

JOINT GRANT SCHEME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UKRI MRC: POSTDOCTORAL CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

About the Grant

The *Postdoctoral Clinical Research Fellowship* is for trainee pathologists who have undertaken a PhD at some point before the start of their clinical pathology training. The aim of the Fellowship is to encourage trainees back into research to reacquire and update their research skills. The funding covers salary and consumables for up to 3 years.

Who is eligible?

Trainee members of the Society, based in Great Britain or Ireland, in a recognised Specialist Trainee 1-6 post in Histopathology, Veterinary or Oral Pathology. Applicants must have completed a PhD prior to start of pathology training. Applicants should have been a member of the Society for at least 12 months.

Term & Conditions

The Jean Shanks Foundation, Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland (JSPS) and Medical Research Council have established a new Fellowship which aims to support trainee pathologists who have completed a PhD at an early stage of their career (e.g., prior to, or during, undergraduate medical degree or before the start of pathology clinical training). The Fellowship aims to encourage trainees back into research to reacquire and update research skills. The funding covers salary and consumables for up to 3 years.

Applications will be judged by a peer review process which will focus on the personal qualities and motivation of the candidate, the relevance and quality of the research training programme, the originality and quality of the proposed research project, the strength of the supervision arrangements, the research infrastructure, as well as the benefits to the individual, to the Pathological Society, the Jean Shanks Foundation and the Medical Research Council. The process will be overseen by the Medical Research Council and involve members of the Pathological Society, nominees of the Jean Shanks Foundation and invited reviews from selected external reviewers.

The terms and conditions of the JSPS Intermediate Research Fellowship are as follows:

1. Applicants must have completed a PhD prior to the start of pathology training in either Histopathology, Veterinary or Oral Pathology. Applicants should have been a member of the Society for at least 12 months.
2. One Fellowship will be awarded per year, with 3 grant rounds each year
3. Projects cannot be supervised by first- or second-degree relatives
4. Grants will normally last for 1-3 years (the length must be specified in the application – allowances are made for maternity and paternity leave) and a one-page report on the progress of the research must be sent to the Society's Administrators/Operations Co-ordinator within three months of the completion of each year of the award. **Failure to provide a report will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.**
5. The scientific and/or medical data derived from the work supported by the grant should be presented at one of the Pathological Society's meetings within 2–3 years of the award. Such data



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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 Administrators/Operations Co-ordinator.

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

7. All recipients of JSPS funded schemes are required to attend a national JSPS research scheme progress review meeting and take to part in appropriate public relations activities.

8. To develop research strategy, the Society will routinely review academic career progression, and successful applicants are required to provide this information annually.

Applications are made through the MRC ([Clinical research training fellowship – UKRI!](#))

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and advised of a decision as soon as practicable after interview process.