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## Livery Companies

The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers is one of 110 Livery Companies of the City of London. The oldest Companies, previously known as Guilds, go back more than 500 years, and they were the original Trade Associations. Members often wore distinctive clothing, hence the word Livery grew in favour.

They controlled all aspects of their craft including terms of business, quality of product or service, and most importantly of all, assurance of the continuance of the requisite skills, by training and education. They also provided for schools and alms for the less fortunate. The early Liveries covered the important trades of the day, such as Grocers, Drapers, Fishmongers and Goldsmiths.

Formed in 1955, the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers is a modern Livery for the development and furtherance of the skills and practice of scientific measurement and instrumentation, encompassing all related technologies and data analysis. Like all Livery companies, it still focuses on community and charity, and plays an important role in the government of the City of London. As a charity, most of our spending is on education, training and support of young people.

## The Livery and Science

The objective of The Scientific Instrument Makers or SIM is to nurture the craft of scientific instrument-making and to continue to support British science and engineering activities: without measurement there is no science; without good scientific instruments there is no measurement; and without good engineers and scientists none of this is possible. Accordingly, we work with Affiliated Universities which excel in these fields.

This leaflet summarises the Scholarship, Fellowship and travel grant schemes which SIM offers, to encourage and support young people in our Affiliated universities to undertake research and innovation in the craft of scientific instrument-making. They are open to research students and post-doctoral researchers.

## Contact

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## Research Scholarships

Each year, SIM awards several Research Scholarships, with a value of £2,000 each. They are open only to registered Post-Graduate Research students. Each Affiliated University can nominate only one applicant. Awards are made competitively and all nominated applicants are interviewed in London.

Eligible projects must involve research and development in the methods, techniques and technology of measurement and instrumentation, including data analysis methods and algorithms, or their novel application to a science or engineering topic. A project that simply uses existing equipment and/or methods to further some broader research objective is not eligible.

It is anticipated that successful applicants will remain in the field in the UK for several years afterwards. Nominations are normally sought in the Autumn.

## The Beloe Fellowship

This is the most prestigious academic award made by SIM, and has a value of £5,000 per year. The SIM Beloe Fellow is awarded to an outstanding post-doctoral researcher whose work is likely to make a significant contribution to her/his field. The Beloe Fellow acts as an ambassador for the Livery, and attends livery functions.

There is only one Beloe Fellow at any one time. Typically, the position is held for one year, although applications will be considered for durations up to three years. Each Affiliated University can nominate only one applicant. The Award is made competitively and all nominated applicants are interviewed in London.

Eligible research and development activities must be directed at the methods, techniques and technology of measurement and instrumentation, including data analysis methods and algorithms, or their novel application to a science or engineering topic. Activities that simply use existing equipment and/or methods to further some broader research objective are not eligible.

## Travel grants

If any of our Scholars wishes to attend a scientific conference in order to present a paper, SIM will consider making a grant to help meet eligible travel costs, as follows:

- Up to 300km from work or study location: £125
- From 300 to 2,000km from work or study location: £200
- Over 2,000km from work or study location: £500

Part of the grant can also be spent on display/poster costs. SIM must be acknowledged in papers/posters. Recipients will be asked to present their paper at an appropriate Company event.

To apply for any of the above, please talk to your University Representative or the SIM Clerk. Nominations should include: an outline of your research proposal and recent achievements; your CV; and a short statement from your supervisor (max. 250 words).

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