# THE ABE BAILEY TRAVEL BURSARY FOR 2025

The Trustees of the Abe Bailey Trust are calling for applications for the annual travel bursary to the United Kingdom which is available for a suitable student or a member of staff of Junior Lecturer status. The focus of the Abe Bailey Trust is leadership development and the Trustees wish the bursaries to be awarded to persons who are academically strong and have shown exceptional qualities of leadership and service, with a good track record not only on campus but also in a wider social context and who are able to function as part of a select and highly skilled group.

This year the bursary will be for the period of 19 November 2025 to 19 December 2025.

**OBJECTIVES**

***The Objectives of the Travel Bursary are to broaden the views of young South Africans***

➢ ***to effect greater co-operation and understanding of different viewpoints and opinions among those with various language and cultural backgrounds***

➢ ***to encourage leadership that demonstrates open debate and mutual respect of others***

➢ ***to enable outstanding South African students who show exceptional leadership and a strong service ethic to experience British culture and participate in an interactive programme, and examine its significance in the context of South African history***

➢ ***to foster enterprise, commitment and effective participation in a common future***

➢ ***to promote South African unity***

**UKZN CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2025**

**The following are conditions attached to the award:**

1. Nominees shall be third year students and above or members of staff of Junior Lecturer status.
2. Nominees must be of South African nationality and have a valid South African passport.
3. Nominees must be aged 25 or less at the start of the Tour. i.e. they must not have had their 26th birthday at the commencement of the Tour. This age restriction can be departed from, at the discretion of the Trustees, in the case of outstanding applicants.
4. Nominees shall confirm that they accept the Objectives of the Travel Bursary.
5. The selection committee shall ensure that the application of the selected nominee(s) is complete and contains the following information:
   * Name and address;
   * Date of birth and nationality;
   * School(s) attended;
   * University degree(s)/diploma(s), courses and results;
   * Extra-curricular activities at university;
   * Details of leadership roles and social and community service;
   * A brief statement of the dates and purposes of any previous visits undertaken to the United Kingdom;
   * Confirmation of a valid South African passport;
   * A recent letter from each of two referees reporting on the character, leadership and personality of the nominee, and suitability in terms of the Objectives of this Travel Bursary;
   * A personal letter of motivation as to why he/she is applying for this Travel Bursary and how he/she will meet its Objectives (this is **essential**). These

include experiencing and understanding different cultures, meeting different people and broadening the mind on the issues of the day. A proven ability to *listen* as well as to have the confidence to formulate and express an *opinion* is an essential prerequisite to selection as an Abe Bailey Travel Bursar.

1. Married persons may be nominated but only on the understanding that if granted a Travel Bursary such Bursar shall **not** be accompanied by his or her spouse.
2. Bursars must be sufficiently proficient in the English language so as to interact with the other members of the Tour party and to cope with those whom they will meet in the course of the Tour overseas. They should also be physically fit in order to undertake walking tours and cope with the intensive programme of activities.Bursars must be sufficiently proficient in the English language so as to interact with the other members of the Tour party and to cope with those whom they will meet in the course of the Tour overseas. They should also be physically fit in order to undertake walking tours and cope with the intensive programme of activities.

**University of KwaZulu-Natal**

**APPLICATION FOR ABE BAILEY TRAVEL BURSARY: 2025**

***NOTE: This application must be accompanied by*:**

* A CV which must contain the following information:
* Name and address
* Date of birth and nationality
* School/s attended
* Matriculation year and results
* Copies of school and university merit/achievement certificates (limited to 5)
* Copies of University degrees/diplomas and academic records
* Copies of ID, matric certificate and university academic records
* Statement of dates & purposes of any previous visits undertaken to Britain
* Extra-curricular activities at school and university
* Social and community service
  + A recent letter from each of **two r**eferees reporting on the character, leadership qualities, community service activities and personality of the nominee and suitability in terms of the Objectives of this Travel Bursary.
  + A personal letter of motivation as why he/she is applying for the bursary and how she/he will meet its objectives (this is essential). The objectives of a travel bursary are to experience and understand different cultures; to meet different people; to broaden the mind on the issues of the day. A proven ability to listen as well as to have the confidence to formulate and express an opinion is an essential prerequisite to selection as an Abe Bailey Travel Bursar.
  + Details of leadership roles in the community, at school and at university
  + A brief statement of the dates and purposes of any previous visits undertaken to the United Kingdom.
  + Confirmation of a valid South African passport.

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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

* SURNAME :-----------------------------------------------------------------
* TITLE------------------
* FIRST NAMES :------------------------------------------------------------
* CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:--------------------------------------------
* ………………………………………………………………………
* POSTAL CODE: ………………..
* TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOME:---------------------------------
* CELL :………………………….
* E-MAIL-------------------------------------------------
* STUDENT NUMBER : --------------------------------------------------------
* CURRENT DEGREE: ---------------------------------------------------------
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* DISCIPLINE: ------------------------------------------------------------------
* LEVEL OF STUDIES:…………………………………………………..

**NB : All completed application must be handed to the Financial Aid Advisor in your College. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.**

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