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Providing Financial Support to New Entrants and CPD Development.

The Nuclear Bursary Scheme

Twelve individuals are the latest recipients of the Nuclear Bursary Scheme, funded by the NDA and managed by NSAN.

This latest round of the bursary scheme was aimed at supporting the delivery of the Nuclear Skills Strategy Group (NSSG) Skills Plan, launched in July 2017.

The NSSG Skills Plan highlights the need to 'Meet the demand,' including attracting and recruiting a diverse range of people into the sector and retaining them with the appropriate level of knowledge transfer in order to minimise the number of fragile skills.

To support this action, the NSSG requested organisations to 'Identify and channel available funds into bursaries and other specific initiatives to ensure timely recruitment and investment in skills.'

The NDA and NSAN have worked together to further enhance and develop this Bursary Award Scheme which launched in 2008. To date there has been 13 cohorts which has provided 348 individuals with over £300k of funding to further support their career.

In this latest round, a range of individuals who are both employed in industry and studying to begin their careers in nuclear, have been

supported on a range of courses from Masters Degrees to CPD training with bursaries ranging from £500 to £3,000.

Beccy Pleasant, Head of Skills and Talent in the NDA, said

“I am always impressed by the variety of people and types of request coming into the scheme. These are often individuals who have funded themselves through significant study, and bursaries like this can ensure that they are completed. The industry have a desire and obligation to increase the diversity of our workforce, and this is one way in which we can support people that might otherwise be facing barriers to accessing the industry, or upskilling/reskilling within their organisations.”

Dr Fiona Rayment OBE, Chair NSSG, said

“This latest round of the bursary scheme very much supports the need to develop the right people and skills to meet the future needs of our industry. The NSSG’s Nuclear Skills Strategic Plan sets out to ensure UK nuclear employers can recruit a diverse mix of skilled people, at the required rate, to meet the sector’s ambitious forward programme. This fantastic scheme, which always attracts high calibre applications, plays an important role in meeting this challenge.”

The NDA and NSAN will be launching the next round of the Nuclear Bursary Scheme in January 2018. The scheme is reliant upon financial support from industry.

The NDA is a major contributor to the scheme, and has been involved in every round. Other industry sponsors have included Urenco, NNL, Energy Solutions, Serco and LLWR.

The NDA and NSAN are keen to attract additional investment into the Nuclear Bursary Scheme to further support the NSSG skills action, by supporting individuals to enter and progress their careers in nuclear. If

your organisation would be interested in contributing towards the scheme, contact NSAN.

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Notes to editors

The National Skills Academy for Nuclear is a 'not for profit' membership organisation that exists to improve the performance of companies in the nuclear industry through collaboration and action on skills. NSAN is aiding in improving skills in the nuclear industry by setting the highest standards of excellence, leading the sourcing and provision of skills solutions and expanding our sector's capabilities. NSAN works collaboratively to deliver outstanding levels of service, enhancing the value we provide to members.

NSAN was approved by government on the 24th September 2007. NSAN is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary during 2017.

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