

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Will my employer keep my job open whilst I am away?**

One of the objectives of the Scholarship is that it develops your employment skills and therefore you will be a better employee as a result. Secondly since the Scholarship pays your wages/salary whilst you are away, there is no cost to the employer. Thirdly we will discuss with the winner of the Scholarship and their employer what time of year they would prefer to go abroad so that it ideally fits in around everything else and causes minimum disruption.

### **How will I pay my mortgage whilst I am away?**

You will continue to receive your normal salary from your employer whilst you are away. Therefore your mortgage payments can continue under whatever arrangements you already have in place.

### **How will my expense allowance be paid to me?**

Under the Scholarship you will receive an additional allowance to cover incidental expenses whilst you are away. This will be paid to you in advance of your arrival so that you can buy Travellers Cheques before you depart.

### **Who will pay for my accommodation during my stay?**

The trainer with whom you are placed will be required to provide you with free accommodation during your stay.

### **Will I need to open a foreign bank account?**

It should not be necessary for you to open a foreign bank account. However you should check with your own bank in the UK to confirm what access you have to your account here should you need to do so.

### **Will someone be able to help me arrange my phone for foreign use before I go?**

You should speak to your Network Provider who will be able to advise you. In particular you should check the tariff that you are on since some are very expensive to use abroad.

### **Will I be able to contact my foreign employer before departure?**

The administrative arrangements for your Scholarship will be made by the BRS. As part of this we will provide you with contact details and other relevant information.

### **Do I need a Visa? If so who will arrange this?**

The BRS will book your flight for you and as part of this will establish the requirement for any Visa and will advise you of the procedure to acquire it.

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**Will I need transport or will there be any available whilst I am away?**

This will depend on your employer and what you decide once you get there.

**Will I have a Mentor at the yard who I can talk to if I have a problem?**

We will make sure that before you go you will know who your point of contact is should you have a problem.

**Will it matter that I work in a Point to Point yard and not a professional yard?**

The Selection Committee will select the person who, in their opinion, meets most closely the objects of the Scholarship and the selection criteria.

**Will I have anyone from the BRS to liaise with whilst I am away?**

We request that you complete a Blog describing your experience and a fortnightly update which is distributed to the Trustees of the Scholarship. We will explain all this to you before you depart.

**What else will be expected of me whilst I am away?**

You will be expected to be a good example and ambassador of British racing. On return, you will be asked to come and brief the Management Committee of the Scholarship about your time abroad.