

## **MSc/MA bursaries from Eaga Charitable Trust**

### **Background**

Eaga Charitable Trust supports research into the causes and impacts of fuel poverty, and solutions to the problem. More information on the Trust and the work that it has supported can be found at <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org>.

The Trustees of Eaga Charitable Trust encourage Masters students to write dissertations relating to fuel poverty issues. This is in response to recognition that the pool of academic researchers with an interest in fuel poverty is shrinking as a result of retirement and the fact that younger researchers do not seem to be attracted to the area.

### **The bursaries**

Bursaries are available to UK and EU MSc/MA students who are proposing to write a dissertation on a topic linked to fuel poverty within the UK or other EU countries.

The choice of topic within this broad area is left to the student. However, preference may be given to topics that link to the Trust's current areas of focus. These can be found at <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org/grants-offered>.

Trustees will award a maximum of 5 bursaries of £1,000 each in any given academic year. Institutions are invited to propose one or more potential recipients of these bursaries via application to the Trust Manager.

### **Application process**

Applications should consist of a single side of A4 outlining the proposed study and including a brief signed statement of support from the student's supervisor or course convenor. The course convenor or supervisor should send a signed hard copy to: Eaga Charitable Trust, PO Box 225, Kendal, LA9 9DR. Please also email a copy to [eagact@aol.com](mailto:eagact@aol.com). Closing dates for applications for the current year can be obtained from the Trust Manager at this email address.

Trustees will initially consider applications during February; at this point a maximum of 3 bursaries will be awarded. A second round of applications will be considered during April, when further awards will be made such that the total is within the maximum 5 for the academic year. Submissions that were not successful in February may reapply to the April round unless advised otherwise.

### **Conditions**

The bursary is awarded on the condition that the host institution provides the Trust with an electronic copy of the finished report on the study, and grants permission to the Trust to make this report freely available on its website. The Trust reserves the right to reclaim all or part of the bursary if the study is not completed and a report written.

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