and the supervisor will gain an extra pair of hands in the laboratory. Interested students or

new graduates must pair up with a potential supervisor to develop a project before applying for funding.

Criteria - Students will be assessed on their qualifications, suitability for research and the proposed project.

Eligibility - The scholarship is available to students or new graduates (no more than 3 months after completion of their degree) studying toxicology and or pharmacology, or where toxicology is a main component of their degree. The research project must have substantial toxicological content.

Application – Application is made by the supervisor on behalf of the student. The supervisor must work in a university or research institute and have been a member of the BTS for at least 12 months at the time of application. The closing date for applications is end of March preceding the summer vacation in which the research will be conducted, or as otherwise advertised.

The application has 4 parts:

- One page of A4 describing the project. This must include background and aims, the methods and the training to be provided.
- One page CV from the applicant
- One page CV from the student
- A personal statement from the student indicating his/her reasons for wanting to undertake a summer project. This must be countersigned by the supervisor.

Payment- Applicants will be reimbursed up to £1500.00 on receipt of a 500 word reflective account of their experience.

Annex 1: Prizes by nomination

Prize name	When?	How?	Criteria	What is required?
Barnes Prize	Awarded biennially in odd numbered years	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org following a call to the membership the year preceding the award	Senior Toxicologist	A brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to National and International Toxicology
Paton Prize	Awarded biennially in even numbered years	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org following a call to the membership the year preceding the award	Senior Toxicologist	A brief description of the candidate's career and contributions to National and International Toxicology

Annex 2: Awards by application or nomination

Prize	When?	How?	Criteria	What is
Early Career Investigator Award	Awarded at the Annual Congress, as notified to the membership	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org in response to a call to the membership in the year before the relevant congress.	No more than 10 years postdoctoral (or 14 years post-graduate) experience on 1 January preceding the congress. Must be a fully paid-up member of the BTS for at least one year prior to the nomination closure	A full CV of the nominee. The four most recent publications. A description of the candidate's achievement and two letters of recommendation
Mid Career Achievement Award	Awarded at the Annual Congress, as notified to the membership	Nominations to be submitted to secretariat@thebts.org in response to a call to the membership in the year before the relevant congress.	Ten to 25 years experience post highest qualification, on 1 January preceding the congress. Must be a fully paid-up member of the BTS for at least one year prior to the nomination closure date.	A full CV of the nominee. The four most recent publications. A description of the candidate's achievement to date and two letters of support from current BTS members.
Student Prizes (oral and poster) at the Annual Congress	Awarded annually	Awarded by the Scientific Subcommittee	Student Member	Present an abstract during the Annual Congress

Annex 3: Travel awards and scholarships – by application

Pre-doctoral bursaries	Applications to be made by 30 January each year	Apply using the online form.	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.	BTS membership, student, postdoctoral status to be confirmed by Head of Department.	Submission of a written report on a session following the meeting
ASCEPT lecture	Applications to be made in response to call to members	Email applications to secretariat@thebts.org	BTS member for at least one full calendar year before application	A 2 to 4 page (A4) summary of the candidate's major research achievements and its significance. A full CV. A list of refereed publications
Norman Aldridge Travel Award	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 at the time of application.	A full CV, a description of the work that will be conducted and a letter of support from the Head of Department
BTS Travel Award Scheme	Applications to be made at least one month before the event	Apply using the online form	BTS member for at least one full calendar year at the time of application. Awardees must make a presentation at the conference	An abstract and full CV
Gordon Gibson Travel Award	Applications to be made at least 6 months ahead of the Gordon Research Conference	Apply using the online form	BTS member for at least one full calendar year at the time of application.	An abstract and CV. Any information about other possible sources of funding which have been applied to.
Gay Hawkworth Travel Award	Applications to be made at least 6 months ahead of the EUROTOX	Apply using the online form	BTS member for at least one full calendar year at the time of application.	An abstract and CV. Any information about other possible sources of funding which have been applied to.
Vacation scholarships	Awarded annually	Application is made by the supervisor, who must be a BTS member. Email applications to secretariat@thebts.org	Students or new graduates. The research project must have substantial toxicological content.	A description of the work that will be conducted. CVs of both the student and supervisor and a personal statement from the student on the reasons for wanting to undertake a summer project.

Annex 4: Abstract guidelines

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.