

CONSULTANT'S PUMP-PRIMING SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has established a Grant Scheme aimed primarily to encourage Consultants (or Honorary Consultants) in Histopathology or Senior scientific non-clinical researchers (of at least Senior Lecturer level), to undertake investigative research. This Consultant's pump-priming small grant scheme is particularly aimed at initiating a new project (unrelated to the Applicant's previous research activity) or supporting a recently research-inactive individual to re-initiate research activity. Applicants are encouraged to develop innovative research ideas and techniques.

All applications for this scheme must include a named trainee as a co-applicant. The trainee may be Histopathology trainee or a biomedical scientist. The Grant is intended to be used for reagents or contribute towards a piece of equipment for research 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.

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

The terms and conditions of the Consultant's Pump-Priming Small Grants Scheme are as follows:

- 1. Applicants must be members of the Pathological Society. The senior applicant should be a member in good standing for at least 12 months.
- 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 www.pathsoc.org. 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 first degree relatives
- 7. The recipients of a Consultant's Pump-Priming 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 its completion 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.