

The Jean Shanks Foundation and Pathological Society Summer Studentships

About the Grant

A student bursary to support Year 1 and Year 2 medical and dental students to carry out a research project in pathology during vacation periods.

Funding is provided as a student bursary of up to £220 per week, with a maximum of £1100 per student (equivalent to a 5-week placement).

The Jean Shanks Foundation and the Pathological Society have set aside £50,000 to fund this initiative and are keen to support up to 10 students per institution.

Who is eligible to supervise the student?

Research-active, medically qualified, Consultant Pathologists or Clinical Lecturers (or local equivalent), who are members of the Pathological Society and in a substantive or honorary post at a University or Research Institute. The fund is intended to enable the applicant to recruit and supervise a Year 1 or Year 2 medical or dental student, from their own or another institution. The Supervisor must be able to offer the student a pathology/tissue-based research project that has an established funding stream with clear aims and objectives (see application form). The Consultant Pathologist should also be able to provide insight into the clinical role of a pathologist.

First degree relatives are not permitted to act as Supervisors.

The student

We recommend undergraduate Pathological Society membership for the recruited student to make them eligible for support in attending the Winter Meeting, where submission of their work for presentation would be prioritised (travel bursaries are available for students, see website for the Pathological Society Meeting Bursary for Undergraduates <https://www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/travel-grants>). We encourage the applicant (or a member of their team) to plan to attend the Winter meeting (+/- social activities) with the student to support them.

Terms and Conditions

- 1. Applications are open any time between 1 January and 31 October each year.**
- 2. Applications must be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks before the project start date.**
- The applicant must be a member of the Pathological Society and based in Great Britain or Ireland.
- The applicant must be a medically qualified, research-active Consultant Pathologist or Clinical Lecturer (or equivalent, with protected time for research) who holds a substantive or honorary post at a Great Britain or Ireland University or Research Institute.

5. An applicant can apply for more than one bursary per year but must complete a full (and unique) application for each bursary.
6. Projects cannot be supervised by first- or second-degree relatives
7. The bursary must not be used for bench costs but paid directly to the student to cover costs such as travel, accommodation, etc.
8. If successful, the applicant must inform the Pathological Society of the student's details prior to the start of the placement so that the bursary can be paid directly to the student.
9. A student will only be eligible to receive one Pathological Society bursary at a time (i.e. a Summer Studentship-funded student cannot be simultaneously or consecutively funded by the Undergraduate Elective and Vacation Bursary in the same year).
10. Within 3 months of the completion of the studentship the applicant (Supervisor) must submit a report written by the student that should be no more than 600 words and should consist of:
 - 250/300 word scientific report including aims/objectives, techniques used and results.
 - 250/300 words on what they have learnt from the studentship about research and the research environment as well as any personal/professional skills it has helped them to develop.