



UK Alpha Resilience and Capability Programme (ARC)

Travel bursary and secondment grant scheme

Call for proposals

The ARC programme has been created “To sustain and enhance our world-leading alpha capabilities and prepare the UK nuclear industry to enact critical national programmes”.

Of the objectives within the ARC programme, the following require the provision, development and resilience of a skilled resource base:

- We will ensure the UK alpha sector nurtures its talent and capability through carefully balancing supply and demand and attracting, recruiting and retaining a professional mobile alpha workforce
- We will ensure the UK’s niche alpha expertise is sustained for specialist professions (including engineering design, safety case & security) for future generations

Increasing the opportunities for early career individuals, along with upskilling of existing individuals, to broaden or deepen their skill set is an important part of these objectives. Opportunities to undertake secondments to other organisations, or to attend technical meetings, conferences or visits can contribute to an individual’s development.

To support this, the ARC programme can award funds to provide a limited number of travel bursaries and secondment grants for early career or upskilling employees. The number of new entrants to the sector over the next 10 years is estimated to be at least 1000. Whilst the majority will receive direct training and experience within their organisation, the ability to support ~10% in undertaking additional opportunities within the ARC programme will facilitate greater depth and breadth of their development. In addition, these opportunities will also support a further ARC objective of “We will ensure the UK is recognised as a global alpha capability hub for training, experience and education”. A fund size of £200k per annum is anticipated, to be reviewed on an annual basis

A travel bursary will go towards the cost of attending selected dissemination, visits, meetings or training events related to alpha skills development, either technical or practical.

A secondment grant will support an employee connected to the ARC programme to spend time working in other ARC partner’s facilities to enhance their research or skills.

Each successful applicant is required to provide a feedback report for inclusion in the ARC workstream delivery report.



Scope of the call

The aim of the call is to provide travel bursaries / grants to enable early career or upskilling employees to attend events, meetings, visits or undertake secondments that will enhance their alpha related skills.

Eligibility

The call is open to all early career or upskilling employees connected to the ARC programme. This can be from any organisation. However in the early stages of the scheme, requests for secondments will be focused where secondment exchange agreements are already in place. This is to maximise the value returned from the bursary scheme into skills.

How to apply

All applications must be made using the proposal template and signed by the employee and their company ARC programme lead. Completed applications should be submitted via email to christopher.m.brookes@sellafieldsites.com

The selection process

All applications received will be reviewed by the relevant workstream leader and then applications will be approved by the programme lead, Dale McQueen.

Announcements

Successful applications will be notified via email which will include the procedure to claim the approved expenditure and the project feedback report template.





ARC Travel bursary and secondment grant scheme – application for funding

Employee Name

Project Title

Company ARC lead

Institution / Company

Project Description

Please provide a description of your project and justify your case for support. This should include:

- (i) For travel bursaries: How the event relates to ARC and the specific learning outcomes envisaged;
- (ii) For secondment grants: How the secondment is connected to ARC and the expected outcomes.





Breakdown of costs

			£
Air Fares			
Rail Fares			
Accommodation			
Meals			
Conference fees			
Other expenses			
Time			

