

ABCT SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME: Frequently asked questions

How many scholarships will be available?

In 2015 we will be making up to 10 scholarships available. This will be reviewed at the end of the year and may be increased or decreased in 2016.

How many applications does the programme typically receive?

As this is the first year of the ABCT scholarship programme, we do not know how many applications we will receive. We will publish this information when it is available in order to assist future applicants.

How will ABCT decide whether to award me a scholarship?

Using the information you provide us with on your application form, we will look for evidence that your research will contribute to learning and knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- The social, cultural and historical importance of UK airfields in general (or a specific UK airfield site), including the role of UK airfields during World Wars)
- Technical and engineering-based research, including projects focused on airfield buildings, structures and architecture, airfield support and safety systems, airfield management and airfield design
- The economic, environmental, or political importance of UK airfields in general (or a specific UK airfield site), including (but not limited to):
 - The socio-economic impact of UK airfields/airfields closure(s)
 - The socio-economic impact of UK airfield conservation projects
 - The use of airfields (active or disused) in tourism and leisure
 - The use of airfields (active or disused) in military or commercial contexts

We are unlikely to award scholarships to researchers who are studying air travel and aircraft more generally and without relation to a UK airfield or UK airfields in general.

When will I find out if I have been successful?

Applications will be assessed in November 2015, and we aim to contact all applicants by email by 18th December 2015 with the outcome of their application.

What will happen next?

If you are successful, we will ask you to provide us with verification of;

- (i) your current enrolment status, and
- (ii) your approved research proposal

We will send you a declaration form that you can ask your academic supervisor to print out on university headed paper, sign and send back to us with a copy of your research proposal document. Your university may provide other standardised forms of verification by request; these are also acceptable provided that they confirm the above details.

If you are unsuccessful we will provide some feedback to help explain our decision. If the number of strong applications exceeds the number of scholarships available, we will invite some applicants to re-apply the following year and these will be given priority over new proposals. We regret that applications which have been rejected on the grounds of eligibility or poor fit with our objectives cannot be considered if re-submitted in the future.

Do you require a scholarships report?

To evaluate the impact the scholarships programme is having upon airfield/aviation related research and knowledge, we will require a suitable reporting procedure to be agreed with every successful applicant. This will help ABCT to understand how the scholarships programme is benefiting students and will provide opportunities for your research and study to be promoted to a wider range of stakeholders. In most cases, we will ask you to submit a short video (1-3 minutes) towards the end of the academic year which outlines your study progress or research developments and gives a message of acknowledgement to ABCT's supporters. If preferable, you may submit the report in writing or as agreed otherwise with ABCT prior to payment of your grant.

What can I spend my scholarship money on?

This funding is designed to help students meet the costs of living whilst completing their proposed research. As such, you are free to use your ABCT scholarship as you wish.

Can I apply for a scholarship more than once?

You may only apply for one scholarship per academic year. Eligible students can apply for a scholarship during each year that they remain enrolled at an eligible institution and working towards an airfield or aviation related project. We will award a maximum of five scholarships to an individual student, so please bear this in mind if your research is likely to exceed five years. Please note that whilst we will endeavour to make the maximum number of repeat scholarships available to each successful applicant, we cannot guarantee that repeat funding will be available.

If successful, do I have to re-apply every year?

You will need to re-apply every year for repeat scholarships and if successful you will need to provide us with up to date verification of your current enrolment status in order to receive your grant payment.

Why have you chosen to support post graduate study only?

ABCT has a small staff team, therefore awarding scholarships to postgraduate students only is the best way for us to ensure that all research projects undertaken by our grantees have been stringently reviewed and approved by a UK university or similar institution. This enables us to direct our support to the research projects that are most useful and credible. In addition, we are aware that there are in general fewer sources of financial support available to postgraduate students in the UK.