

CTC Research and Development
Postgraduate Bursaries 2008



CTC is pleased to offer two bursaries for high quality MA/MSc research projects into aspects of cycling consistent with our business or campaigning needs (see below). The bursaries, for £2500 each, will be offered by competition, **closing date Monday 25th of February**.

- Applicants should offer an abstract of the proposed study, a study project plan, research question and expected outcomes/insights, plus include a CV. Please also include full contact details for your supervisor. A list of CTC indicative topics is available but projects covering other topic areas are also encouraged.
- Awards will be assessed by a panel of academics, CTC officers and CTC councillors.
- CTC will require a project initiation meeting with each student and supervisor, a pre-report update (in early July) with a report to the CTC's Strategic Planning Committee, post-September. There will also be the opportunity to present the findings at one of two national conferences.
- Assistance of the CTC's national volunteer network may be available for suitable projects.
- Applications should be sent to: john.meudell@ctc.org.uk with a copy to chris.peck@ctc.org.uk

Recipients will be notified of award by Friday 28th March.

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Background:

The CTC is committed to not only making cycling more accessible, safe, enjoyable or practical but also to extending the benefits of cycling to the wider society, whilst raising public and political awareness of the needs of current and future cyclists. The three principal areas of CTC's current business plan/strategy that will benefit from improved insight are:

- a) development, transfer and extension.....of knowledge of cycling, cyclists and communities;
- b) effectiveness.....of cycling and infrastructure development programmes, projects and campaigns;
- c) monitoring and evaluation.....of cycling and trends within the cycling community and it's environment.

CTC is particularly interested in monitoring of cycling and trends in cycling, particularly spatial distribution of ownership and usage, and travel route planning. Social attitudes to cyclists and cycling along with identification of barriers to increasing cycle use are also of interest, as are methodologies to evaluate the economic and health benefits associated with cycling.