**THE ARMOURERS AND BRASIERS GAUNTLET TRUST**

**ACADEMIC AWARDS 2019**

**Guidance for applicants**

**Background**

The Armourers & Brasiers' Company is a Livery Company of the City of London.  Founded in 1322 as the Guild of St George of the Armourers, it was awarded its first Royal Charter in 1453 from King Henry VI.  In 1708 the Armourers joined with the Brasiers and the Worshipful Company of Armourers & Brasiers received its current charter from Queen Anne.   Since the 19th Century, the main focus of the Company has been its charitable giving.  Through [The Armourers & Brasiers Gauntlet Trust,](http://www.armourershall.co.uk/gauntlet-trust) the Company supports general good causes and education and research in Materials Science and Metallurgy.

**The Awards**

In partnership with The Welding Institute, The Armours & Brasiers continues to support and champion excellence and endeavour in the fields of education and research in Materials Science and Metallurgy, through awards for achievement and Travel Grants for young scientists.

Awards are made annually and presented at The Welding Institute’s summer celebration.

The purpose of the Awards is to stimulate interest and raise the profile of Materials Science and Metallurgy with a view to engaging young people and promoting the industry. To this end, The Armours and Brasiers provide financial support in the form of Travel Grants for young people and provide an opportunity for them to promote their research work through the Awards.

**The Application Process.**

Applicants are invited to submit their entries using the relevant entry forms that can be found on The [Welding Institute website](http://www.theweldinginstitute.com/awards/armourers-and-brasiers-awards/). There is no limit to the number of applications made by an individual applicant, but each application must represent a specific and unique piece of work.

**The Judging Process**

Judges are selected from the Professional Board of The Welding Institute, from academia and from industry. They reflect the range of interests and expertise required to achieve success (academic, commercial and personal) in the field. They have a commitment to developing and promoting young people to create an ongoing legacy for the discipline. The judging criteria for each award are detailed separately but for every award, the judges are looking for innovation in research and delivery, but also in the communication and promotion of new concepts and ideas. Winners will not just have great projects but be able to act as ambassadors for their subject.

**The Winners**

Winners are notified by letter within 10 days of the decision being reached.

**The Rules**

* The work submitted must be the original work of the applicant and any additional contributions and support should be formally acknowledged and referenced.
* Any work submitted will be deemed to be available for publication and promotion through the media.
* Applicants agree to take part in reasonable publicity to promote their achievements [This will normally be a photograph on receipt of the Award].
* Applicants for NSIRC Travel Awards agree to provide a written report (minimum of 1500 words) outlining their learning outcomes as evidence of the investment made in supporting their travel. NSIRC Travel Awards are paid in advance.