



Purpose

Alan Little founded the Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library and served as Honorary Librarian for 40 years (1976-2016). Alan dedicated his life to researching the history of Wimbledon and the sport of Lawn Tennis in general. The Alan Little Bursary will be a fitting way to celebrate Alan's legacy by encouraging continued research in tennis history.

Terms

- The Alan Little Bursary is intended to be an annual competition, held among tennis researchers of any background, to produce an original piece of factual research into tennis history.
- The award of the Bursary will be made for an entirely new piece of research or for completion of a piece of research already underway. In either case, the research should be completed within one year of the award.
- Applicants should, with their entry, submit a proposal of around 1,000 words describing the nature of their proposed research, any work they have already done towards it, the value they think it will provide to the tennis history community and how the Bursary would enable them to complete the project.
- Any researcher submitting an entry warrants that he/she is and will be the owner of all copyright in the material submitted (except as otherwise stated) and that it is not and will not be a violation of any existing copyright.
- The award will be made after a panel of judges appointed by the AELTC has met to consider the submissions and decide upon the winner. The decision of the panel will be final. The judging panel will comprise representatives of the AELTC and one or more external member.
- The value of the Bursary will be £3500. The AELTC reserves the right not to make the award if no entries of adequate standard are received.
- The completed project should be 8,000-10,000 words in length.
- The winner(s) will be expected to use the Bursary to cover expenses incurred in undertaking their research, including visiting the Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library.
- The winner(s) will be expected to provide regular updates to Robert McNicol, Librarian at the Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library, and to visit the Library on an agreed number of occasions during the year. Robert McNicol will be available to provide advice and support throughout the course of the project.
- A copy of the completed research must be lodged with the Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library. In addition, the AELTC may consider the possibility of assisting with the publication of the research.