

Intercalating Bursaries for Medical and Dental students at University of Birmingham.

(funding up to £36,000)

Aims: The Trust wishes to support able and talented students who are registered on the MBChB or BDS undergraduate programmes at the University of Birmingham and who wish to undertake an intercalating undergraduate science degree in consideration of a future career in academic medicine or dentistry.

Award outline: The Trust will provide funding for up to 9 bursaries, each of £4000, – the Arthur Thomson Intercalating Bursaries – to the most able candidates whom the programme expects are likely to appreciate the value of the research ethos which arises from an extended, in-depth study of a scientific discipline. **At least two of the awards are restricted to laboratory-based disciplines.** The undergraduate programmes will be responsible for informing the students of the awards and determining the point in the programmes most appropriate for undertaking an intercalating degree.

Length and Value of the Award: The bursary will be for one academic year of full-time study in a research environment in the University of Birmingham. The value of the award will be £4000 and payment will be made through the College.

Selection Process: The undergraduate programmes will be responsible for establishing a coherent application procedure(s) across all the intercalating programmes and determining the student attributes which identify academic ability and research potential. A candidate's suitability should be determined by a panel of senior academic staff with knowledge of the intercalating programmes and the students. The Trust would wish these awards to be considered as highly prestigious and a Trustee should be given the opportunity to participate in the selection process.

Conditions of the Award:

- a) By the end of the academic session, students will be required to submit to the Trust secretary a report (one side of A4) written for an intelligent lay audience in which the background to their research project, the main findings and the personal impact of their overall experience are described;
- b) Up to 9 awards can be made. Fewer than 9 awards should be made if insufficient candidates meet the criteria;
- c) If a student fails to complete within the year of study then the Trust should be informed with reasons for any withdrawal. The Trust reserves the right to reclaim monies paid which have not been used for the purposes for which the award was made;
- d) 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;
- e) the Trust must be informed if other sources of funding are acquired for the same purpose;
- f) any publications arising from the research should acknowledge the support of the Trust and the Trust should be informed;
- g) 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.