

Education Officer's report 2023.

Training

FAS – planning for FAS 2024 starts this quarter. Likely to be online as per 2023.

Awards

The Society currently offers six education related awards for its members:

Carers' Award

This is a new award introduced in 2021. It provides funding to support members of The Aerosol Society that might not otherwise be able to attend a research event or conference due to their personal responsibilities.

This year, two applications were received and both were awarded:

Evgenia Ilyinskaya and Jim Walker both received awards totalling £690.

Doctoral Thesis Prize

The Aerosol Society awards this annual prize for an outstanding body of original aerosol-related research. This prize is kindly sponsored by Aerosol Science and Technology.

The 2021 winner of this award was Dr Dan Hardy, from the University of Bristol.

Early Career Scientist Travel Award

Awards in the form of bursaries of agreed amounts are available to early career scientists (including postdoctoral researchers) who are members of The Aerosol Society to attend conferences and present their work.

In 2023, there 14 applications and 11 awards, totalling £5,750

Undergraduate Research Bursary

This bursary scheme provides an opportunity for undergraduate students enrolled in a range of physical science, engineering or technology-based degree programmes to spend a minimum of six weeks working on an aerosol research project. Through support from the bursary scheme, an undergraduate will be able to gain experience in aerosol science research and encourage them to pursue a career in aerosol science. The bursary is for a total of £2079 – this is based on a real National Living Wage of £9.90 per hour, at 35 hours per week for six weeks. For further details, please refer to the website.

There were two submissions, but one was withdrawn as the work was funded by another source. The other was award to Jim Walker, totalling £2,079.

Aerosol Science Career Development Grant

The Aerosol Society is passionate about supporting aspiring researchers in aerosol science. This flexible grant is intended to support new and emerging aerosol scientists by funding projects which contribute to a scientist's career development. The grant can support scientists from public, private, and university organisations.

In 2023, there were no awards made against this grant.

Aerosol Society Doctoral Student Award

The Aerosol Society Doctoral Student Award is designed to recognise, reward, and encourage doctoral students who are engaged in aerosol science. The award is aimed at graduate students who are within the first two years of studying for a doctorate at a United Kingdom or Irish University (considering part time working).

In 2023, there were 12 applications, these are being reviewed.

If you would like to apply for any grants or awards, please refer to the Society website for the full terms and conditions.

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