



BACPAR Postgraduate Education Bursary Guidance

Introduction:

BACPAR are pleased to offer a bursary to help cover course fees of postgraduate certificates, masters modules or PhD fees. The course must be relevant to the field of amputee rehabilitation and UK clinical practice

This bursary is intended to contribute toward the successful applicants tuition by partly reducing the financial burden postgraduate students endure through aiming to achieve a higher level of skills and knowledge in the highly specialist field of Amputee and Prosthetic Rehabilitation.

How much is the bursary and how will the funding be used?

The BACPAR Postgraduate Education Bursary has £3000 each financial year to be dedicated to postgraduate education. The number of applicants each year and the strength of their application will determine what percentage of this bursary shall be provided per applicant. Successful applicants may utilise the sum provided how they see fit, however, there will only be one sum of money provided per masters course, not per module.

It is anticipated that on average, successful applicants will likely be awarded up to £1,000; this is however dependent on the circumstances of that year and how many applications there are.

The amount awarded will be paid directly to the successful applicant via bank transfer.

The applicant may also request further funding through the **BACPAR Research Bursary** to contribute toward the completion of the dissertation required to obtain the MSc. Please refer to iCSP or the BACPAR website for information on this bursary. Please note, first time applicants will take priority over applicants whom have already received funding from BACPAR when being considered for this bursary.

Eligibility:

1. The successful applicant will be a permanent UK Resident.
2. Full BACPAR membership for two consecutive years i.e. has been a member for at least one complete BACPAR year is essential.

3. Currently enrolled on an MSc/PhD amputee rehabilitation related programme or where the applicant has been accepted onto the programme for the upcoming academic year.
4. Current registration to practice in the UK with the appropriate regulatory and professional bodies is essential.
5. The applicant must not have already received a Postgraduate Education Bursary from BACPAR.
6. The applicant will still be considered even where funding has been provided from another source, for example an employer.

Application process:

Prior to applying it is recommended that the applicants contact the BACPAR Education Officers to discuss their plans. A bursary application form must be submitted by the 1st of February, this is available on the iCSP and BACPAR website.

Applications will be reviewed by the BACPAR Executive Committee at the early meeting in February/March. Retrospective applications may also be considered for those currently enrolled on the programme. Applications must include:

- A personal statement or a short CV of the applicant (no more than 2 pages).
- Completed application form.
- An academic or professional reference.

The outcome of the application will be communicated by email. Unsuccessful applicants will be given feedback and encouraged to re apply.

Final Comments

All of the above should only be taken as guidance; ultimately the final decision rests with the BACPAR Executive Committee.

In a scenario where there are multiple applications you may have been offered a sum from BACPAR you do not feel accommodates your request. You may wish to consider declining this offer and re-applying the following year as once you accept an offer, you cannot re-apply.

It is expected that the successful applicant will commit to completing either the individual module or the MSc as a whole as specified in their application. Failure to do so may result in funds having to be given back to BACPAR. Unforeseen circumstances leading to incompleteness will be taken into consideration.