

## **Bursaries for postgraduate students from Eaga Charitable Trust**

### **Background**

Eaga Charitable Trust supports research into the causes and impacts of fuel poverty, and solutions to the problem. More information on the Trust and the work that it has supported can be found at <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org> .

The Trustees of Eaga Charitable Trust encourage Masters and PhD students to write dissertations relating to fuel poverty issues. This is an area that provides research opportunities for new students that stretch as far as climate change, environmental justice, and visionary solutions to housing challenges and there is a huge knowledge bank of world expertise available in the way of supervisors.

### **The bursaries**

Bursaries are awarded to:

- UK and EU PhD students in their second or third year of study;
- UK and EU students who have been offered a place on a Masters degree course starting in the next academic year;
- Current UK and EU MSc/MA students.

In all cases applicants for bursaries must be writing, or planning to write, a dissertation on a topic linked to fuel poverty within the UK or other EU countries. The subject of the research needs to demonstrate direct relevance and application to UK fuel poverty policy.

The choice of topic within this broad area is left to the student. However, preference may be given to topics that link to the Trust's current areas of focus. These can be found at <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org/grants-offered>.

Trustees will award a small number of bursaries of up to £2,000 each in any given academic year. Institutions are invited to propose one or more potential recipients of these bursaries via application to the Trust Manager.

### **Application process**

The application for a bursary should be made by the institution's course convenor or supervisor on behalf of the student. Documents which should be submitted in order to apply for a bursary are as follows:

1. A proposal outlining the proposed study which should be two sides of A4 in length. The bursary funding should be used explicitly on research, fieldwork and/or dissemination costs. The student should specify in their proposal how the funding would be used in their research and how much funding they are requesting, with an upper limit of £2,000.

Applicants must also provide information on publication plans and provide confirmation that, should a bursary be awarded, Eaga Charitable Trust's support would be acknowledged in any peer-reviewed publications of the research.

2. A signed reference from the student's supervisor or course convenor.
3. University examinations' office transcripts of undergraduate and, for PhD students, Masters course results.

The course convenor or supervisor should send electronic copies of the above documents to: Dr Naomi Brown, Trust Manager, Eaga Charitable Trust, PO Box 225, Kendal, LA9 9DR. Email: [eagact@aol.com](mailto:eagact@aol.com)

Please note that this is an open call for applications with no deadline. Bursary awards will be made throughout the year until the Trust's budget for bursaries is fully spent.

### **Conditions**

The bursary is awarded to the host institution that submits the application, which is then responsible for forwarding the bursary in its entirety to the student. The bursary is awarded on condition that the host institution provides the Trust with an electronic copy of the finished dissertation on the study, and grants permission to the Trust to make this dissertation freely available on its website. Bursary recipients are also required to submit an internal report to Eaga Charitable Trust at the end of their research, which should explain how they have used the bursary and how it has contributed to their overall research. The Trust reserves the right to reclaim all or part of the bursary if the study is not completed and/or the dissertation and internal report are not submitted to Eaga Charitable Trust.

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