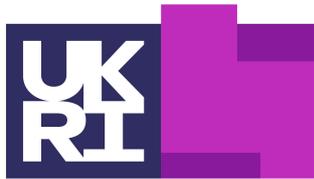




STEVE BISHOP INNOVATION AWARD 2026

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This scholarship targets early-career animal scientists, including postgraduate students or those within three years of a PhD, as well as industry professionals with similar experience, even without a PhD. Valued at up to £5,000, it supports short research programs or training opportunities in the UK or abroad, fostering new partnerships rather than continuing existing ones. Successful fellows can showcase their award outcomes to prominent figures in the animal science field. Additionally, the funds may partially support projects across any relevant animal science sector.

The evaluators will assess your presentation based on these key factors:

- the quality of your application
- relevance of your project to the award criteria
- how innovative your project is
- the practical application of project outcomes

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The Steve Bishop Collaboration for Innovation Award – SHORT RESEARCH OR TRAINING – EARLY CAREER AWARD

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INTRODUCTION

This scholarship is aimed at those in the early part of their career as an animal scientist (postgraduate student or within three years of graduating with a PhD, or those working in commerce or industry with an equivalent level of experience without necessarily having a PhD).

COMPETITION

The Steve Bishop Collaboration for Innovation Short Research or Training Award 2025-2026

Worth up to £5,000, the award is for specific short research programmes and/or training opportunities in the UK, overseas, with a new academic or industrial partner. The overall aim is to help support and develop a new partnership rather than a piece of work with a current partner or organisation.

The successful fellows will have the opportunity to present the outcomes of their award(s) to leading figures from animal science and related sectors.

In some circumstances the awards may be used to part-fund a project. Funds can be used in any relevant animal science sector.

REVIEW OF COMPETITION ENTRIES

Applications to the Award will be assessed based on the application form. In making its decision, the selection panel will consider the relevance of the applicants' work and the extent to which they will benefit from attending the educational workshop or meeting.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The successful fellow will be required to complete a short-written report (1000 – 1500 words) or a short video (5-15minutes) about the project and outcomes as well as presenting same at the next BSAS annual conference to be held in York, 14-16 April 2026, the successful applicant will be expected to submit an abstract for inclusion in the conference proceedings (conference fees will be covered and travel and subsistence of no more than £150).

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

BSAS and Innovate UK Business Connect are committed to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture across our organisations, promoting diversity and inclusion, and eliminating discrimination in all that we do.

All applications will be equally judged using set marking criteria, applicant names and locations are not supplied to the selection panel.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any queries, please contact awards@bsas.org.uk

WHAT IS THE PRIZE?

Worth up to £5,000, the funding available is dependent upon the length of the visit. Applicants may request:

up to of £2,000 for projects up to 6 weeks

up to of £3,000 for projects up to 3 months

up to of £5,000 for projects up to 6 months

HOW DO I APPLY?

The award is open to applicants, in the early stages of their career, from all branches of animal science. Applications are accepted from both BSAS members and non-members. Please complete the on-line application form and return it by the application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

16th November 2025

APPLY NOW