

# BELMAS LEADERSHIP & PRACTITIONER BURSARY 2023/24

## Introduction

The British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society has established a programme of bursaries to promote advanced study and research that contributes to the production of theoretical and professional knowledge and understanding about practice in the UK and internationally in relation to educational leadership, management and administration. The Award – of £1,000 per annum – are available for a maximum of two years for practitioners and researchers registered at United Kingdom Universities and schools.

## Eligibility

Applications for this BELMAS award may be made by research practitioners and researchers who:

- are members of BELMAS;
- are engaged in leadership research or leadership practices;

## The award

The award will be for a £1,000 per year for a maximum of two years, depending on the proposed scale of the project and subject to the recommendations of the review panel.

## Selection criteria

Applications will be judged solely in terms of a proposal's merit, i.e., its potential to make an original and significant contribution to knowledge, policy and/or practice in the field of educational leadership, management and administration. In judging applications, attention will be paid to:

- The quality of aims proposed focus or key questions of investigation
- Demonstrated understanding of the body of existing knowledge on which the project builds
- The design of the project and its approaches or methods proposed
- The likely contribution to knowledge, policy and/or practice
- The likelihood that the work will be completed in a timely manner

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The decision to grant the Award would be made by the Awards, Bursaries and Grants (ABG) Committee formed by council members, a committee appointed by BELMAS Council, who will oversee these awards and monitor the project's progress (see below). The Award will be made solely on the basis of the quality of the submission received and will not take into consideration issues related to financial or other circumstances of the applicant.

The decision of the ABG committee will be verified and approved by the BELMAS council, and all decisions will be final.

## Expectations of award holders

Award holders would be required to:

- acknowledge the financial support of BELMAS in their work regarding the project via presentations and other dissemination opportunities
- submit to BELMAS a short progress report of the project annually
- submit a paper based on their project to MiE, and for more details please follow the link: [Manuscript Submission Guidelines: Management in Education: Sage Journals \(sagepub.com\)](#) and a blog of 800 words, please follow the link for more details: [Blog – BELMAS](#), with a view to making the work and key learning available to BELMAS members. All BELMAS publications are subject to a rigorous peer review process, and it important to look at the criteria for each publication carefully.
- applicants will be required to acknowledge BELMAS in any other presentations, and publications by including the BELMAS logo, and inform the BELMAS office of how their work will be disseminated.

## Applications:

Applications should be submitted to the BELMAS website and should include:

- **A proposal of not more than a 1,000 words (including references) outlining the focus, aims, a summary of your rationale and expected contribution to leadership practice.**

Applicants are asked to consider the dimensions of equality and access in their proposals if these are likely to have an impact on the nature, scope and implementation of the project.

References can be cited of what underpins and informs your practice, and this needs to be included in your word count if you wish to include it.

***If your application is successful reference of two referees will be requested from the two referees specified on your application by the BELMAS office after the review process.***

**Applications must be submitted on the BELMAS website by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, by 23.59.**

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