**-- Student Travel Bursary Awards –**

For students who are members of the society, we operate a travel bursary (of up to €500) for travel to workshops or other international training events. It is a condition of the Bursary Award scheme, that successful applicants present their work to the Society at the Annual Symposium directly following the receipt of their award.

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

Criteria for the Award of a Travel Bursary include the following:

* Applicants must be full-time postgraduate students with written evidence of their student status (signed by a supervisor).
* Applicant must be registered members of the Microscopy Society of Ireland (MSI) prior to their application for a Travel Bursary. Membership forms are available on the Society website (<http://www.microscopy.ie>).
* Applicants must make a contribution to the MSI symposium directly following the workshop/training event either as an oral presentation or as a poster presentation.
* Applicants must not have previously been awarded an MSI Student Travel Bursary.
* The event for which the applicant requires a travel bursary must be a workshop or training event in the field of microscopy. Applications for funding to attend a conference (including the annual MSI symposium) will not be considered.
* Applications must be received by the Committee at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the proposed workshop/training event.

**2. APPLICATION FORM**

***Please note: All applicants must be a registered member of the Microscopy Society of Ireland.***

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Course:** |  |
| **Departmental**  **Address:** |  |
| **Supervisor:** |  |
| **Supervisor’s contact**  **details:** |  |
| **Details of workshop/ training event** |  |

Justification for bursary award to a maximum of €250 (400 words maximum):

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All applications should be sent to:

Dr. Kerry Thompson, Honorary Secretary, Microscopy Society of Ireland, Centre for Microscopy and Imaging, Anatomy, National University of Ireland, Galway.

***Applicant’s signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

\*A signed letter detailing reasons for attending the workshop/training event is also required from applicant’s supervisor or Head of Department. The letter should also include a declaration that the Award will be returned to MSI should, for any reason, the applicant not attend and present at the following year’s Annual Symposium.

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**3. SELECTION**

The Selection Committee is composed of the MSI President, the MSI Secretary and two further MSI Committee members. The Selection Committee will discuss and select the successful Bursary recipients.

**4. REGULATION**

The Secretary will verify whether each applicant is a member of the MSI and whether the applicant has previously been awarded a Bursary by the MSI.

**5. NOTIFICATION**

The successful applicants will be notified at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the workshop/training event. Applicants must inform the Selection Committee if they receive other funding to enable them to attend the workshop/training event without MSI support.

**6. BURSARY**

The MSI undertakes to pay, funds permitting, for each successful Awardee the following:

* A Bursary of up to €500.