



Rees Jeffreys Road Fund

Rees Jeffreys Road Fund Bursaries Scheme 2021/22

The Trustees intend to award up to 4 bursaries, annually, to enable excellent candidates who would not normally be able to do so, to study for an MSc in Transport/Transport Engineering/Transport Planning from one of the Institutions listed below.

Requirements

Applicants:

- Should normally have a 2(i) degree or above, and a demonstrable commitment to working in the Highways, Transportation Engineering, Transport Planning sector gained from employment or work experience
- Have been accepted for a full or part-time Masters course in transport from one of the Institutions listed below;
- Be able to demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a career in transport in the UK (including residential rights);
- Be able to demonstrate through a detailed budget and supporting documents, that without funding from the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund, they would be unable to take the course; and
- Be able to supply a recommendation from the Head of Department or Course Supervisor or their proposed MSc, with reasons, based on personal discussion with the candidate.
- Candidates seeking a bursary for a part-time course must also provide a statement from their employer (a senior manager or HR department) explaining why they support the application, confirming they are willing to accommodate the time commitment required from the candidate, and explaining fully why they are unable to fund their staff member themselves.

What we are looking for

The RJRF is looking to provide financial support for those with a strong commitment to developing a career in the Transport Sector, who would not normally, whether because of financial circumstance, or family or other commitments, be able to undertake the course. The trustees will be looking at candidates' understanding and commitment to the profession as well as a strong past academic performance.

In return for their financial support, the trustees will expect the successful candidates to keep in touch with the Fund during the course, to report regularly on their progress, and, at the end of the course, to submit a report of 750 words. The precise requirements for the report will be set out by the trustees each year: we may ask for a report on the experience of post graduate study, their perspective on the profession and their future plans, but, alternatively, we may ask for a 'think piece' on an aspect of transport policy or similar.

How to Apply

Application for the Bursary must be made through your head of department/course supervisor. It must include:

- A personalised recommendation from the Department where you wish to study. The Department are expected to have discussed the application with the candidate, either face to face or else by telephone or online discussion.

- A completed application form and cv with contact details;
- A personal statement (700 words) setting out what you hope to gain from undertaking the course, how it will make a difference to you, and an outline of your career and professional aspirations; and
- A detailed budget and a full explanation of your personal circumstances, demonstrating why you would be unable to take the course without funding from Rees Jeffreys Road Fund.

Each university department may submit a maximum of 2 candidates for consideration by the Bursaries Panel.

Timing

In April, each year, the Secretary of the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund will send out invitations to university departments to submit applications from candidates with the closing date for applications. The closing date for applications will normally be in June. Decisions on all applications will be made by mid-July. The candidate and Department will be informed within 10 days of the decision.

The decision on the award will be made by the Trustees of the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund, whose decisions are final. No explanations will be provided.

Disbursement

The value of the award is £10,000 over the full period of the award. For full time students, the first £9,000 will be paid direct to the university at the beginning of the second term of the course to pay for fees with any remaining monies being passed on as a maintenance grant. In the case of part time students, this amount will be paid pro-rata over the period of study (once a year). The balance of £1,000 will be paid on successful graduation from the course, and submission of the candidate's report.

The Trustees reserve the right to withdraw funding should the recipient either withdraw from or fail to attend the course or be considered no longer suitable for any other reason (unless of course there are mitigating circumstances)

List of Institutions

Birmingham University	Nottingham University
Cardiff University	Salford University
Hertfordshire University	Southampton University
Imperial College London	University College London
Leeds University	University of the West of England
Newcastle University	Westminster University