



## JOHN HARRISON BURSARY FUND RULES

### Background

With the current financial constraints within healthcare, it is very often difficult for nurses to get financial support to attend educational courses. This lack of financial support means that they can be working in isolation and without the ability to develop their clinical expertise, evidence-based practice, research and management skills.

### Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the fund is to enable nurses to best meet the needs of people with MS by expanding their MS knowledge and skills. Specifically it will enable nurses who are working in a clinical role with people with MS to undertake higher education or attend courses, conferences, study days or masterclasses to develop their clinical expertise or expand their skills base; including research, evaluation, management and leadership.

### Eligibility

- Registered nurses employed in the NHS who work with people with MS
- Registered Nurses employed by UK private and charitable sector facilities providing direct care to people with MS, e.g. residential or care homes, hospices.
- The John Harrison Bursary Fund is particularly intended to support those whose work can have the greatest impact on the care of people with MS so consideration will be given to the amount of applicants' clinical contact with people with MS and to the opportunity to influence and improve the practice of others.

### Rules

- Applicants must submit a typed and well-presented request to the fund using the specified grant application form. Application forms can be downloaded from the MS Trust website: <https://www.mstrust.org.uk/health-professionals/learning-and-development/funding-your-learning>
- An up-to-date CV **must** be included with the application form.
- Up to 75% of the cost of any course will be paid by the fund, with a maximum allocation of £2,000 per individual applicant per year. The amount of funding awarded is at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
- Evidence must be included within the application to show that the NHS or other possible funding sources have been approached before applying to the John Harrison Bursary Fund.

- The provider of the balance of costs must be stated in the application. Self-funding is acceptable.
- In the case of applications for funding for higher education, requests for funding over more than one year will be considered.
- No requests for travel or accommodation costs will be considered.
- Applications will be considered and approved by the Steering Committee. Submission and notification dates are set out below:

<b>Submission date</b>	<b>Consideration by Steering Committee</b>	<b>Notification date</b>
End January	End February	Mid March
End February	End March	Mid April
End March	End April	Mid May
End April	End May	Mid June
End May	End June	Mid July
End June	Mid July	End July
End July	Mid August	End August
End August	Mid September	End September
End September	Mid October	End October
End October	End November	Mid December
End November	End December	Mid January
End December	End January	Mid February

- The grant will be paid directly to the provider of the educational course.
- Once the grant has been paid, failure to attend the course will result in a requirement to refund the full cost of the award, unless evidence of family and/or medical emergency can be provided.
- After the course the candidate will be required to write a report outlining how the course met their learning objectives as specified on the application form.
- If a person applies for a subsequent award the total amount they have been allocated will be considered when assessing the level of the grant awarded.
- For larger funding awards, the applicant may be asked to write an article for the MS Trust's publication or for the website.
- Any dissemination of work arising out of funding should acknowledge the MS Trust as a funding source.
- The fund is of a fixed size per calendar year and is managed to ensure that those applying later in the year for funding will not be disadvantaged.

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