**The Royal Air Force Museum PhD Bursary — Application**

**Amount awarded:** £3,000 (the prize will be awarded in Sterling only)

A completed application form, which includes a synopsis and bibliography, sample chapter, and one page academic CV, must be received by the RAF Museum no later than 24 October 2025.

Incomplete applications or applications arriving after this date will not be considered. One supporting letters of reference must be received no later than 31 October 2025. If you anticipate any difficulty providing an academic references you should contact reach out to the Museum.

By submitting an application, the applicant agrees that they are in the writing up stage of their PhD and if they are selected for the bursary they will:

* make themselves available for the awards to be bestowed in public;
* submit a 750-word piece of original writing on their research topic which the Museum will share on its website as a blog and to advertise the award;
* submit a proposal for the RAF Museum’s Research Lecture Programme and present the paper if selected;
* deposit a digital copy of the thesis in the Archive and Library of the RAF Museum;
* give permission that the RAF Museum may contact their university, organisation, or research institute with details of the award to arrange for it to be promoted through all relevant channels available to them;
* give permission for the Museum to advertise the award using their name, image, academic affiliation, and research topic.

**Personal Details**

Please note personal detail will be redacted by the Museum’s Historian and Academic Access Manager before the application is shared with the Selection Panel.

Surname: Forenames:

Address:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Place of Study:

Title of Doctoral project:

Anticipated completion date of PhD:

**Academic references**

First reference

Title:

Surname: Forenames:

Job Title:

Address:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Please note, your reference will need to have provided a letter of support separate to this application no later than 31 October 2025.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure both references are returned before the deadline.

References should be sent to Dr Kelleher via email: [ResearchNews@rafmuseum.org](mailto:megan.kelleher@rafmuseum.org)

Title of Doctoral project:

Synopsis (maximum 1,500 words)

Applicant should include: the rationale for research; research questions; outline of the thesis’ structure; methodology

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Bibliography (please keep to a minimum)

If you would prefer you may send a bibliography through as a separate document. If you intend to do so please indicate this clearly below and in the email you provide to Dr Kelleher.