



POST-DOCTORAL COLLABORATIVE SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has established a Grant Scheme in order to cement a new or developing collaborative partnership between medical trainees and science-based trainees. Joint applications are invited from academic Histopathology trainees (Specialist Registrars or Honorary Specialist Registrars in Histopathology, who hold a doctoral degree, either PhD or MD, or are in the final year of a doctoral degree) in combination with a post-doctoral scientist (non-clinical scientist holding a PhD, employed at scientific grade 6-9). This grant scheme is particularly aimed at generating research data which may contribute towards a further application for a substantive research grant or an intermediate fellowship. The grant is intended to be used for reagents or contribute towards a piece of equipment for research, to initiate or underpin a project. Alternatively, money may be used to contribute towards salary costs, travel costs, or bioinformatics support. The Society will support research that is judged to be likely to lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals.

The application must be jointly submitted by one academic histopathology trainee AND one postdoctoral scientist. Applications could be considered from one histopathologist and two scientists, if the scientists represent different disciplines appropriate to the proposed collaborative project, e.g. laboratory and bioinformatics. Applicants are considered to be Co-Investigators, there is no option to have a Principal Investigator, since applicants are on an equal footing. The definition of 'scientist' is not prescriptive: this may cover biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, etc. International collaborations are acceptable provided the work is conducted principally in Great Britain and Ireland. Funded employment of both applicants must extend beyond the planned grant completion period. The grant should be used to fund work that will lead to an application for further (collaborative) funding. Industrial or commercial partnerships are acceptable provided there is a clear EKT (Enterprise and Knowledge Transfer) plan in place.

A maximum sum of **£15,000** will be allocated to any one collaborative partnership, with up to £7,500 for each applicant, but applications for smaller sums are welcome.

The terms and conditions of the Post-Doctoral Small Grants Scheme are as follows:

1. The academic histopathologist applicant must be a **member** of the Pathological Society in good standing for at least 12 months. The post-doctoral scientist applicant must be a member of the Pathological Society, must have been awarded a PhD higher degree and currently must be employed at scientific grade 6-9.
2. The post-doctoral **histopathologist applicant** should be based in **either Great Britain or Ireland** and should wish to undertake a tissue-based research project in pathology.
3. Application is on-line via the Society website www.pathsoc.org. Deadline dates **1 April** and **1 October**.
4. Projects cannot be supervised by first degree relatives
5. Awards will normally last for 1 year and a two-page report on the progress of the research must be sent to the Deputy Administrator within three months of the completion of the award. **Failure to provide a report will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.**
6. Only one application from an applicant is permitted in a twelve-month period
7. The recipients of a Post-Doctoral Small Grants Scheme are eligible to apply for a second award under this scheme provided they are able to demonstrate successful outputs from their first award and at least 12 months have elapsed since completion of the first award and the start of the second award. However, priority will be given to first time applicants over those applying for a second award.
8. The scientific and/or medical data derived from the work supported by the Grant should be presented at one of the Society's meetings within 2–3 years of the award. Such data should also be published in primary peer-reviewed journals. Any publications or related presentations at meetings by the recipient emanating in part or whole from the Society's support should be duly acknowledged and copies sent to the Society's Operations Coordinator.



9. The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within 6 months of the offer.

10. When commercialising PathSoc-funded IP the award holder must prioritise the delivery of public benefit. In addition to the reports required, the award holder must report promptly and fully to the Society on the commercialisation activities and enter into a revenue sharing agreement with the Society

Applications are reviewed by the Research subcommittee of the Pathological Society. Applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as practicable after the deadline dates.

Please note: The Pathological Society is a registered charity which is not in a position to provide full economic costs or overheads with regard to any funds awarded.