**Application for The OR Society master’s degree scholarship funding**

Thank you for your interest in our Master’s Scholarships. Please complete sections 1 and 2 of this application, then ask your course or admissions tutor to complete section 3 and return the application to scholarships@theorsociety.com.

The judges will review your academic record and personal statement, with the statement provided by your admissions tutor. It is important that your personal statement includes the key points we highlight on page three.

Please review the following information carefully. The OR Society works to support students and raise awareness of operational research (OR) among students through several outreach efforts, such as our OR in Education outreach programme, our free student membership, Careers Open Day and this scholarship. We ask that the recipient(s) of this scholarship join us in this work. In particular, we ask that recipients of the scholarship:

* Join The OR Society as a free student member
* Write three 500-word articles for our magazine, *InsideOR*. The articles will be spread throughout the academic year. The first article is typically an introduction to the scholarship recipient and what the scholarship means to them; the second an update on how their studies are progressing; and the third a final update on their studies and future plans.
* Work with our Education Manager to promote The OR Society to students at their university. This could include helping us to promote student membership of The OR Society or promoting our free careers fair, Careers Open Day.
* Speak at an OR Society event after their graduation. This short talk will depend on the recipient’s availability and may take place at Careers Open Day or the New to OR conference. The talk topic will depend on the event but will typically involve promoting the Master’s Scholarship and discussing the recipient’s experiences in OR. Travel expenses for in-person events may be paid by The OR Society.

Please do not apply unless you are happy to carry out the duties listed above, should you win. If you have any questions, please contact scholarships@theorsociety.com.

Thank you for your interest; we wish you luck with your application.

*Section 1: To be completed by applicant*

**Student information**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone number |  |

**Academic record and other achievements**

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| Degree title  |  |
| Degree classification (or expected if still studying) |  |
| Other awards and achievements |  |

**Academic course applied for**

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| University |  |
| Master’s degree title |  |

**How did you hear about the scholarship?**

[ ]  Admissions officer

[ ]  Poster

[ ]  Other (please specify)

**Student’s supporting statement**

Please write a statement of up to 500 words covering the criteria below.

* Clearly articulate your interest in operational research and your reasons for applying for this scholarship.
* Explain why you require this funding.
* Specify what contribution a university qualification and this scholarship would make to your future development.
* Include any other information you wish to be taken into consideration when assessing your application. You may wish to provide information about your background you would like the judging panel to be aware of, as they will not see Section 2.

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 *Section 2: To be completed by applicant*

**Diversity**

**Why are we asking these questions?**

The OR Society is committed to supporting equality, diversity and inclusion in all its activities, and wants to ensure that its services are open to everyone. We are asking these questions so that we can better understand the diverse make-up of our members and to help us identify any barriers to inclusion.

**What will we do with this information?**

**This data is used only to help us identify barriers to inclusion. This section will be removed before your application is passed to the judging panel. Your application will be (as far as possible) anonymised and judged based on your personal statement and university supporting statement.**

**Data protection information**

The data is anonymous and will be aggregated and reported on internally. Your answers are voluntary, completely confidential and will be used only to address any identified diversity issues. No information will be published or used in any way that allows individuals to be identified. We recognise that some people may regard this information as private and have therefore included the option of ‘prefer not to say’ in all categories. If you would prefer not to answer any individual question, then please leave it blank.

Please contact diversity@theorsociety.com if you have any queries.

1. Gender: which of the following best describes your gender?

[ ]  Female

[ ]  Male

[ ]  Non-binary or trans-identified

[ ]  Prefer to self-describe

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. Ethnicity: please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background

[ ]  Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi

[ ]  Asian/British – Chinese

[ ]  Asian/Asian British - Indian

[ ]  Asian/Asian British - Pakistani

[ ]  Asian/Asian British – other Asian background

[ ]  Black/Black British - African

[ ]  Black/Black British - Caribbean

[ ]  Black/African/Caribbean/Black British – other background

[ ]  Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – Asian and White

[ ]  Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - Black African and White

[ ]  Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - Black Caribbean and White

[ ]  Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background

[ ]  White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

[ ]  White - European

[ ]  White - Irish

[ ]  White - Any other White background

[ ]  Other Ethnic Group - Arab

[ ]  Other Ethnic group – any other Ethnic group (please describe)

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. Disability: do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term condition? (such as dyslexia, diabetes, arthritis, a heart condition or a mental health condition.)

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. Religion: what is your religion or faith, if any?

[ ]  No religion

[ ]  Buddhist

[ ]  Christian

[ ]  Hindu

[ ]  Jewish

[ ]  Muslim

[ ]  Sikh

[ ]  Another religion or faith not listed
(please describe)

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. Sexual orientation: which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

[ ]  Bisexual

[ ]  Gay man

[ ]  Lesbian/Gay woman

[ ]  Straight/heterosexual

[ ]  Prefer to self-describe

[ ]  Prefer not to say

1. Socio-economic variables: when you were 18, had any of your parents or guardians completed a university degree course or equivalent (e.g. BA, BSc or higher)?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  I don’t know

[ ]  Prefer not to say

*Section 3: To be completed by university*

**University contact details**

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Department |  |
| Email address |  |

**University supporting statement**

[ ]  I confirm that the student named in this application is eligible to study on the above-named course

[ ]  I confirm that the student named in this application is a UK national

[ ]  I confirm that the above-named course contains at least 40% operational research content

Please indicate whether the student named in this application is an appropriate candidate for this scholarship. Include any additional information about the student that you would like to be taken into consideration when assessing their application, as this statement will be considered by the judging panel.

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**Course background information**

Please provide application and fee information for the past three years for the above-named course.

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|   | 2022 | 2021 | 2020  |
| No. of UK students on course  |  |  |  |
| No. of EU students on course  |  |  |  |
| No. of International students on course  |  |  |  |
| **UK fees (2022/23)** |  £ |

This application must be submitted to scholarships@theorsociety.com by the university before 28 February 2023.