The BRS Barbara Mawer Travelling Fellowship

APPLICATION FORM 2026

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 award is up to £3000.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be NIs, defined as no more than 5 years post-PhD or other equivalent qualification based on full time equivalent work (allowances can be made for career breaks e.g. maternity leave/sickness/changing careers or for those working part time; see section 6).
Applicants must be a member of good standing of the BRS for at least 6 months.

1. PROJECT DETAILS	
Project title:	
Project duration:	
Total funding requested:	

2. APPLICANT DETAILS	
Applicant name:	
Department/Institution:	
Position held:	
Lead applicant email:	
BRS membership number & date joined BRS:	
MD/PhD start/end dates:	

3. PUBLICATIONS (expand as necessary)

Publications most relevant to the application by the applicant and/or the applicant's/host laboratory

4. SCIENTIFIC SUMMARY (expand as necessary; 1500 word maximum for i-vi)

i. Summary

ii. Background

iii. Aim(s)

iv. Experimental approach

v. Benefit to own project and career

vi. Benefit to home laboratory

vii. References

5. COSTINGS

Please provide a breakdown of anticipated travel, accommodation, subsistence and, if applicable, consumable costs.

6. ELIGIBILITY

Please detail any relevant details here that will consider on an individual basis e.g.timing of an career breaks; maternity leave/sickness/changing careers or for those working part time.

7. DECLARATION

I confirm I am a New Investigator (defined as being a current PhD / MD student or within 5 years of obtaining an PhD / MD) and I am a current member of the BRS and have been for at least 6 months.

Signed **Date**

Print name

In order to be considered this application form MUST be accompanied by both:

1. A short (maximum 2 page) curriculum vitae for the new investigator
2. Confirmation of acceptance by host laboratory / institution (*i.e.* letter of support)

Please send completed application form, short CV and confirmation from the host institute **AS ONE COMBINED PDF** to info@boneresearchsociety.org by November 23 2026 at 17:00.

The BRS Barbra Mawer Travelling Fellowship

Purpose

The primary aim of the Fellowship is to enable new investigators (see criteria below) to spend time in another laboratory to learn a technique not currently used in the home laboratory. A secondary aim is to give new investigators the opportunity to apply for their own funding, therefore experience 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 applied for (if applicable). The amount available is up to £3000 per award.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be new investigators (defined as being PhD students or Post-Docs within 5 years of obtaining a PhD) and a BRS member of good standing for at least 6 months.

Selection criteria

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

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 of the visit and benefit for the project
How this award will benefit the NI future career

The application

Should consist of the following and conforming to the guidelines:

1. A short (maximum 2 page) curriculum vitae of the NI

2. A list of publications of the applicant and/or the applicant's/host laboratory relevant to the application

3. A 1,500-word outline of the work you intend to carry out at the host laboratory (written by the applicant).

This should include:

- Title of the project
- Summary of the project
- Background of the project

- Overall aim of the project
- Main lines of experimental approach
- Benefit for own project
- Benefit for home laboratory
- References

4. Confirmation of acceptance by host laboratory

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

Final report and dissemination

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

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

Successful candidates will be required to disseminate their report at the next Annual BRS meeting after their visit (either in person or via a pre-recorded video presentation.)

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. The applicant must have been a member of the BRS for at least 6 months prior to the deadline.
2. The applicant must be a NI
3. All successful applicants must submit a report to BRS within 3 months of completion of a visit describing the work carried out, techniques studied and benefits gained.
4. Any publications resulting from the visit must acknowledge the 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 completed within 1 year.