

The BRS Barbara Mawer Travelling Fellowship



Purpose:

The principal aim of the Barbara Mawer Fellowship is to enable New Investigators (NI) (see criteria below) to spend time in another research group to learn a new technique or otherwise benefit from a specific expertise that is not currently available in their host laboratory/institution. A secondary aim of this scheme is to give NIs the opportunity to personally apply for funding, and gain experience of the grant writing process.

The Fellowship is intended primarily to fund travel and subsistence expenses for the duration of the visit; however, a small amount of lab-based consumables may be included in the application (if applicable). The total amount available per year is up to £3000 – which may be split between multiple applicants at the discretion of the BRS Committee.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be New Investigators (defined as being a current MD/PhD student or within 5 years of obtaining an MD/PhD) and must currently be a member of the BRS, and have been a member of the BRS for the preceding 6 months prior to application.

The application process

Applications

Should conform to the following guidelines and include the information requested.

1. A short (maximum 2 page) curriculum vitae of the NI
2. A completed **application form** which will include:
 - i. A list of publications most relevant to the application by the applicant and/or the applicant's/host laboratory
 - ii. An outline (1,500-word maximum) of the work you intend to carry out at the host laboratory (written by the applicant).

This outline should include:

- Title
- Summary
- Background
- Overall aim(s)
- Experimental approach
- Benefit for own project and NI career

- Benefit for Home laboratory
- References

iii. A breakdown of anticipated travel, accommodation, subsistence and if applicable consumable costs.

3. Confirmation of acceptance by host laboratory (letter of support)

The complete application, short CV and acceptance confirmation should be emailed to the BRS secretary: Dr Kate Ward (info@boneresearchsociety.org)

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by the BRS committee and rated according to the following criteria:

- Quality and originality of the proposal
- Suitability of the chosen host laboratory
- Quality of the candidate
- Perceived benefit to the home laboratory
- The feasibility of achieving the goal(s) of the visit and benefit for the project
- The extent to which this award will benefit the NI's future career

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. The applicant must be a member of the BRS and have been for the preceding 6 months prior to making an application.
2. The applicant must fulfil the criteria for a NI (on the submission deadline date).
3. All successful applicants must subsequently submit a final report to BRS (see below).
4. Any publications resulting from the visit must acknowledge BRS support and a copy must be sent to the BRS secretary.
5. Details of any other grant applications covering the same visit must be disclosed at the time of making the application.
6. It is up to the individual to arrange appropriate insurance to cover their visit. The BRS is not responsible for the health and safety of any individual while travelling to or from the receiving laboratory or during their visit.
7. Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively and must be taken up within 1 year of the award.

Final report

Successful candidates will be required to submit a report to the BRS within 3 months of their visit finishing. The report will be made available on the BRS website. The report should include the following:

1. Introduction/background - why you visited that particular lab
2. The results obtained and skills learned
3. Discussion of results and how new skills/knowledge will be incorporated into your own research