



British Conference of Undergraduate Research (BCUR) Scholarship

What is the British Conference of Undergraduate Research (BCUR)?

The British Conference of Undergraduate Research promotes undergraduate research in all disciplines. The Conference meets annually every spring in a different British university. Undergraduates of all levels are invited to submit papers, posters, workshops and performances to the Conference. Abstracts are peer-reviewed and those accepted will be invited to attend the Conference. BCUR also accepts submissions from students outside of the UK.

This year, the University of South Wales is hosting the BCUR19 event on the 15th & 16th April 2019. For more information about the Conference, please visit:

<http://www.bcur.org/>

<https://www.southwales.ac.uk/bcur19/>

What is Posters in Parliament?

Posters in Parliament provides an opportunity for over 40 students representing Universities from across the UK to exhibit their research in the prestigious surroundings of Westminster Palace. This gives the opportunity for legislators and policy makers to see first-hand some of the innovative research taking place around the country. Each participating UK university can nominate two participants to present their research in the exhibition.

Application Process

- You should submit a 250-word abstract by Monday 19th November to thebcur@newcastle.ac.uk stating whether you would like to apply for BCUR19 or Posters in Parliament or both. Applicants to BCUR19 only can do a ten minute talk or a poster and you must state which you intend to do in your application. Posters in Parliament applicants must do a poster.
- Abstracts will then be judged by a panel of academics and applicants will receive decisions by 7th December.
- The University can only nominate two students for Posters in Parliament, therefore the best two abstracts will be chosen. Students who have applied for both events and are selected for a scholarship but are not nominated for Posters in Parliament will therefore be awarded a scholarship to attend BCUR19.
- If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, you can still attend BCUR19 although you will have to pay for it yourself.
- Successful applicants who are attending BCUR19 will then be advised to submit their abstracts by 20th December 2018 to <https://www.southwales.ac.uk/bcur19/conference-programme/> for review by a BCUR panel. We expect that an abstract that has won the competition at Newcastle will also be judged positively by the BCUR panel, and therefore expect that person will be invited to the conference, though strictly speaking we can't make any promises.
 - When you have heard the BCUR decision, email thebcur@newcastle.ac.uk to let us know what they said!
- Appropriate logistical and financial arrangements will then be made for the successful applicants.
- Please note: your location will be taken into consideration before making arrangements as we are aware that not all students will stay in Newcastle over the Easter break. The scholarship includes travel costs only within the UK.

What is included in the scholarship?

- Organised and funded trip to the University of South Wales for BCUR19 or the Houses of Parliament for Posters in Parliament. (Includes standard-class student-railcard return from Newcastle or home to conference location, taxis from station to conference location, and return, conference fee including board and lodging, and the BCUR dinner).
- If you choose to present a poster, production of that poster.
- If you have presented a poster, the poster or proof to be framed and displayed in the University (often the student's school).

- At least one lecturer from Newcastle will also come to BCUR to help you out while you're there, if you need it.

Guidance on Writing an Abstract

Your abstract should be a short summary of your project that enables the reviewers to quickly understand the purpose and content of your research. Make sure you include the following:

- What your research is about
- Why your research is necessary (e.g. literature gap, context for the study, etc.)
- How you have conducted your research (e.g. research methods)
- Findings and main discussion points

Speak to your Personal Tutor or the lecturer for the module where you did the research about how you intend to present it, as they may be able to advise on what a poster should look like, or how to structure a presentation, etc.

For more information, email thebcur@newcastle.ac.uk