

BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL TRAVEL BURSARY 2026

Available to Nurses, AHPs, Pharmacists and Physician Associates

**BASL/BLNA Annual Meeting 7th – 9th October
ICC Wales
Guidance Notes**

IMPORTANT DATES

Bursary Application Deadline:	12pm – Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Advise applicants of status of their submission	Tuesday – 28th July 2026
Deadline for confirmation of acceptance	Midday Friday 31st July 2026
Deadline for receipts for reimbursement of expenses	13 th November 2026

Overview

There are a number of sponsored travel bursary scholarship awards for members this year to attend the forthcoming BASL / BLNA October Meeting. Scholarship awards are **capped at a maximum of £500, £375, £250 or £125 per person dependent upon which bursary level has been awarded** and are considered a contribution towards a registration fee, travel and accommodation expenses, but not subsistence. Members who have been granted another bursary to attend the BASL/BLNA October meeting 2026 are not eligible to apply.

Eligibility

- Applications are invited from BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL members who are UK-based Nurses, AHPs, Pharmacists and Physician Associates in the field of Liver.
- Applicants must complete the NMC/Professional body number section on the application form (if applicable).
- There is a maximum of number of awards available and therefore bursaries are not guaranteed.
- Full payment for registration must have been received prior to any claim being paid. Only Registration fees paid personally can be claimed. Third Party registration fees paid cannot be claimed.

How to Apply

- Applicants will need to complete the formal Application Form for travel bursaries for the BASL / BLNA October Meeting 2026.
- As part of the application form applicants will need to outline how the BASL / BLNA Meeting will benefit themselves and others in their future career.
- Applicants need to submit their application form **via email** to the BASL Event Manager at conference@basl.org.uk.
- Applications must be received by the application deadline of **17:00 on Wednesday 22nd July 2026** to be accepted for review by the BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL appointed review panel. Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their completed application form.
- It is permissible for applicants to seek funding from other sources to supplement the bursaries available from BASL, however delegates who have been granted another bursary to attend BASL / BLNA October Meeting 2026 are not eligible to apply.
- Speakers at the October meeting who have been granted an honorarium, cannot claim a bursary and an honorarium for the same meeting.
- If you were awarded a BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL bursary in the previous year you may not be eligible for a bursary this year.
- The level of bursary offered may differ from the amount applied for to award as many bursaries as possible.
- Consideration will be given to applicants who are speaking at the meeting or presenting an abstract.

Review process and accepting your award

- Following review of all applications fulfilling the above criteria, applicants will be notified **by 27th July 2026** as to whether their application has been successful. BASL's decision is final and will not enter into correspondence regarding the final decision.
- If any of the winning applicants fail to formally accept their award by the deadline of **midday on Friday 31st July** these awards will then be offered to other applicants who form a reserve list.

Requirements of accepting a travel bursary award

- Following formal acceptance of their award, award winners are committed to attending all of the BASL or BLNA Nurse Meeting in October 2026, and when claiming reimbursement all applicants need to supply a copy of their BASL/BLNA registration confirmation and invoice, even if they are not using the bursary to cover registration fees.
- Award Winners will be responsible for registering for the meeting and making their own travel, accommodation and subsistence arrangements.
- Following attendance at the meeting, award winners will need to apply for reimbursement, in writing, submitting original receipts up to the **maximum value of £500, £375, £250 or £125 dependent upon which bursary level has been awarded** for one or all of the following: their registration fee (if paid personally), reasonable

accommodation costs and travel expenses (economy class airfares / transfers via public transport where feasible or by taxi).

NB: if you are awarded a smaller bursary for example to cover travel expenses at £125 and your travel expenses come in at under £125 you are eligible to include a portion of the registration fee or a portion of any accommodation costs in your total claim just as long as the total amount claimed does not exceed the £125 bursary awarded.

- Only costs with supporting invoices/receipts can be reimbursed.
- The bursary award does not cover subsistence or any additional costs incurred by the award winner that fall outside of attending the BASL / BLNA Nurse Meeting.
- Request for reimbursement of expenses must be received following return from the meeting and by the deadline date of **13th November 2026**. You will be required to complete an expenses form declaring that submitted expenses have not been claimed for reimbursement from elsewhere with supporting invoices/receipts.
- In the event of exceptional unforeseen circumstances leading to an award winner determining that they are no longer able to attend the meeting, they must contact BASL in writing immediately to cancel their scholarship award. Any subsequent refunds for costs previously incurred (including cancellation charges) will be made at the sole discretion of BASL.