



Microscopy Society of Ireland
International Microscopy Congress (IMC21) 2026 Bursary
31 August - 4 September 2026, Liverpool, UK

For MSI members, we are offering an opportunity to apply for a bursary to facilitate attendance to [IMC21](#) in Liverpool, 31 August - 4 September 2026. There are two types of bursaries available:

- **Conference Bursary:** For applicants that will attend the full IMC21 Congress. The maximum bursary award will be €600.
- **Exhibition Only Bursary:** For applicants that will only attend the Exhibition. The maximum bursary award will be €100.

1. ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for the award of a IMC21 Bursary Award include the following:

- Applicants must be members of MSI for at least six months prior to submitting their application for this award.
- This award is open to:
 - postgraduate students
 - postdocs

- technicians and imaging scientists within 8 years of starting work or studies in a microscopy-related field (excluding career gaps).
- In order to be eligible for the maximum €600 bursary to attend the conference in full, applicants must intend to present their research at IMC21 and must have submitted an abstract for presentation, either as an oral or poster presentation. The research presented at the IMC21 must include some element of microscopic investigation or analysis. This abstract must also be submitted to the committee at the time of application. This award is subject to the abstract being accepted. **NB:** This is **not required** if you are applying for the 'Exhibition only bursary'.
- A covering letter explaining the reasons for attending IMC21 should be submitted, in addition to a breakdown of costs involved. Student members should also submit a signed letter of support and evidence of their student status from their supervisor.
- The award amount will be up to €600 for Congress attendance and €100 for exhibition only attendance. The actual amount awarded may be less than these values if the number of applications received are higher than anticipated. This award will be in the form of expense reimbursement following attendance at the conference.
- After the conference, awards winners will be required to prepare a short report for publication on the MSI website.
- Applications received will be reviewed by the MSI Committee.
- The deadline for applications is the **19th of June 2026.**

2. APPLICATION FORM

Please note: All applicants must be a registered member of the Microscopy Society of Ireland.

Name:	
Email:	
Course (if applicable):	
Departmental Address:	
Supervisor/Line Manager:	
Supervisor's/Line Manager's contact details:	
Are you applying for the 'Congress Bursary' or 'Exhibition Only Bursary'?	

Justification for IMC21 bursary (400 words maximum).

All applications should be sent to: The MSI Secretary, Microscopy Society of Ireland at secretary@microscopy.ie

Applicant's signature: _____ *Date:* _____

****For student applications, a signed letter detailing reasons for attending the conference is also required from applicant's supervisor or Head of Department. The letter should also include a declaration that the Award will be returned to MSI should, for any reason, the applicant cannot attend the conference and/or prepare a report for publication on the MSI website.***

It is a condition of the bursary scheme, that successful applicants present their work to the Society in the form of a report to be published on the MSI website.

3. SELECTION

Applications received will be reviewed by the MSI Committee.

4. REGULATION

The Secretary will verify whether each applicant is a member of the MSI.

5. NOTIFICATION

The successful applicants will be notified at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the conference. Applicants must inform the Committee if they receive other funding to enable them to attend EMC2024 without MSI support.

6. AWARD

The MSI undertakes to pay, funds permitting, for each successful Awardee an award of up to €600/€100. The actual amount awarded may be less than €600//€100 if the number of applications received are higher than anticipated. This award will be in the form of expense reimbursement following attendance at the conference.

