**The BAFTSS Executive Committee announce a new BAFTSS Funding Scheme.**

**BAFTSS Early Career Researcher/ Visiting/ Affiliated and Independent Researcher**

**Conference Travel Bursaries.**

**Amount available:** 6 x £150 Conference Bursaries per annum.

**Call for Applications:** now open.

**Rationale:** At the BAFTSS 2020 AGM, the association’s membership voted in favour of an amendment to the BAFTSS constitution. The amendment instigated a new role on the Executive Committee and marked our commitment to increasing awareness and visibility of the issues faced by Early Career Researcher/ Visiting/ Affiliated and Independent Researchers in precarious employment and scholars who are unpaid or in visiting roles.

The BAFTSS Executive Committee is now introducing a new funding scheme, which is to form part of the association’s commitment to supporting the researchers in film, television, and screen studies who are otherwise under-supported. The aim of the funding scheme is to facilitate direct representation of Visiting/ Affiliated/ Independent Researchers and Hourly Paid Lectures who are post-PhD award, yet remain without access to research funding, to be able to present their work at conferences.

**The BAFTSS Early Career Researcher/ Mid-Career Researcher/ Visiting/ Affiliated and Independent Researcher Conference Bursaries scheme** now offers a £150 bursary to each of 6 members of BAFTSS per annum to support their attendance at a conferences organised by associations, societies and universities outside of BAFTSS. The BAFTSS EC intends to run the scheme on an annual basis.

**The deadlines for applications for the first two years are:**

Monday 30 May 2022 (for conferences prior to 31st December 2022) 3 awards

Wednesday 30th November 2022 (for conferences prior 31st May 2023) 3 awards

Monday 27th February 2023 (for conferences prior to 31st December 2023) 3 awards

Thursday 30th November 2023 (for conferences prior to 31st May 2024) 3 awards

**Allocation:** all applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. The recipients of conference bursaries will be selected at random from within the following groups.

**Sub-groups of applications:**

1-4 years post PhD. 1 bursary

Beyond 4 years post-PhD: 1 bursary

The third bursary will be drawn from a pool of all applicants.

**Eligibility:**

* have completed your PhD (post award)
* be an Early Career Researcher/ Mid- Career Researcher/ HPL/ Visiting/ Affiliated or Independent Researcher.
* be unwaged and/or without access to research funding to attend conferences. Or an HPL whose institution does not offer you research funding to present your work at a conference.
* hold current BAFTSS membership at the time of submitting your application.
* evidence that your abstract has been accepted for presentation at a conference, which is to take place within the time frame indicated above (see deadlines).

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| **Application Form** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Contact email** |  |
| **Confirmation of current BAFTSS Membership (email address that you use for BAFTSS membership)** |  |
| **Confirmation that you are unwaged or in precarious employment and either an Early Career Researcher/ Mid- Career Researcher/ HPL/ Visiting/ Affiliated or Independent Researcher** | yes/ no and the criteria that apply to you (e.g. Visiting Fellow, HPL). |
| **Date and institution of PhD Award** |  |
| **Title and abstract of your conference presentation** |  |
| **Short bio note** (200 words max) |  |
| **Confirmation of acceptance at the conference** (email from the conference organisers and/or link to the conference programme): |  |
| **Link to the conference website** |  |
| **Please state whether you have access to other research funding** |  |
| **Budget with supporting information** (travel, conference fee etc) |  |

**Payment will be post-conference.** Funded up to a **maximum of £150** to be paid after the conference and on condition of provision of the following: a letter of attendance from the conference organisers and receipts (travel, conference fees etc).

**Recipients of the BAFTSS Conference bursaries** will be listed on the BAFTSS website and in a new section of the BAFTSS SIG Newsletter. Recipients of the conference bursaries are invited to acknowledge BAFTSS’ support for their attendance which we hope will raise the profile of the issues faced by Early Career Researchers/ Mid- Career Researchers/ HPLs/ Visiting Research Fellows/ Affiliated and Independent Researchers by facilitating direct representation.

In the interests of parity and fairness, the awards are selected at random from the pool of eligible applicants.

The BAFTSS EC voted (9 out of 15 in favour) that for this scheme only and on the basis that the recipients are selected at random using an app, members of the EC who meet all of the criteria are eligible to apply.

**Enquiries and applications should be sent to:** Dr Liz Watkins, University of Leeds. BAFTSS Vice Chair. e.i.watkins@leeds.ac.uk

**Inclusivity:** The British Association of Film, Television, and Screen Studies is committed to helping our communities to develop strong, positive action around issues of equality, diversity and inclusivity. These values are displayed in the Inclusivity Statement displayed on the BAFTSS Homepage  and should be embedded in all that we do. Members of BAFTSS are encouraged to be mindful of issues of race, gender, LGBTQI+ status and disability.