

BSN Research Visit Grant

Deadlines: 1st March and 1st September

Rules

Eligibility

- **All members** including academic staff, post-doctoral research fellows and postgraduate students, wishing to either visit another lab, or host a visit.
- 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 neuroendocrinologists visiting research labs in the UK, Europe or the rest of the world in order to learn a technique or to carry out experiments essential to their project (may include more than 1 trip if necessary).
- Awards are to support travel and accommodation (not subsistence), and receipts for these costs are required upon return.
- Some financial support is available for limited and identified consumables required for the techniques to be used.

Further information

- Applications must be made in advance: retrospective applications will not be considered. Contact the Society Treasurer.

Award value

Awards will be up to a maximum of £3000 for travel, accommodation and identified consumables. Up to 6 awards (or a total of £18k) will be made per year, with generally no more than half of 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. Justification for the grant is necessary.
- 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..

Award Committee

- A subgroup of the BSN Committee chaired by the society's Treasurer will act as the Grants Committee.
- 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:

- the research is likely to be especially productive and/or provides specialised experience that cannot be achieved in the home lab.
- they have not received a Research Visit grant within the last 2 years
- if previously having received any BSN funding award, they submitted a newsletter report
- they have attended a BSN conference (only applies to UK members of >5yr standing)
- they have no other sources of funding unless asking for a small top up sum (e.g. <£300)

A short report on the research visit is expected within 2 months of the end of the visit (s) – to be submitted to the Treasurer, and it is anticipated that data will be presented at a subsequent BSN conference. Recipients are strongly encouraged to publish manuscripts resulting from the work conducted during the visit in the Journal of Neuroendocrinology.