

IDS Travel Bursary 2027

The International Dendrology Society is offering travel bursaries for an enthusiastic student of botany or dendrology, or an employee within the broader horticultural or forestry sectors, to join a group of IDS members on one of our popular tours in 2027. This is an outstanding opportunity to see trees in arboreta and gardens and/or growing in their native habitat and to travel with IDS members, who may be knowledgeable amateurs or professionals responsible for tree collections all over the world.

We would like the applicant to explain very clearly why travelling to a particular destination will be an asset to their chosen career path. The maximum budget per bursary is £5,000; for some tours this will cover the total price of the tour but all applicants will be expected to pay some of the costs, either travel to the starting point or in the case of the more expensive tours part of the core tour price.

For further information about the tours, see the following links:

Morocco 23-30 March	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/morocco/
West Coast Scotland 25-30 April	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/west-coast-of-scotland/
Jersey 3-7 May	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/jersey-channel-islands/
Dorset, UK 10-15 May	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/dorset/
East Germany 23-30 May	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/east-germany/
N Tanzania 21 June-4 July	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/northern-tanzania/
SE Australia and Tasmania 14 Sept-4 Oct	https://www.dendrology.org/tour-info/south-east-australia/

The successful applicant must:

- Be a student of botany or horticulture or similar tree-related or employed in the horticultural, arboricultural, botanical or ecological sectors
- Have good spoken English
- Be primarily interested in woody plants
- Be willing to help with botanical and identification issues while on the tour
- Have an outgoing and friendly personality
- Write up the tour for the IDS Yearbook. Ideally the applicant would also provide photographs and short social media posts during the tour; some bursary recipients will be asked to present a webinar about their trip.

Your application should include:

- Your CV/resumé
- A written personal statement detailing your interest in woody plants and including the reason you have chosen the particular tour
- A recommendation from your institute of study or employer, from the head of the organisation, your line manager or professional mentor in woody plants.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in previous years are welcome to apply again.

Send the above application as a single document via email to the Chairman of the Science & Education Committee of the IDS, Antonia Johnson, scienceandeducation@dendrology.org. Applications must be received no later than 4 Oct 2026. Interviews will take place remotely later in October 2026.