

Burney Society Bursary Report

After a year's break in 2020, we hope to run the Burney Bursary again next year. A slightly modified advertisement has been put together (see below). This allows for the money awarded to be spent on any justifiable expenses incurred in the process of completing research, not just on travel and accommodation costs. This not only makes sense given the current difficulties of undertaking research trips during the pandemic, but also changes the bursary for the better to allow for other legitimate expenses such as childcare, or photocopying/ scanning, to be included. I suggest we advertise from the autumn, with a deadline at the end of April 2021 and the award by the end of June, to give plenty of time for prospective candidates to see it and make their applications.

We're waiting for the 2018 winner, Madeleine Pelling, to write a report on her research – she has had family commitments and was unable to give a paper at the AGM. We have had little to no communication from Reetta Sippola, the 2019 winner. I contacted her to see whether she would be interested in speaking about her research in progress at the AGM, but got no reply. Obviously her research plans may well have been upset by the pandemic, but it would have been good to have had some contact and to hear how she's doing.

Gillian Skinner, 3rd September 2020

Burney Society UK Research Bursary

The Burney Society UK is very pleased to invite applications for a Research Bursary for the 2021-22 academic year. The Bursary is open to a doctoral student or an independent scholar who is a member of the Burney Society UK and is currently researching any aspect of the life and work of Frances Burney and/or any of her family and/or wider circle. (To become a member of the Society, go to <https://burneysociety.uk/membership>)

An award of £300 will be made towards any justifiable expenses, including anything from the cost of photocopying/scanning and childcare to travel and accommodation, involved in a Burney-related research project. The successful candidate will be expected to deliver a paper on their work at a future Burney Society UK AGM or, if that is not possible, to write a report for the Society's newsletter and website.

To apply, please send a CV and a completed application form (which includes a statement of research of no more than 1000 words that makes clear its relation to Burney and/or members of her family and/or her wider circle) by email to ukburneysociety@gmail.com. Application forms can be found on the Society's website <https://burneysociety.uk/research-bursary> Deadline: 30th April 2021. The winner will be announced in June and the successful applicant will generally be expected to undertake the research by the end of December 2022 at the latest.