**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 dedicated to increasing awareness and visibility of the issues faced by Early Career Researcher/ Visiting/ Affiliated Lecturers and Independent Researchers in precarious employment and scholars who are unpaid or in visiting roles. Scholars in these roles often find themselves without access to research funding.

The Visiting/ Affiliated/ Independent Researchers and Hourly Paid Lecturers Conference Travel Bursaries 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 Lecturers 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 deadlines for applications for the first two years are:**

Monday 30 May 2022 (for conferences between 30th May and 31st December 2022) 3 awards

Wednesday 30th November 2022 (for conferences 30th November 2022 and 1st March 2023) 3 awards

Monday 27th February 2023 (for conferences between 27th February and 31st December 2023) 3 awards

Thursday 30th November 2023 (for conferences between 30th November 2023 and 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.

**Eligibility:**

* have completed your PhD (post award)
* be an Early Career Researcher/ Mid- Career Researcher/ HPL/ Visiting/ Affiliated Lecturer or Independent Researcher.
* be unwaged and/or without access to research funding to attend conferences. Or an HPL or in a Teaching role for which your institution does not offer 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** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Date and institution of PhD Award** |  |
| **Current BAFTSS Membership (yes/no)?** |  |
| **Confirmation of the criteria that apply to you** | (e.g. Fractional Fixed Term Contract, Visiting Fellow, HPL, Independent Researcher and without access to Institutional Research Funding). |
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| **Title, location and dates of conference** |  |
| **Title and abstract of your conference presentation** |  |
| **Confirmation that your abstract has been accepted (link to conference programme or email)** |  |
| **Short bio note** (200 words max) |  |
| **Please state whether you have access to research funding. If you do have funding please give details (e.g. source and amount).** |  |
| **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 asked to acknowledge BAFTSS’ support for their attendance. The BAFTSS Executive Committee aims to highlight the issues faced by Early Career Researchers/ Mid- Career Researchers/ HPLs/ Visiting Research Fellows/ Affiliated and Independent Researchers by facilitating direct representation at research events.

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 Chair. [e.i.watkins@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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.