The Worshipful Company of Turners

Bursary Award Application Form (2027)

The Company has a total bursary fund of £12,500 to share between successful applicants in awards of varying amounts; no single applicant will receive the whole fund. Please make a clear, realistically costed case for the support you need and the difference it would make to your development as a turner, as this will help determine both whether an award is made and its value. Alongside the potential financial support of a bursary award, there is mentoring and the opportunity to be considered for the Company's Yeomen community. Together, these offer valuable encouragement, shared learning and a lasting connection with the craft; please consider these as part of your application.

1. Applicant Profile & Professional Summary

- **Full Name::** ……...
- **Address:** ……
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- **Mobile Number:** ……
- **Email Address:** ……@.....
- **Professional Status:** ……
- **Affiliations: (AWGB, RPT, etc)** ……

- **Vocational & Craft Timeline (CV)**

100/200 words max

2. Portfolio of Turned Work & Technical Analysis

Piece 1: Title and Description

- **Materials:** ……

Technical Execution (50/100 words)

- **Please send one or two Jpeg Photos separately with your name and Title**

Piece 2: Title and Description

- **Materials:** ……

Technical Execution (50/100 words)

- **Please send one or two Jpeg Photos separately with your name and Title**

Piece 3: Title and Description

- **Materials:** ……

Technical Execution (50/100 words)

- **Please send one or two Jpeg Photos separately with your name and Title**

3. Strategic Objectives & Development Plan

What do you wish to achieve from your bursary:

Primary Technical Goals 100/200 words max please

Future Ambitions: 100/200 words max please

4. Costed Financial Plan (Budget Breakdown)

(*Below are examples of what can be included. Please refer to the Bursary Rules*)

Item Code	Expenditure Category	Specification & Training Deliverables	Estimated Cost
1	Eg: Specialist Tuition Days	Eg: 8–10 days of 1:1 mentorship with Master Turners (£/day)	**£**
2	Tool Geometry Masterclass	Intensive technical sharpening and tool profile refinement	**£**
3	Logistics & Subsistence	Travel and accommodation to specialist studio workshops	**£**
4	Masterclass Delivery Skills	Public speaking, camera work, and live demonstration training	**£**
5	Additional specialist equipment	The Bursary rules allow for the purchase of equipment, provided it is part of the whole request enabling the turner to continue their work with the new skills learned.	**£**
	TOTAL Funding Requested	**Grant allocation required for 2027 fiscal year**	**£**

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5. Professional References

- **Referee 1:**
  - **Name:** ……
  - **Organisation:** ……
  - **Address:** ……
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- **Referee 2:**
  - **Name:** ……
  - **Organisation**……
  - **Address:** ……
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6. Declaration & Submission

I confirm that the details provided are a true reflection of my professional experience and that funding will be fully allocated toward the specified training paths. I also confirm that I have read and agree to follow the guidance notes overleaf

- **Applicant Signature:** _____

- **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

Note: The budgeted bursary is £12,500. This will be distributed amongst successful awardees in varying amounts, subject to your costings budgets.

No single award of £12,500 will be made to one individual.

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Guidance notes for Bursary Mentors and Awardees

Introduction
The Turners 'Company Bursaries are awarded to fund research, training and business knowledge to improve a candidate's turning and how to market it. Bursaries may also cover the purchase specialist equipment, provided it is part of the whole request enabling the turner to continue their work with the skills learned. Applications are submitted and following interview and review by an expert panel, bursaries are awarded with well defined objectives. To assist awardees in achieving the objectives a mentor will be appointed by the Company and will have the expertise to support the awardee. Mentors may be members of the Company or associated organisations (RPT, AWGB, SOT, APT&GW).

Mentoring
The aim of mentoring is to act as a focal point, liaising with the awardee to help them achieve their bursary objectives and that the funding provided by the Company is being utilised as approved. The mentor will also provide help, advice and guidance. A successful mentoring arrangement will be based upon an open listening relationship.

Mentoring process:
In addition to supervising the bursary the mentor will support the awardee by:
- Giving them an insight into their work and career
- Assisting them with practical tips on their turning practice
- Offering advice and guidance with their career thinking
- Developing understanding, skills and support with problem-solving
- Encouraging reflection, recognising and celebrating effective practice
- Identifying areas for development and improvement of self confidence

The awardee will actively participate in the mentoring relationship by:
- Communicate their circumstances clearly, concisely and honestly
- Question where they do not fully understand or comprehend
- Provide information, knowledge about their practice to aid the mentor with the provision of advice and support
- Provide their own experience to aid discussions
- 'Own 'the relationship and make decisions
- When the relationship is established, guide the mentor on the direction you wish to take.
- Seek and act on feedback from them as the two of you develop the conversation

Mentors will also provide occasional reports to the Company on the progress the awardee is making and any issues that are emerging.

Awardees will provide a short report to the Company before end May of the bursary year award, which may be published to company members and on the company website.

Ideally, the award money will need to be spent before year end May of the bursary year award, unless personal circumstances prove this to be impossible.

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