

This year BP is once again sponsoring the Year 1 and Year 2 scholarship awards / bursaries worth £2,000 each, as they have done for the last few years. This year the awards are being re-branded and will be known as the “**BP Achievement Awards**”.

There will be 3 bursaries available for Year 1 students studying a Chemistry based degree and a further 3 bursaries for Year 2 students.

The competition **opened for applications on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** and will **close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. As part of their application students will need to complete a 1,000 word essay on the following topics:

**Year 1:**

*The Marine Shipping Industry will see a shift to Low and Ultra-Low Sulphur Fuel (Diesel) in 2015. How will this change affect the global Diesel trend across all forms of transportation?*

**Year 2:**

*Using known analytical techniques, suggest how to gather more information on the formulation of Competitor Lubricant Products?*

I will be sending out emails to the relevant 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students distribution lists together with the relevant Application Form & essay question.

Applications will need to be returned to me by the closing date of February 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

A number of you may also be aware that in parallel, BP has invited 1<sup>st</sup> year students to apply for one of its STEM Scholarships, of which there are 10 available across the Faculty. These STEM Scholarships entitle the successful candidates to receive a £5,000 bursary from BP each year for the duration of their course (up to 4 years, excluding a paid year out in industry). Normally students would not be eligible for both a STEM Scholarship and an Achievement Award from BP, so you may wish to advise any 1<sup>st</sup> year students who are considering applying for both, to wait until they hear the outcome of their STEM Scholarship application – successful candidates will be notified by the end of January, before deciding whether to apply for an Achievement Award, the closing date of which is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

In terms of assessing the applications for the Achievement Awards, this will be undertaken in February. Students will then be notified of the outcome on their return for the Summer Term. The successful candidates will receive their £2,000 bursary shortly after notification, as well as being invited to a BP presentation on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about the Achievement Awards, please do not hesitate to contact Peter.Budd@manchester.ac.uk.