



South and East Museums Federation

Martin Howe Travel Bursary 2026

Each year, the Federation offers a travel bursary in honour of Martin Howe, an ex-President of the Fed who was involved with the organisation for many years. Martin Howe was Curator at Peterborough Museum from the 1980s to the early 1990s, when he became ill and died at a young age. His background was in archaeology and he had excavated all over the place including in Scandinavia, but by instinct he was a polymath, interested in and knowledgeable about a wide range of human history.

Together with Martin's widow, the Federation decided a travel bursary would be a small but fitting way to commemorate his life.

For the Luxembourg study trip in 2026 we will be offering two members bursaries. The bursary is open to any members of the South and East Museums Federation who have not been on a study trip previously.

- Further information on the trip will be sent out to members as it is firmed up in the Autumn.
- A condition of the bursary is that we will require you to submit a report on the trip to be published on the South & East Museums Federation website and further afield.
- **The bursary is aimed at those are in the early stages of their career in the sector,** and who have not been on a study trip before.

To apply for the bursary:

- You need to be a member of the South and East Museums Federation
- Send a letter of application to us telling us about yourself, your current role in museums, and why you want to go on the trip by **Monday 13th October**.
- Application to be a maximum of 500 words.
- Please email this letter to admin@semfed.org.uk
- We will acknowledge receipt of all applications.

We will contact all applicants re the committee's decision by **Monday 20th October**.

The value of the bursary is £200, to be paid on receipt of the recipient's report on return from the trip.

We look forward to reading your applications.

Sam Daisley

President – South and East Museums Federation