

## FISITA Travel Bursary Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the FISITA Travel Bursary P?

The FISITA Travel Bursary provides financial help towards the travel and living expenses of students taking part in industrial or research placements within the mobility systems industry overseas

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

To be eligible you must:

- be studying engineering full time at undergraduate or postgraduate level at a recognised college or university
- have arranged an industry or research placement in a company or organisation abroad
- be a member of a [FISITA Member Society](#)
- be a member of [FIEC - FISITA International Engineering Community](#)

### 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 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](http://www.iaeste.org)

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

No, you can apply at any time through the year. Applications will be assessed four times each year. Applications must be submitted online prior to the start of the work placement as 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 FISITA Member Society

- Applications and references are sent to members of the Judging Panel for assessment and award decided.

It can take 4 weeks to complete, and sometimes even longer, it will depend on how long each step takes and the number of applications that have been submitted

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 Society directly for details about how to become a member. Some Member Societies charge a fee for student membership while others do not charge. A list of all FISITA Member Societies can be found here:  
[www.fisita.com/about/members](http://www.fisita.com/about/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 Member 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/mobility 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 made by bank transfer to the student's nominated account. It is essential that the bank details submitted to us are correct as we will incur bank charges if the bank account details submitted are incorrect and any charges will be deducted from the total amount awarded for the corrected payment.