

Sir Arthur Thomson bursaries for BDS elective study.

(funding up to £1000)

Discussions are to take place between the Chairman of the Trust and the Head of the School of Dentistry.

Aim: The Trust wishes to support able and talented students who have conducted a high quality project during the elective period of their penultimate year. The awards, each of £500, should be regarded as significant prizes which will markedly enhance the curriculum vitae of a successful student.

Award outline: After the completion of the elective, the Trust will offer up to 2 awards to students who have demonstrated their ability in the earlier parts of the programme and who have planned and written up a high quality project. Quality projects might, for example, enable the student to make a positive impact on the dental health needs of an area, provide understanding of the dental health care system in a country or provide skills and experience which will materially assist in their career. This could include non-dental topics. A talented student will be expected to have a broad perspective and a detailed knowledge of the specific area of their study.

Length and Value of the award: The elective period is 4 weeks and the student should have spent at least 3 weeks on the project. The award of £500 should be considered as a competitive prize. Payment of the award will be through the College.

Selection process: Students will submit their elective for assessment and those students who achieve an A grade will be put forward for the ATT award, subject to their academic achievement in the earlier part of the course. – this will be carried out by Dental School officers (Head of Electives or one of the Elective Co-ordinators) and a Trustee will be given an opportunity to attend.

Conditions of Award:

- a) Up to 2 awards can be made. Fewer than 2 awards should be made if insufficient candidates meet the criteria;
- b) The Trust expects to receive a written note from the account signatory in sufficient detail to confirm that funding has been disbursed within the conditions of the award.
- c) The Trust must be informed if other sources of funding are acquired for the same purpose.
- d) Any publications arising from the research should acknowledge the support of the Trust and the Trust should be informed.
- e) The Trust wishes to follow the careers of those who receive Trust awards and expects the student to agree to their email contact details being provided to the Trust by the Alumni Office.