

Alwyne Wheeler Bursary Application Form

Instructions

The Alwyne Wheeler Bursary supports travel by **scholars under the age of 30** to meetings of the Society for the History of Natural History. The award will include up to £100 for travel, plus conference registration. Recipients of the bursary will be invited to submit a paper to the Society's journal, *Archives of natural history*. Completed applications must be received **sixty days** before the meeting date. Preference will be given to individuals contributing a paper or other presentation. Application forms, notes for guidance, and a diary of SHNH meetings are located on the society's Web site: < www.shnh.org >, or from the Society, c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD, England.

Contact details

name:	
postal address:	
date of birth:	(Applicants must be younger than 30 on the first day of the meeting.)
telephone:	
e-mail:	

Letter of support

Applicants must provide one letter of support. Students may use a supervisor. This letter may be sent separately but must be received prior to the deadline. Please indicate who will be providing this reference and identify their relationship to the applicant (e.g., principal supervisor; line manager at work, long-time friend, colleague, and so on).

name:	
postal address:	
telephone:	
e-mail:	
relationship to applicant:	

Access

How did you learn about this conference fund? (please circle)

supervisor SHNH Web site SHNH *Newsletter* *Archives of Natural History*
SHNH representative fellow student broadcast e-mail other: _____

Conference

Identify the conference for which support is requested.

Participation

Describe your participation (if any) in the conference programme.

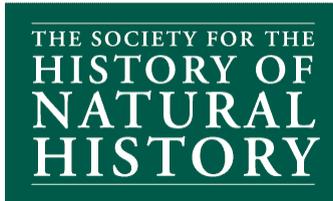
Other support

Give details of other support (confirmed or anticipated) for this conference.

Abstract

If a paper or other presentation will be contributed, provide an abstract (less than 250 words).

Please submit two copies of completed applications. These should be posted (no e-mail; no fax) to Alwyne Wheeler Bursary, Society for the History of Natural History, c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD, England. The Alwyne Wheeler Bursary was established in 1999, on the occasion of his retirement as the Society's Honorary Editor, to facilitate original contributions to the study of the history of natural history by scholars under age 30. The Society for the History of Natural History is the only international society devoted to the history of botany, zoology and geology, in the broadest sense, including natural history collections, exploration, art and bibliography. For membership details: < www.shnh.org >



Alwyne Wheeler Bursary Notes for Guidance

These notes for guidance elaborate instructions and procedures for the Alwyne Wheeler Bursary. Please direct additional enquiries to the SHNH Secretary, Society for the History of Natural History, c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD, England. Other contact details are provided through the society's *Newsletter* and Website: < www.shnh.org >

Must I be a member of the society to apply?

No. Membership in the SHNH is not a criterion upon which applications are judged.

Which meetings are eligible for this bursary?

The Alwyne Wheeler Bursary normally supports travel only to the SHNH Annual General Meeting, usually each Spring. From time to time Council may designate other meetings as eligible, too. Notice will be provided through the SHNH *Newsletter* and Website.

What will the award include?

The award will include up to 100 (or equivalent in other currencies) for travel, plus conference registration. Payment will be via reimbursement for costs incurred.

Travel includes transportation costs and does not normally include accommodation, food, or per diem costs. Travel is expected to be economy class or the equivalent. Recipients must provide original receipts for expenses to be paid. Additional instructions will be provided by the Meetings Secretary.

Conference registration fees will be credited automatically by the Meetings Secretary upon the recipient's registration. Additional costs, such as banquets and field trips, normally are not included in this registration. The Meetings Secretary can advise recipients on these matters.

How many awards will be awarded annually?

The SHNH Council will identify eligible meetings, and one bursary will be available for each such meeting. Because high standards of scholarship are expected, the SHNH is under no obligation to award an Alwyne Wheeler Bursary each round when its panel of judges decide a minimum standard has not been met.

Who judges the Alwyne Wheeler Bursary?

A three-judge panel of SHNH members and supporters will judge the competition. Normally, the society's vice-president chairs this panel and selects its membership. Others may be consulted, as the panel deems appropriate. This ensures fair consideration of all applications. Panel deliberations are confidential. These take place as soon after the deadline for receipt of applications as is practical.

How will I know who wins the Alwyne Wheeler Bursary?

Each successful applicant will be notified directly and announced in the SHNH *Newsletter* and Website.

What criteria are to be used for the award?

Normally applications are ranked according to the following criteria:

1. contributing a paper or presentation
2. likelihood of the applicant's project making an original contributions to knowledge and enriching the meeting
3. value for money (consider other sources of support and sense of need)

Other criteria may be applied by the panel. In their award announcement, the panel will describe their general rationale. This is meant primarily as an aid to future applicants.

How may I appeal the panel's decision?

The decision of the panel is final. No appeal is available. Deliberations are confidential.

Applicants and SHNH members wishing to comment on any aspect of the award process should write to the SHNH President.

How many times can I apply for the Wheeler Bursary?

Scholars meeting the eligibility criteria are welcome to apply for the Wheeler Bursary at any and every opportunity.

Will the recipient's presentation be published in *Archives of natural history* automatically?

Publication is not guaranteed. Recipients will be invited to submit a paper to the journal. This paper must undergo the normal peer review and editorial processes of the journal. If accepted, the recipient's paper will be accompanied by the notice "Recipient of the 20[xx] Alwyne Wheeler Bursary".

Why is there an "under 30" criterion?

This is a condition of the source funding, the Alwyne Wheeler Fund. This fund was established in 1999, on the occasion of Alwyne Wheeler's retirement as the society's Honorary Editor. The specific stipulation of the fund is that it is used to facilitate original contributions to the study of the history of natural history by scholars under age 30.

Can the award exceed \$100?

No. The Alwyne Wheeler Fund is limited, and the society endeavours to maximize its value.

SHNH gratefully will receive further donations both to the Alwyne Wheeler Fund and to other funds supporting scholarship in its areas of interest. SHNH is the only international society devoted to the history of botany, zoology and geology, in the broadest sense, including natural history collections, exploration, art and bibliography. To discuss contributions, please contact the society's treasurer or president. Contact details are available from the SHNH *Newsletter* and Website.