

TRAINEES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has established a Grant Scheme aimed primarily to encourage trainees (**Specialist Registrars or Honorary Specialist Registrars in Histopathology**), to undertake investigative research. This small grant scheme is particularly aimed at early career-stage trainees and should be used for generating research data which may contribute towards a substantive application to a research funding body (for example, a research training fellowship). The grant is intended to be used for reagents, small pieces of essential equipment or contribute to staff costs to initiate or underpin a project. The Society will support research that is judged to be likely to lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals or applications to research funding bodies and progression towards a higher degree.

A maximum sum of £15,000 will be allocated to any one person, but applications for smaller sums are welcome.

The terms and conditions of the Standard Small Grants Scheme are as follows:

- 1. Applicants must be members of the Pathological Society.
- 2. Applicants should be based in Great Britain and Ireland and should wish to undertake a tissue-based research project in pathology.
- 3. Application is on-line via the Society website. Deadline dates 1 April and 1 October.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Only one application from an applicant is permitted in a twelve month period
- 6. Projects cannot be supervised by a first degree relative
- 7. The recipients of an Early Career 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 between 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 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.