

Criteria for RSC Food Group Meeting Bursaries

The following outline gives details of how the RSC Food Group will assess and prioritise applications for meeting and conference bursaries from RSC Food Group funds. The total fund available for bursaries each year will vary according to the Group circumstances but is expected to be about 10% of currently held funds. The RSC Food Group does not undertake to spend all of the allocation each year (funds will be awarded on merit and application) nor to fund entire meeting expenses. It is expected that the maximum bursary per application will be in the region of £750.

The bursaries are available to contribute towards registration, travel and accommodation costs for attending a food chemistry-related scientific meeting. The meeting does not have to be RSC-organised or UK-based, but it should be noted that there is no guarantee to fund total costs. Applications can be made at any time throughout the year but must be made at least 1 month prior to the meeting. Bursaries will not be provided for retrospective applications.

All applicants may be required to produce a short article (~ 500 words) of any meeting attended on a bursary for the RSC Food Group newsletter.

Eligibility Criteria

- Meeting or conference must have a substantial food chemistry element.
- Applicant must be a member of the RSC. All other things being equal, priority will be given to those who are also RSC Food Group members.
- For bursaries to attend RSC Food Group organised meetings, applicants need to be early-career members.
- For all other meetings, bursaries are available to all applicants. For early-career members, they must be presenting a poster or giving an oral presentation or in exceptional circumstances provide justification as to how the attendance at the event is beneficial for their work and career. All other applicants must be giving an oral presentation. The bursary beneficiary **must** be the presenting author.
- Contributions from the RSC Food Group should be acknowledged on the presentation or poster.

Application Process

All applicants should submit:

- a brief outline of the conference/meeting includes its themes, venue and costs.
- a justification for attending the meeting and why the applicant believes it will be beneficial to them and their development.
- an abstract of the submitted presentation and evidence of its acceptance by the meeting organisers (for non- RSC Food Group meetings only).
- a curriculum vitae of applicant.
- Confirmation of student status or early career scientist by supervisor or line manager.
Confirmation of meeting attendance by supervisor, line management or HR.

Prioritisation Criteria

- Originality and scientific merit of work to be presented.
- Relevance of the subject to RSC Food Group areas of interest.
- Membership of RSC Food Group (all other criteria being equal).

Applications should be sent to the [Secretary](#) at least 1 month before the event takes place; retrospective applications are not accepted.

For information on the RSC Food Group see

<https://www.rsc.org/membership-and-community/connect-with-others/through-interests/interest-groups/food-group/>