



# British Model Flying Association

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Dear Sir/Madam

## We are pleased to announce the launch of the British Model Flying Association 2020 University and Schools Payload Challenges

The British Model Flying Association is the United Kingdom's National Governing Body for the sport of model aircraft flying and one of its key aims is to increase interest in aviation and engineering through education.

The BMFA Payload Challenges require students to design, build and fly load-carrying model aircraft. The competitions have evolved to stretch the abilities of participating students and there is no doubt the development of a good aircraft requires each team to display design flair, technical knowledge and teamwork.

Judging is by a panel of professional engineers and the competition has attracted very favourable comment from external examiners, the challenge is partnered by the Royal Aeronautical Society and also enjoys the support of BAE SYSTEMS, Rolls Royce, RAF Engineering and the Royal Air Force Model Aircraft Association.

The competition benefits from cash prizes awarded to winning team members and their university/school department.

To enter your team complete the entry form on the final page of the appropriate brochure and post or Email to me at the address above along with the appropriate payment to register your entry(s) by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, due to the continually increasing interest in this competition this year will see a limit on the number of entries accepted in order to maintain a viable schedule, be sure to submit your entries as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

An entry fee of £125.00 per team (£75.00 for challenge 1 and 2) is payable on submission of entry form, please note that the entry fee is higher than previous years to reflect the provision of flight batteries for use during competition flights for all teams.



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The flying and presentation element of the competition will take place over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the British Model Flying Association National Centre near Grantham in Lincolnshire, (note: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> is a set up and preparation day and not an official competition day).

I look forward to meeting your teams at the 2020 Flight Challenge; in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Williamson', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Manny Williamson  
Development Officer  
(Challenge Co-ordinator)

**New for 2020:**

All flight batteries supplied by competition organisers – ensure you read notes on specification and connectors.