

BSN Research Visit Grant – Application Guidelines

Application deadline: 1 March and 1 September

Maximum award: £6,000

Who can apply?

This fund is open to all BSN members, including:

- Academic staff
- Postdoctoral researchers
- Postgraduate students

To be eligible, you must have been a BSN member for at least 6 months before applying. Not a member yet? <u>Join us here</u>.

Purpose of the fund

This grant supports visits to research laboratories within the UK, Europe, or internationally, to:

- Learn new techniques
- Carry out essential experiments for a research project

Multiple trips may be supported, if justified.

The grant may cover:

- Travel and accommodation (subsistence not included)
- Salary costs
- Essential and identified consumables directly related to the technique(s) being used
- Receipts for these costs are required upon return

How much can you apply for?

- Up to £6,000 per grant.
- A total of 6 awards (or £36,000) will be available annually.
- Typically, there are two rounds of funding each year and no more than half of these are awarded in the first funding round.

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How to apply?

- 1. Log in to the BSN Membership Portal.
- 2. Go to Me and the BSN > Grants.
- 3. Complete the application form, including:
 - A detailed justification for the costs.
 - o Postgraduate students must include a letter of support from their supervisor.

Important deadlines

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Late or retrospective applications will not be considered.

Previously unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply, but revised applications will be treated as new submissions.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are reviewed by a subgroup of the BSN Committee, led by the Grants Committee Chair.

Grants are assessed on:

- Scientific merit
- Fit to BSN's remit
- Benefit to the applicant's research or career

If demand exceeds available funding, priority will be given to applicants whose:

- Research is highly promising, and/or
- Project offers unique training opportunities not available in their home institution
- Application demonstrates prior engagement with the BSN, such as:
 - Attendance at BSN annual meetings
 - o Publications in the Journal of Neuroendocrinology

All decisions are final. Unfortunately, we cannot enter into correspondence regarding outcomes.

Reporting requirements

Successful applicants must complete a Grants Report Form within 6 months of completing the visit.

Please note: Future grant applications will not be considered until your report has been submitted.

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