

The Jean Shanks Foundation & Pathological Society Intermediate Research Fellowship

The Jean Shanks Foundation and Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland (JSPS) have established a new Fellowship which aims to support newly accredited pathologists during the period between completing their training (passing FRCPath part 2/completing the Certificate of Completion of Training) and obtaining full funding for a Clinician Scientist post through MRC, Wellcome, CRUK etc. The grant provides up to £120,000 over a maximum of 2 years, and is intended to cover 50% of salary costs (with 50% of salary provided by the NHS) and up to £20K consumables per year. Histopathologists and dental / oral pathologists based in the United Kingdom or Ireland are eligible.

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 and to the Jean Shanks Foundation. This peer review process will involve members of the Pathological Society Research Subcommittee, nominees of the Jean Shanks Foundation and invited reviews from selected external reviewers (coordinated by the Chair of the Pathological Society Research Subcommittee).

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

1. Applicants must have a PhD/MD and have completed clinical training at the time of taking up the award in either Histopathology or Dental / Oral Pathology. Applicants should have been a member of the Society for at least 12 months.
2. The application form must be submitted no later than **1 April & 1 October**.
3. Projects cannot be supervised by first- or second-degree relatives
4. Grants will normally last for 1-2 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 Deputy Administrator 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. If possible, 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 Deputy Administrator.
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 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.

Online application form and more detailed Guidance Notes for the Intermediate Fellowship Award are available online from the Pathological Society website www.pathsoc.org. Please email completed application forms to operations@pathsoc.org

Applications are reviewed by the Research Subcommittee together with discussions with nominees from the Jean Shanks Foundation and external reviewers. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and advised of a decision as soon as practicable after interview process.

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.