TRAINEE – CLINICAL SCIENTIST PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDING SCHEME IN MORPHO-MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

This scheme aims to create long-lasting scientific partnerships between trainee pathologists and clinical scientists in the pathology and genomics arenas. It is designed to increase a) the molecular skills of trainee pathologists; b) the trainee’s ability to understand practical molecular principles of disease (e.g. genomic interpretation) and develop morpho-molecular designs to applied research; c) the level of collaboration and scientific partnership between clinical scientists broadly in the pathology/laboratory medicine/genomics arena and pathology trainees.

A sum of £50,000 is available for a period not exceeding three years and covers any aspect of the proposed project, i.e. part of the applicants’ salary or consumables.

The terms and conditions of the Trainee-Clinical Scientist Partnership are as follows:

1. Applicants must be trainee members of the Society, based in Great Britain or Ireland, in a recognised Specialist Trainee 2-6 post in Histopathology or Dental / Oral Pathology. Applicants should have been a member of the Society for at least 12 months.
2. Grants will normally last for 1-3 years (the length must be specified in the application) 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 the award. Failure to provide a report will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.
3. Applications should include (point 20 of the application) documentary evidence of your institution’s excellence in Tissue Molecular Pathology and that the student will work in a suitable research environment (e.g. size of lab, numbers of research staff, record of previous successes in this research space), both in a single document. The application also includes full details of the projected costs, as per point 19 of the application.
4. Applications are to be submitted on-line no later than 01 October.
5. Each application will be assessed by the Research Sub-committee. The final decision will be made by 31 December.
6. A one-page annual progress report and a two-page final report must be sent to the Deputy Administrator. Failure to provide reports will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.
7. The scientific and/or medical data derived from the work leading to high-quality, peer-reviewed publication in one of the lead pathology journals, or broader-scope journals with a similar measure of impact, should normally be presented at a scientific meeting of the Society ahead of publication. 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.
8. The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within 6 months of the offer.

Applications are reviewed by the Research Subcommittee. Applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as practicable after the deadline dates. Application forms can be completed on and / or uploaded to 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.