

INTRODUCTION

The Abe Bailey Trust and the Travel Bursary was established in terms of the Will of Sir Abe Bailey who died in 1940. The Trustees of the Abe Bailey Trust make funds available for travel bursaries known as the Abe Bailey Travel Bursaries. These Travel Bursaries give selected university students and university staff of junior Lecturer status an opportunity to visit the United Kingdom. A copy of the 2022 programme is attached.

Applicants must understand that this is a Travel Bursary which demands a different skill set from the criteria of a normal bursary. The Trustees are looking for applicants who have an ability to listen, to express an opinion, possess an enquiring mind, want to broaden their horizons and above all wish to keep learning. Successful bursars need to enjoy working with people, to exude a positivity and enthusiasm which raises the energy levels of those around them and to demonstrate the following Objectives.

OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Travel Bursary are to broaden the views of young South Africans

- > to effect greater co-operation and understanding of different viewpoints and opinions among those with various language and cultural backgrounds
- to encourage leadership that demonstrates open debate and mutual respect of others
- > to enable outstanding South African students who show exceptional leadership and a strong service ethic to experience British culture and participate in an interactive programme, and examine its significance in the context of South African history
- > to foster enterprise, commitment and effective participation in a common future
- > to promote South African unity

THE TRAVEL BURSARY

These Travel Bursaries are awarded every year and cover the cost of an all expenses paid educational tour of England and Scotland. Included in the cost are tourist class return air fares between Cape Town and London as well as travel between inland university centres and Cape Town. It covers the cost of carrying out the Tour and all excursions according to the approved programme. In addition, funds will be made available, at the discretion of the Tour Leader, to cover out of pocket expenses in the United Kingdom.

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The host in the United Kingdom is Goodenough College in London. The selected Travel Bursars will be expected to remain in the company of the other Bursars, to participate in all organised activities and to carry out the whole of the approved programme. There will be limited short periods during the programme when Bursars will be free to arrange their own activities.

The selected Travel Bursars from various South African universities will gather in Cape Town on 29 November 2023 and depart for London on 2 December 2023. All Bursars are travelling on a group fare and are expected to return to South Africa with the group on 18 December 2023 arriving back in Johannesburg on the 19th from where they will be transported to their home cities.

ABE BAILEY FELLOWSHIP

All Bursars become a member of the Abe Bailey Fellowship comprising past Travel Bursars since the Tour's inception in 1951. They are kept in touch by way of the Fellowship Newsletter and an annual updated address list.