THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF TURNERS
BURSARIES 2027

In 2027 the Turners' Company is offering Bursaries to help talented turners develop their skills and to move to a higher level of achievement. Applicants need to present a clear plan of how the award will advance their work and raise the profile of the craft. A total of £12,500 is available. This sum is not going to be given to one winner. The amount of each bursary will depend on the number of successful applicants.

What are the Turners' Company Bursaries awarded for?

- To fund research, training and business knowledge to improve your turning and to help you set up, market and run your business.
- To purchase specialist equipment, provided it is part of the whole request enabling the turner to continue their work with the skills learned.
- Bursaries are not normally awarded for premises or other business set-up costs.

What are we looking for?

- Well thought out proposals which will develop the applicant's skill and contribute to the excellence of the craft of Woodturning.
- A clear explanation of how your skills will be enhanced, and what you expect to achieve as a result of being successful.
- A reasonably accurate estimate of the cost of your proposals.

Who can apply?

- You must be 16 or over and a UK resident.
- You need to be committed to develop your skills to a higher level within the craft of turning.
- All turners can apply, including those who have received previous awards from the Turners' Company. Applicants' work must be well regarded by their peers, hence the need for referees (see below).

The Application

You will find the application form at www.turnersco.com

You need to provide:

- A short curriculum vitae.
- At least two photographs of turned items made by you, describing how you turned them and the materials you used;
- An outline of your aspirations with a plan of what you want to achieve from a Bursary (new techniques, skills, training, marketing);
- A costed plan showing how you intend to use the Bursary.

- The names and addresses of two referees who should be members of the Turners' Company, 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 Green Woodworkers.

The Interview

All applications will be carefully considered and shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview in March 2027. The interviews are usually held in London and reasonable travel expenses will be paid. Alternatively, the interview could be on Zoom.

At the interview you will be asked to make a short presentation in support of your proposal, highlighting what you would achieve with a bursary. You will need to show relevant examples of your work and generally display a passion for the craft. Bursaries take applicants' skill to a new level, so they will need to show they already have a reasonably advanced level of skill.

The decision of the Bursary Committee is final. More than one bursary will be awarded, or if there is no suitable candidate the award money will be held over until next year.

The timetable

- Applications must be received by the Turners' Company Assistant Clerk by 1st March 2027
- Those invited for interview will be notified early March. Interviews will be held in March / April, and awards published by end May.

Address for applications, and further information

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