



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the FISITA Student Travel Bursary Programme?

The FISITA Student Travel Bursary Programme is where FISITA provides financial help towards the travel and living expenses of students taking part in industrial or research placements within the automotive industry overseas.

2. Who can apply for the Student Travel Bursary award?

Any student that meets the eligibility requirements can apply to the Student Travel Bursary Programme.

To be eligible you must:

- be studying engineering at undergraduate or postgraduate level at a recognised college or university
- have arranged an industry or research placement in an automotive company or organisation abroad
- be a member of a FISITA member society

3. Do I have to approach companies myself?

Yes you do have to approach companies yourself to arrange and secure a work placement. Some universities may assist you with this.

4. Can FISITA recommend companies/organisations to approach?

FISITA cannot directly recommend anyone but we work closely with IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) who may be able to assist you with finding placements. Contact details for your local IAESTE office can be found at www.iaeste.org.

5. Is there a time limit to apply for the Student Travel Bursary?

Yes. From 2009 onwards, applications will be assessed twice yearly: **31 March** for those applicants attending placements April to November and **31 October** for those applicants attending placements November to April the following year. Applications must be submitted prior to the start of the work placement: bursaries will not be made retrospectively.

6. How long does the application process take?

Application Process

- Applications are checked for eligibility upon receipt
- Membership status is verified with society
- Applications and references are sent to a sub-group of the Education Committee for assessment and award decided

It can take from 2 to 4 weeks to complete, and sometimes even longer, it will depend on how long each step takes.

7. How can I become a member of a FISITA member society and how much do I have to pay?

You need to contact the member societies directly for details about how to become a member. Some societies charge a small fee for student membership while others do not charge at all. A list of all FISITA member societies can be found at www.fisita.com/members

8. What if there is no FISITA member society in my country?

A student can join a member society in any country – it does not have to be in their country of residence. However you should check the terms and conditions with the society that you contact.

9. Does the work placement/internship have to be within the automotive industry?

Yes, the work placement that you secure must be within the automotive industry, typical organisations include industrial companies, research, government or higher education establishments.

10. What is the maximum bursary amount and how do you determine how much is awarded to an applicant?

The maximum bursary amount is EUR 2,000. Each applicant is assessed on merit, if there is a genuine need for the bursary award, this will be taken into account in the final assessment stage.

11. How do you make payment to successful applicants?

Payment is usually made by bank transfer to the student's nominated account. We are able to make payment in most currencies.