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To all IRSE Younger Members:

November 2018

### **Funding to attend the International Technical Convention, Switzerland 2018**

For each annual IRSE International Technical Convention, the Institution offers funding to enable a number of younger members to attend. This is a marvellous opportunity to learn about train control and communications in Switzerland. Previous bursary winners have told us that the Convention has helped them to:

- form an international network with fellow bursary winners and other professionals;
- understand differences in ways of working around the world and the challenges that engineers are tackling;
- see and learn about technological developments in the field of train control and communications.

For the 2018 Convention, taking place in Switzerland in May, we are offering funding of up to £800 (GBP) per person to help cover travel and hotel costs. In addition, we will also pay the Convention fee. Full details of the Convention are available on the IRSE website.

Applications for funding are welcomed from members of the IRSE who will be under 35 years of age at 28 May 2018. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received an award. Please use the attached form to make your application and return it as directed at the bottom of the form.

A selection committee will review all the applications and decide who will receive funding. Applications must be received by **15<sup>th</sup> February**, and applicants will be advised by 15<sup>th</sup> March whether they have been successful in obtaining funding or not.

You may be interested to know that we are able to offer these bursaries (funds) because of the generosity of Frank Hewlett, a past member of the Institution who made a bequest to the IRSE in his will, and from a fund established in honour of Alan Fisher, a past President who died in February 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Francis How  
Chief Executive



## APPLICATION FORM FOR FUNDING FOR 2018 CONVENTION

First name:		Surname/family name:	
IRSE Membership No:		Date of birth:	(dd/mm/yyyy)
Address:			
Telephone no:		Email address:	
<p>In approximately 150 words, say how long you have been working in train control and communications engineering, describe your present role and anything else relevant about your career.</p>			
<p>In approximately 150 words describe how you think that you and your company would benefit as a result of attending the Convention.</p>			
<p>State the name of company you work for, and a suitable contact within the company (name, email and address) in case we wish to make further enquiries:</p>			
What do you estimate your costs to be (in US dollars)?	Hotel costs in Switzerland (5 nights):	£ (GBP)	
	Travel costs to/from Switzerland:	£ (GBP)	
I agree to the Institution making enquiries to verify the details above.		Date:	
Signed:			

An electronic Word version of this form can be downloaded from the Institution's website. When completed, return this form as soon as possible (and not later than 15<sup>th</sup> February):

- **By email to** [hq@irse.org](mailto:hq@irse.org)
- **Or by post to** IRSE, 4th Floor, 1 Birdcage Walk, London, SW1H 9JJ, UK
- **Or by fax to** +44 (0) 207 808 1196

You will receive an email acknowledgement that your application has been received.