

Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

2026 Travelling Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. These Terms and Conditions contain the principal terms of the award of a travelling scholarship under the auspices of the WCA Charitable Trust.
2. A beneficiary is required to follow so far as possible the proposal put forward in their application and to notify the WCA of any material changes to the proposed trip and the focus of study.
3. The application for the Travelling Scholarship must be made in accordance with the requirements of the application form (available on the WCA website) and all information provided must be accurate and capable of verification. At least two satisfactory professional references in support of the application will be required, although referees will only be contacted by the WCA in the event of the applicant being successful at interview.
4. Offers must be accepted in writing by the date specified in the offer letter.
5. Scholarship funds received from the WCA Charitable Trust must be used exclusively to fund the Travelling Scholarship and receipts for expenditure should be kept and made available if requested.
6. Beneficiaries must make their own travel arrangements and confirm the details to [name and email address]
7. Requests for reimbursement together with relevant receipts should be sent by email to [name and address] Payment will be made to the beneficiary's bank account.
8. Payment of scholarship funds in the sum of £7,000 will be as follows:
 - (1) 25% of the award upon receipt of (i) satisfactory references and (ii) signed acceptance of the offer and terms and conditions.
 - (2) 25% of the award upon receipt of confirmation of travel and accommodation requirements.
 - (3) 40% of the award no later than 7 days before date of travel.
 - (4) 10% of the award upon receipt of the substantive written report referred to below.
9. Beneficiaries confirm their understanding that should they fail to comply with the terms of this agreement or otherwise conduct themselves in an unprofessional or unbecoming manner that the Company and/or its Charitable Trust may revoke the scholarship and demand repayment of all or any part of the funds paid, and the beneficiary agrees to return such funds on demand in writing.
10. Beneficiaries confirm that they will provide a substantive written report of no less than 2500 words to the WCA for publication on the Company's website and/or Newsletter within three calendar months of the conclusion of their trip. The report is expected to conform with the proposal put forward in the application and should also include any research or any useful knowledge gained in relation to dispute resolution laws and practices which should include the following:

- (1) Summary of the Travelling Scholarship application and interview process.
 - (2) Details of Arbitral Institutions and Law Practices visited.
 - (3) The results of their research relating to the jurisdiction visited and its similarities/ differences relating to English law and practices.
 - (4) What areas of arbitral practice the beneficiary would like to explore further in terms of international dispute resolution research, practice and procedure.
 - (5) The benefit received from (i) the visit overall and (ii) being a WCA Travelling Scholar.
11. Beneficiaries agree that, upon request, they will participate in a podcast or interview to detail their experience of the Travelling Scholarship.
 12. By accepting the scholarship, the beneficiary agrees to be bound by these terms and any other reasonable requirements of the Charitable Trustees.
 13. Beneficiaries may be invited to participate in the WCA's annual arbitration/ mediation competition and, if invited, it is anticipated that they will participate.
 14. Beneficiaries will be required to sign an acceptance of the scholarship on these terms together with any additional terms specified by the WCA in its offer of the grant.