



Trainees Collaborative Small Grant Scheme

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has established a Small Grant Scheme to promote collaborative research networks between histopathology trainees in different UK institutions (NHS, Universities, research institutes, etc.). This scheme aims to support collaborative research work that will lead to submission of a manuscript to a peer-review journal, increasing the peer-reviewed research publication output for groups of motivated trainees. The scheme will provide up to a maximum of £10,000 per application that should be used to fund consumables, biomedical scientist research time and publishing fees (where appropriate).

Applicants may be research active (*i.e.*, ACFs, CRFs, ACLs) or may not be currently active but wish to engage in a research project. The majority of trainees named in the application should be histopathology (or subspecialty) trainees, although trainees from other disciplines may be included. For this scheme, a 'collaborative group' should consist of a maximum of 10 trainees.

The terms and conditions of the Trainees Collaborative Small Grant Scheme are as follows:

1. Application is through the online form available on the Society's website www.pathsoc.org. Deadline dates are **1 April** and **1 October**.
2. All applicants must be members of the Pathological Society, in good standing for at least 12 months. The application will identify a single lead applicant for the collaborative group and up to a maximum of 9 other co-applicants, from a minimum of 2 different universities, centres or institutes. All applicants should be based in either Great Britain or Ireland and should wish to undertake a tissue-based research project in pathology.
3. Awards of up to a maximum of £10,000 will be made by a competitive selection process and each award will normally last for 1 year.
4. The collaborative group lead applicant will provide a two-page report on completion of the research, which must be sent to the Deputy Administrator of the Society within three months of completion of the funding period. **Failure to provide a report will preclude future support for the lead applicant in this and other schemes run by the Society.**
5. Projects cannot be supervised by first degree relatives.
6. The recipients of a Trainees Collaborative Small Grants Scheme award 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 will have elapsed since completion of the first award and the start of the second award. However, priority will be given to first time applicants over those applying for a second award. An applicant cannot simultaneously apply to this scheme and to another Small Grant Scheme.
7. The scientific and/or medical data derived from the work supported by the award should be presented at one of the Society's meetings within 2–3 years of completion of the funding period. Such data should also be published in primary peer-reviewed research journals. Any publications or related presentations at meetings by the recipients emanating in part or whole from this scheme should acknowledge the Society's support, with copies sent to the Society's Deputy Administrator.
8. The Society will normally withdraw the offer of funding if the award is not accepted within 6 months of the offer.
9. 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 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 and is not in a position to provide full economic costs or overheads with regard to any funds awarded.