

Meeting date	5 July 2024
Agenda item	08
Subject	Bursaries Report
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Report	<p>The bursary committee is made up of Abeer Eladany, Nerys Rudder, Liz Johnson, and, until stepping down from ICOM UK, Dana Andrew. Many thanks to the committee for their insights in allocating bursaries, and for their reflections on how we can develop the programme, over the past year.</p> <p>Headlines information: In the 2023/2024 period, we have allocated 7 bursaries totalling £4,914 (of an available £5,000). This includes participation in conferences and workshops in the USA, Portugal, Paraguay, Hungary, Singapore and New Zealand.</p> <p>Discussion: At the last AGM Arran Rees took over the bursaries scheme from Nigel Sadler. Many thanks to Nigel who ran the bursary programme for a number of years.</p> <p>The 2023/2024 budget was the same as 2022/2023, and after promoting the scheme via our newsletter and social media accounts in October, we quickly allocated the bursary budget for the whole year.</p> <p>The ICOM UK bursary scheme has always been run on a first come, first serve basis, with an open and flexible approach to the types of participation we support for international conferences and workshops. The main priority of the scheme has always been to support international working, as has always been a central aim of the organisation.</p> <p>However, we are proposing to make some changes to the application process for the bursary year 2024/2025. Following the established process for the bursary scheme, we allocated all funds before the end of 2023 for the 2023/2024 year, and we now feel it necessary to structure the scheme a little more to allow applications throughout the year.</p> <p>We expect this to include changes to the application and the reporting. Any changes to the process will be communicated and launched before the bursary scheme re-opens in October 2024.</p>
Decision to be discussed/ made	