



BURSARY FOR SRF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FERTILITY 2017

Aim: SRF wishes to encourage and support SRF Members to attend and participate in our new joint society annual conferences in January, the first being the Fertility 2017 meeting over January 5-7 2017 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. SRF wishes to make the cost for SRF delegates to be no more, and in many cases cheaper, than attending our past single society annual summer meetings. To this end we announce SRF Bursaries which will support (i) Registration, (ii) Accommodation and (iii) Travel for SRF delegates.

SRF Bursaries actually offer more financial support to SRF Full Members than in our previous summer meetings. *This is a stand-alone bursary and so the eligibility criteria which relates to SRF travel grants only being awarded once in any 2 year period does not apply.* Members who have received a travel grant within the past 2 years may apply for a bursary to attend Fertility 2017.

The Bursary available for Fertility 2017 (below) will be reviewed after the meeting by SRF Council and may be revised for future annual meetings.

SRF FERTILITY 2017 BURSARY PLAN:

The bursary comprises of all three parts listed below:

- (i) Registration: Full, Early Career (ECM) and Retired Members who have been SRF Members for at least one year (i.e. must have been a member in 2015 and renewed and paid for 2016) and will be attending the whole Fertility meeting will be eligible for £365 to cover fully the 'Early Bird' registration fee (£365). However, the requirement for one year membership will be waived for ECM Members in the first year of their PhD or at BSc/MSc education levels. The Registration part of the bursary will be proportionately reduced for delegates attending only one or two days of the meeting. The Registration bursary will not be increased after Early Bird registration expires (Early bird expires 31 October).
- (ii) Accommodation: A fixed sum of £100/night for 3 nights (up to £300 for the entire meeting) will be available for all SRF Members except those residing (home address) in Edinburgh (i.e., within 10 km of EICC). A copy of the accommodation receipt will be required after the meeting.
- (iii) Travel: Support will be offered to all Bursary applicants based upon a fixed band system on distance travelled from your place of work and will be calculated as follows:

<10km	£0
10-100km	£30
100-300km	£75
300-500km	£150
500-750km	£200
750-1000km	£300
>1000km	£400

Note: Bursary Registration support will be provided at the point of registration (i.e. reduced or no registration cost). Bursary Accommodation and Travel components will be paid *after* registration but, where possible, before the conference takes place.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1) Submit your Bursary application by completing the form on the SRF website.
- 2) Your application will then be checked by the SRF Secretariat. If approved, the Secretariat will issue you with
 - i) a unique registration discount code and
 - ii) a bespoke expense claim form detailing the funds that the SRF will offer to cover your travel and accommodation, and also requesting your bank details to facilitate reimbursement.
- 3) Once you receive the discount code, you should proceed to <u>register for the Fertility meeting</u> as soon as possible**
- 4) When your Fertility registration has been confirmed, email a copy of your registration confirmation and completed claim form to the SRF Secretariat.
- 5) Once the SRF has received confirmation of your registration, your claim for travel and accommodation will be processed. Where possible this will be before the conference takes place. Please note that up to £300 for accommodation will be paid upfront in good faith but a copy of receipts will be required after the conference.
- 6) Recipients of bursaries will be required to check-in at the SRF exhibition stand during the conference to reconfirm their attendance.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Important: The Fertility early bird registration deadline is 31 October. If you complete your Fertility registration after 31 October, you will need to pay the difference between the early bird and standard registration rates. The Registration part of the SRF bursary will not increase to cover the higher rates. To fully benefit from the Bursary being offered, please ensure your bursary application reaches the SRF Secretariat by Monday 17 October to allow time for us to process it and for you to then register before the early bird deadline.

The final closing date for SRF Bursary applications to attend Fertility 2017 is Thursday 1 December 2016. Applications will be not be considered after this date.

Any questions regarding the ${\bf SRF}$ ${\bf Bursary}$ should be directed to the ${\bf SRF}$ ${\bf Secretariat:}$

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Questions directly relating to the **Fertility 2017** meeting should be directed to the conference organisers **Profile Productions:**

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