

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> May**

## **Rules**

### **Eligibility**

- The host supervisor should apply on behalf of a selected named student that they consider suitable for a project in their lab.
- Students may be of any nationality.
- Undergraduate students or students immediately after graduation or prior to starting MSc or PhD studies are eligible.
- The host supervisor 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 short vacation research projects (max. 8 weeks).
- Awards are primarily to support student accommodation and subsistence.
- Some financial support is available for limited and identified lab consumables required for the techniques to be used.

### **Further information**

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

### **Award value**

- Up to 6 awards per year will be granted.
- Awards will be £130 per week for a maximum of 8 weeks (£150 per week in London), and will be paid in 1 lump sum to the student.
- Additionally, up to £1000 per award is available for identified consumables.

### **Application form and deadlines**

- Please complete the [application form](#), which can be downloaded from the BSN webpages. Justification for the grant is necessary.
- Deadline for application will strictly be 15<sup>th</sup> May each year – applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Please submit your application by e-mail to the BSN Treasurer.

### **Awards 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:

- they have no other sources of support, unless asking for a small top up sum (e.g. <£500)
- proposed Supervisor has not received a Student Lab Experience award within the last 2 years
- if previously having received any BSN funding award, they submitted a newsletter report
- proposed Supervisor has attended a BSN conference (only applies to UK members of >5yr standing)

Proposals will be favoured if:

- the project is neuroendocrine, of high quality, and is novel and achievable
- there is clear additional benefit to the student over and above any previous placements or research project experience, excellence in training, and a clear role for the student
- the student displays evidence of enthusiasm and motivation

**A short report on the laboratory experience is expected within 2 months of the end of the project – to be submitted to the Treasurer.**

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