

BSN International Conference Travel Fund

Deadlines: 1st March and 1st September

Rules

Eligibility

- **All members**, including academic staff, post-doctoral research fellows and postgraduate students.
- You must have been a member of the BSN for at least 12 months. See website for details on how to join the BSN - <http://www.neuroendo.org.uk/>

Summary

- Strictly for supporting attendance at *international conferences and meetings*, including those held in the UK. N.B. A separate travel bursary scheme for postgraduate students and young post docs is available to those attending annual BSN meetings in the UK.
- You must be personally presenting your work at the conference.
- Awards are to support registration, travel and accommodation (not subsistence) and receipts for these costs are required upon return.
- Applications must be made in advance: retrospective applications will not be considered. Contact the BSN Treasurer for advice if the timing of your conference is problematical for award application deadlines.

Award value

- Awards will be up to a maximum of £500. Up to 20 awards may be made per year, with generally no more than half these being made at the first annual deadline.

Application form and deadlines

- Please complete the application form, which can be downloaded from the BSN webpages.
- Deadlines for application will be 1st March and 1st September each year – applications received after the deadlines will not be considered.
- Please submit your application by e-mail to the BSN Treasurer. For postgraduate students an e-mail is required from your supervisor approving your application.

Awards Committee

- A subgroup of the BSN Committee chaired by the Society's Treasurer will act as the Awards Committee for this Fund.
- Members of the Committee will not take any part in an award round in which they have sponsored an application, or have themselves applied.

Award criteria

In the event that there are more applicants than awards available, decisions as to whether to fund and/or the level of funding will use the following criteria:

Applicants will be favoured if:

- they have not received a travel fund award within the last 2 years (excluding any Society subsidy to attend ICN)
- if previously having received any BSN funding award, they submitted a newsletter report
- there are added benefits to the neuroendocrine community, such as visiting and presenting at a local lab

- they are young (<5yr as a postdoc) and/or attending their first international meeting
- they have attended a BSN conference (only applies to UK members of >5yr standing)
- they have no other sources of travel funding unless asking for a small top up sum (e.g. <£300)

A short report on the conference is expected within 1 month of the end of the project – and may be published in the BSN newsletter

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