

British Society for Neuroendocrinology Project Support Grant Rules

Deadline: 1 May, 1 October

Eligibility

- Applicants must be **non-tenured** postgraduate or post-doctoral researchers **or** Academic/Faculty staff who apply on behalf of a student. **Non-UK based BSN members are eligible to apply.**
- Applicants must have been a member of the British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) for at least 6 months. Join today: www.neuroendo.org.uk/join
- Students nominated for project support by academic staff must also become BSN members.
- Applicants who have received funding in the past may apply again under the grant scheme however subsequent applications will be assessed in open competition with other applications and further funding is not guaranteed. Previous awardees will need to demonstrate that a past grant has been used productively and has led to funding applications elsewhere. Previously unsuccessful applicants under this scheme are encouraged to reapply.
- Applicants who have had active participation in the BSN or previously published in the *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* will be looked on favourably.
- To ensure fairness, typically, in any one round no two grants will be awarded to more than one individual in the same research team.

Summary

- Strictly to provide support for consumables/other research costs to enable postdoctoral scientists or students to carry out the best possible neuroendocrine research project. This will allow early career researchers (postdocs or students) to get an excellent research experience with the objective that this will help them to perform independent neuroendocrine research or enable students to experience neuroendocrinology and encourage them to remain in the field.
- Funds can be used flexibly to provide salary support where full justification is made. For such applications, a letter must be included from the researchers Institution assuring that, if funded, the BSN would not carry any contractual liability to the researcher.
- The scheme can benefit BSN members who are in the early stages of their independent career, or those who have limited grant income, in providing leverage for them to compete for studentships to train students in their labs or to complete pilot experiments necessary for major external grant applications.
- The scheme is intended to support early career scientists, either PhD studentships, or small projects. It will also provide resource for MRes and where appropriate undergraduate projects.
- Published work resulting from the Project Support Grant should clearly acknowledge the BSN funding.
- Awards will be up to a maximum of £7000 for identified consumables/research costs. Up to 12 awards will be made available per year, with two rounds of funding per year (1 May and 1 October).

How to apply

- Applications must be made through the BSN membership portal. Please log-in and then navigate to Me and the BSN > Grants.
- Full justification for the grant is required.

Deadlines

- Deadlines for application are 1 May and 1 October each year.
- Applications must be made in advance and late or retrospective applications will not be considered.

Awards Committee

A subgroup of the BSN Committee chaired by the Grants Committee Chair will act as the Awards Committee for this Fund.

Award criteria

In the event that there are more fundable applicants than awards available, applicants will be favoured if:

- They are ECRs without other available funding.
- They have not received a BSN fund award within the last 2 years (excluding any Society subsidy to attend the International Congress of Neuroendocrinology).

The decision of the grants committee is final. **Correspondence will not be entered into with regard to award decisions.**

Post-award financial queries should be directed to theteam@neuroendo.org.uk in the first instance.

Grants Report Form

All successful grant applicants are expected to submit a Grants Report Form no later than 6 months after the end of the grant. This will be emailed to successful applicants. Please note, future grants will not be awarded if no Grants Report Form has been received.