



Research Pump-Priming Award

Value: up to £20,000

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications may be made for a research pump priming award of **up to a total of £20,000**, to support a research project that will enable an application for external grant or fellowship to be made. The research should be on a topic relating to Rehabilitation Medicine.

The scholarship is open to BSRM ***Full** members of 2 or more years standing, in the UK or Ireland.

Queries can be addressed to Dr Margaret Phillips, Chair Research and Clinical Standards Subcommittee.

The applicant

The applicant must have been a *full BSRM member for at least two years and living in the UK or Ireland. He or she will have an academic track record that shows evidence of at least one successful publication and/or grant application.

**categories for full membership include Ordinary and Trainee members.*

The research environment

If the applicant is in a training grade the application must be supported by a statement that the applicant's nominated academic supervisor will provide effective support. If they are not in training the application must be supported by their clinical director and by a university-based collaborator, including a statement that specific research time will be included in their job plan if the award is granted. [The grants are eligible for National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) non-commercial partner status].

The project

The project will be judged on its merit as a research project and on its suitability to fit into a future programme of research. It can be a stand-alone research project, a pilot or a feasibility study, with a maximum recruitment phase of one year. If awarded, funds will only be released once proof of ethical approval and R&D sponsorship (if required) is given. The applicant should demonstrate in their application how the project fits in with the strategic aims of the BSRM.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be sent to prizes@bsrm.co.uk **by 30 September and must include:**

- the application form
- a brief curriculum vitae
- a letter of support from the Educational and Academic Supervisors or Clinical Director and University collaborator.

Following receipt of the application the process is as follows:

- **Shortlisting:** Applications will be shortlisted by the research fellowship panel. Applicants will be notified if their project has been shortlisted and invited to a 'virtual' interview.
- **Peer review:** shortlisted applications are sent for peer review.
- **Interviews and presentations:** applicants will present their project proposal and answer questions at a 'virtual' interview with the research fellowship panel.
- **Funding decisions:** applicants will be notified of the panel's final decision within 3 months of the closing date for applications.

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Successful applicants must submit a publication to a peer reviewed journal within 1 year of the end of the project. The publication should acknowledge the support of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine.
2. Successful applicants should submit an abstract to the BSRM Annual Meeting. *Failure to meet this condition will require the recipient to return the scholarship funds in full.*