BRISC Bursaries: Information for applicants

# About the bursaries

Biological Recording in Scotland ([BRISC](http://www.brisc.org.uk)) are pleased to offer bursaries to support natural history training courses. These bursaries are open to anyone living in Scotland.

We are proud that we have been able to offer bursaries since 2009. We currently run the scheme in partnership with the Glasgow Natural History Society ([GNHS](http://www.glasgownaturalhistory.org.uk/)).

# How to apply

Applicants should complete the form below and email it to [bursary@brisc.org.uk](mailto:bursary@brisc.org.uk) by **31 January 2024**. If you have any questions about the application please email [bursary@brisc.org.uk](mailto:bursary@brisc.org.uk).

# Key information

## What will we fund?

* You can apply for up to £400.
* This can cover the full cost of your course, or you can use up to £100 to cover transport costs.
* Please make your travel sustainable by choosing public transport when possible; we will reimburse mileage costs at a rate of 45p per mile.
* You must choose a taxonomic course from the [Field Studies Council’s list of natural history courses](https://www.field-studies-council.org/fsc-natural-history-courses/) or a similar course run by an academic institution, LERC or equivalent; NVC courses are not eligible.
* Courses should be completed during 2024 and can be in-person or online. We are keen to hear from applicants that:
  + Have a clear plan to mobilise biological records generated as a result of their training through local environmental record centres, national or local recording schemes, or other suitable organisations.
  + Are interested in courses where the species or group has a lack of taxonomic expertise, and/or geographic areas where records are limited.

## What do we require from successful candidates?

* Successful candidates are required to write a short article on their course experience for *BRISC Recorder News* and/or the *GNHS Newsletter*; we will withhold £30 of each bursary until we receive the article.
* We also encourage the sharing of skills with colleagues and others.

## Additional benefits

* Successful candidates will be offered one years free membership for BRISC and/or GNHS.
* We will invite successful candidates to give a short presentation at the annual BRISC Conference and/or AGM.

BRISC Bursaries: Application form

# About you

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| Name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |
| Current employer and job title *or* university/college and course (if any) |  |
| Where did you hear about the bursary scheme? |  |

# About the course

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| Course title |  |
| Link to course details |  |
| Full cost |  |

# Funding details

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| Details of other bursary funder/s are you applying to (if any) |  |
| If you wish to use up to £100 of the bursary towards transport costs, please give an initial indication of what this might involve |  |

# Further questions

*Please complete in under 100 words per question.*

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| Why do you wish to attend this course? |  |
| Why will this bursary assist you? |  |
| How will you share your records? |  |
| How will you share your skills with others? |  |
| Do you consider your taxonomic group to be under-recorded? |  |
| Do you consider your geographical area to be under-recorded? |  |