

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

Beryl Richardson Scholarship

The scholarship is to enable an established water scientist from a European country listed below to visit the United Kingdom to conduct research. It is aimed at the more mature/established scientist who has had restricted opportunities to travel.

The research is to be related to the water environment, either water bodies or sediments, especially the management/reduction of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), other polluting organic chemicals, or heavy metals, i.e. to lakes, lagoons, rivers or seas.

Any program of study that involved trans-boundary aspects would be viewed favourably, i.e. to consider discharges of POPs or other polluting chemicals to a river upstream of the Nation territory or for a river shared between two countries, either countries in the above list or others in Central/Eastern Europe.

This RSC Scholarship is in memory of the late Beryl Richardson, wife of Mervyn Richardson, BSc, EurChem, CChem, FRSC, who served on the RSC Council twice, was Chairman of the Information and Toxicology Interest Groups and Treasurer of the Water Chemistry Forum. Mervyn was a consultant to the United Nations Specialist Agencies and undertook missions in many Central/Eastern European Countries often accompanied by Beryl.

This Scholarship is open for applicants who are nationals of, resident, and working in one of the following countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, or, Slovenia.

The value will be GBP 2,500.00 to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence. The period of the scholarship will be about 14 days. It is expected that the host Institution will meet the incidental costs of the research.

The Scholarship will be for the scholar to visit one or more research or similar institutions in the United Kingdom, e.g. universities, national research institutions and research councils to conduct research.

This Scholarship is for research NOT to provide training in analytical chemical techniques, use of bio-markers or other monitoring methodologies.

The scholar will undertake research/studies into means of hazard assessment, risk assessment leading to environmental chemical safety. Full note is to be taken of techniques involving risk management and risk reduction taking full account of benefits and cost effectiveness.

There are no forms for this application. Applicants should submit concise [no more than two pages of A4 in Times New Roman, 12pt font], plus a supporting letter from the British institution or institutions they would wish to visit, their CV, publications list, details of scientific visits outside of the country of residence over the past 10 years and a photocopy of their passport.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are good communicators in both spoken and written language.

Short-listed applicants may be telephoned in their country of residence, to discuss their application.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that in addition to their academic contacts in their country of residence that they have contacts with the relevant chemical industries, environment agencies and relevant government bodies.

Knowledge of the relevant EU Environmental Legislation is a necessity.

At the end of the visit the scholar will submit a brief (one page report) to the RSC on the research undertaken. Any publication arising from the research should acknowledge the Beryl Richardson Scholarship.

Applications may be made by E-mail to reedn@rsc.org or by post to:

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Applications should arrive by 30 September 2007.

The successful applicant should visit the UK by the end of 2008.