

BURSARY PROGRAMME

Aim

To develop and roll out a bursary scheme that will support the National Skills Academy for Nuclear Vision and the NDA's Skills Strategy aim to raise the profile of the nuclear industry and to attract quality individuals into relevant programmes of study (including Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees and Masters). The scheme will provide financial support (Bursaries) that will hopefully attract a broader mix of new entrants into the Nuclear Decommissioning sector and into the wider Science and Technology agenda, leading to increased diversity and opportunity in the sector.

Award of Bursaries

The awards given will be in the region of £500 - £4,000

There will be a clear selection procedure to ensure that the right individuals are awarded these bursaries, and that they will have an impact on the challenges facing the sector. This will be based on an application and scoring criteria which is outlined below.

1. Quality of the candidate's track record (to include academic record and/or experiential evidence)
2. Quality of their justification for carrying out their desired program of study
3. Demonstration of their understanding of the dynamics and future of the sector and the challenges it is facing, added value as to how their application relates to this.
4. Relevance of their industrial sponsor/host institution's business area to the Nuclear Decommissioning agenda (where applicable, this is not mandatory)
5. Potential for development of the candidate via the program of study (i.e. what will the qualification do for them personally and career-wise)
6. How they would disseminate the benefits of their experience and encourage participation in the scheme going forwards.

Selection

There will be a panel marking the applications from the:

- National Skills Academy for Nuclear
- NDA

The aim will be to get a spread of interest across the sector in the UK and from a variety of backgrounds.

The Skills Academy will be organising an annual awards event for the sector and it is proposed that there should be an award for "Bursary Student of the Year" to raise the profile of this initiative.