



New Graduate Research Bursary Application Form

<https://eps.ac.uk/new-graduate-research-bursary/>

SECTION 1: What are EPS new graduate research bursaries, and for whom are they intended?

- New Graduate research bursaries provide a grant to support graduates who have just completed their final year of undergraduate study, and who are considering a research career in Experimental Psychology. The bursary will provide support for a period of between 6 and 10 weeks during the summer vacation after the student's final year working in a research laboratory either in their own or in some other department.
- Applicants must be members of the EPS who are employed within the UK and whose department will be hosting the bursary. The hosting department is the one in which the graduate will be working during the course of the bursary.
- The purpose of the bursary is to support a research project to be undertaken by the new graduate under the supervision of the applicant. The project should have specific aims and objectives in respect of the learning experience of the graduate, and can either extend a project conducted during the graduate's 3rd year project or be a completely new topic/methodology. It can be thought of as a short-term research apprenticeship, with emphasis on the learning experience rather than on research outcomes.
- Applications that say what specific training will be acquired and what specific research studies will be carried out or planned, are more likely to succeed than ones which seek less specific training / experience.
- The intended activities should NOT be a central part of any other funded project (although they may be associated with such projects), nor should the project form the basis for any research project that might be submitted by the graduate as part of his or her under/postgraduate degree programme (i.e. not part of academic coursework). Proposals that fail to satisfy this requirement will not be funded.
- Awards will be made to members of the Society and will provide up to £250 per week for their nominated graduate. The maximum EPS undergraduate research bursary is £2,500. This is intended to cover both a basic stipend and a contribution towards accommodation costs.
- The final report should be received by the end of the December following the summer vacation, and should be accompanied by an invoice for the amount actually paid to the nominated graduate. The Society will then reimburse the institution for this amount (up to the maximum of the value of the award).

See the EPS website for further details: <https://eps.ac.uk/new-graduate-research-bursary/>

Short details of application:

Applicant's name:	
Applicant's home institution:	
Applicant's email address:	

SECTION 2: Statement checklist. To be included with the application.

TICK TO CONFIRM

- The applicant is a member of the Experimental Psychology Society employed in a UK Higher Education Institution
- The bursary will be used to provide a stipend for a new graduate considering a research career in Experimental Psychology
- The proposed activities will not form the basis for any work submitted in fulfilment of a degree programme.

The following must be provided within the application form or enclosed with it.

- A short statement by the new graduate (see section 3.2)
- A bursary proposal that includes the sections specified in section 3.3
- The applicant's curriculum vitae
- Short references from two faculty members acquainted with the work of the proposed graduate. One of these should be in a position to comment on the graduate's grades and overall academic performance to date, as well as their predicted degree outcome.
- A letter from the Head of the department that would host the bursary, indicating the department's willingness to administer the bursary according to the Society's terms and conditions as available on the Society's website: <https://eps.ac.uk/new-graduate-research-bursary/>

SECTION 3: Application Form

3.1 Applicant's details

Name:			
Departmental Address:			
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:			

If NOT HEFCE-funded, please complete the following:

Postdoctoral worker Date PhD awarded:.....

Current post and employer:	
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3.2 Summary statement by new graduate:

Name:	
Department in which registered:	
Institution/ Address:	

Please provide on a separate sheet a brief statement detailing why you want this bursary and how it will contribute to your career aspirations. **Maximum 300 words.**

3.3 Research Bursary proposal:

The proposal should include sections addressing each of the following. The proposal should not exceed 1000 words. Up to four Tables/Figures may be included.

Summary of current research: Provide a brief description of current research work and achievements.

Aims of the research project: State clearly the project's aims, including benefits to the new graduate.

Intended activities: Details of the research work (including specific studies). **NB.** The intended activities should NOT be a central part of an already-funded project. Make clear how any linkage with existing research activities will benefit the graduate's learning.

Benefits to the new graduate: Detail the training that will be achieved, including methodology and/or analysis. If the student is from another institution, justify.

3.4 Bursary details

Proposed Start date:	
Duration (weeks):	
Applicant present during all weeks? (yes/no*):	*if 'no', please detail in the proposal what supervisory arrangements will be made in your absence
Total sum requested:	

I confirm that this application conforms to the guidelines for EPS new graduate research bursaries, and that I was not awarded either an EPS undergraduate research bursary or an EPS new graduate research bursary in the last academic year.

Applicant's signature **Date**

3.5 Please enclose with the application:

- Your curriculum vitae
- Short references from two faculty members acquainted with the work of the proposed graduate. At least one of these should be from the same department in which the graduate completed his/her degree, and should be asked to comment on the student's academic performance and grades to date, their attendance record, and their likely degree outcome.
- A letter from the Head of the department that would host the bursary, indicating the department's willingness to administer the bursary according to the Society's terms and conditions (see the society website).

Please note that applicants may follow the traditional route of submitting hard copies sent by post.

Applicants also have the option instead to prepare and submit a single PDF file of the aggregated, signed application material to expsychsoc@kent.ac.uk. In this case it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all material is compiled and formatted appropriately.

In either case material must be received in the office by 1st March.

Please do not send a hard copy through the post if you have already emailed your submission.

Hard copies should be sent to the Hon Secretary:

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