



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF TURNERS

BURSARY AWARDS 2019 – INVITATION TO APPLY

Every two years, the Turners' Company offers one or more bursaries, worth up to a combined value of £10,000, to help talented woodturners develop their skills and to move to a higher level of achievement. The awards are open to UK resident turners whose work is well regarded by their peers and who can put forward a clear plan for how the award will advance their work, expand the boundaries of turning and raise the profile of the craft.

What are the Turners' Company bursaries awarded for?

- To fund further study, research, training and practical experience for turners who want to improve their craft and trade skills
- Bursaries are not normally awarded for premises or other business set-up costs
- Bursaries may be used for acquiring specialist equipment, provided it is part of the whole request

What are we looking for?

- A well thought out proposal which will contribute to the excellence of our craft in general
- A clear plan for how your proposal will improve your skill and what you expect to achieve
- A demonstration of your commitment to the craft of woodturning
- A reasonably accurate estimate of the cost of your proposal

Who can apply?

- You must be 18 or over, there is no upper age limit
- You need to be resident in the United Kingdom
- You can be an amateur, semi-professional or a fully professional turner

The application - your entry form should include

- A curriculum vitae
- At least one photograph of turned items made by you, with a description of the production methods and materials
- A proposal which shows your aspirations for what you want to achieve from a bursary
- A costed plan showing how you intend to use the bursary money
- Names of two referees¹

¹ Your referees should be members of either the Worshipful Company of Turners, the Register of Professional Turners, the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain, the Society of Ornamental Turners, or the Association of Pole Lathe Turners and Greenwood Workers.

What next?

All submissions will be carefully considered by the Turners' Company Bursary Awards Committee. If shortlisted, you be invited to attend an interview in London. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

The interview

At the interview you will be asked to make a short presentation to support your proposal. You will be expected to show relevant samples of your work, to highlight what you would like to achieve should you be awarded funding, and generally display a passion for your craft. Applicants will have already been turning for some time and will be able to demonstrate a reasonably advanced level of skill.

The decision of the Bursary Committee will be final. In the event that it finds more than one candidate of outstanding ability, the bursary may be divided among them or, if there is no suitable candidate, the award will be held over.

The timetable

Applications must be received by the Turners' Company by close of business on Friday 17 May 2019. Those invited for interview will be notified by Friday 7 June 2019. We expect interviews to be held during June 2019 and those selected will be informed very shortly thereafter.

Further information

The work of previous bursary winners can be seen at <https://turnersco.com/turning/bursary-awards/>

For further information about any aspects of the 2019 Bursaries please contact Rebecca Baker, the Assistant Clerk of the Turners' Company assistantclerk@turnersco.com

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