



PhD STUDENTSHIPS

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has established a PhD sponsorship scheme. Support will be given for a three-year PhD Studentship and will cover a stipend, a research training and support grant, and a conference allowance (at Medical Research Council levels, with London Weighting if applicable). Tuition fees will also be paid (at the level set for UK students), in addition to which research consumables costs will be covered up to £15 000 per annum. Two studentships will be awarded per annum and payments are made in three annual instalments, payable in September of each year.

Priority will be given to early career researchers in pathology, including Clinical Lecturers & Clinician Scientists in Histopathology and Senior Lecturers in Histopathology within their first five years.

The terms and conditions of the PhD studentship scheme are as follows:

1. Applications are invited from **members of the Society in good standing for at least 12 months who wish to act as supervisors** of a project which will lead to the award of a PhD for the student carrying out the work under their supervision. Applicants must be based and the research project undertaken in Great Britain or Ireland.
2. Applications will not be accepted from anyone already supervising 3 or more students.
3. Applications must be accompanied by documentary evidence of your institution's PhD Student Monitoring Programme.
4. Applications must be accompanied by evidence that the student will work in a suitable research environment (e.g. size of lab, numbers of research staff, record of previous PhD successes).
5. Applications must be accompanied by full details of the consumables costs
6. In line with guidelines from the Medical Research Council, cover will be provided for maternity and paternity leave.
7. Projects cannot be supervised by first degree relatives
8. Applications must be submitted on-line no later than **1 October** of the year preceding that in which the project is scheduled to begin.
9. A PhD studentship must be taken up within the following twelve months of the award being allocated.
10. Each application will be assessed by the Research Subcommittee and external referees. The final decision will be made by 31 December.
11. A one-page annual progress report and a two-page final report must be sent to the Deputy Administrator of the Society. **Failure to provide reports will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.**
12. The scientific and/or medical data derived from the work leading to the PhD should normally be presented at a scientific meeting of the Society and subsequently be published in primary peer-reviewed journals. Such publications or any related presentations at meetings by the recipients emanating in part or whole from the Society's sponsorship should be duly acknowledged and electronic copies sent to the Society's Deputy Administrator. Registration fees will be waived for attendance at the meeting.
13. To develop research strategy, the Society will routinely review academic career progression, and successful applicants are required to provide this information annually.
14. 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
15. The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within 6 months of the offer.

On-line application via the Society's website: www.pathsoc.org

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