

Regulations & Application Process

Background

Bowel Research UK (BRUK) is delighted to announce the return of our successful Travelling Research Fellowships. They offer a unique opportunity for recently appointed medical or nursing consultant members of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) to visit UK and overseas centres of excellence and undertake a period of research or promote a collaboration. This is most likely to be of interest to ACPGBI members already engaged in collaborative work but may also be used to promote a new multicentre research collaboration or undertake a period of scientific or clinical research.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a medical or nursing consultant member of ACPGBI within 7 years of substantive appointment on the day of closure of applications. This has been extended from a standard of 5 years in view of the impact of the Covid19 pandemic on colorectal research work, and will reduce to 6 years in 2025 before returning to 5

Terms and Conditions

The Fellowship must be taken up within 6 months of the award.

Reasonable travel expenses will be paid, together with other expenses up to a maximum of £5,000 upon submission of receipts.

The successful Fellow will be expected to provide a written report, participate in publicity about the Fellowship and be prepared to give a presentation at the ACPGBI annual meeting.

Application Process

Applications **must** be submitted on the official application form and should not exceed a maximum of 3, 1.5-spaced sides of A4 in 12-point typeface including bibliographic references and CV.

The application must include:

Summary of the project (including location of project, department, city, country, name of supervisor, sponsor of study)

Suitability of applicant to undertake the proposed research

Reason for choosing particular location(s) for research

Demonstration of benefit to Bowel Research UK & ACPGBI

Personal bibliography of up to 5 peer reviewed references

Curriculum vitae

(Bibliography and CV to occupy no more than 1 page)

Selection Process

The Fellowship will be advertised by email to all ordinary and nursing members of ACPGBI.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel of representatives from Bowel Research UK and ACPGBI. Interviews are ideally to be held in person.

Travel expenses to attend interviews may be claimed upon submission of receipts as follows:

- **Rail fares:** BRUK will pay second class rail fares. Other public transport costs will be met.
- **Taxi:** BRUK will refund the use of taxis only where there is no suitable public transport alternative.
- **Air fares:** Low cost budget airlines are encouraged.
- **Mileage Allowance:** The car mileage allowance is 40p per mile.
- **Overnight Accommodation:** Overnight accommodation expenses will be considered upon prior application and approval

Decision on Applications

No correspondence about or appeals against the panel's decision will be permitted. BRUK may give feedback upon request to unsuccessful applicants and may provide formal guidance for future applications. Unsuccessful applicants may apply for the fellowship again in future years provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

Submission of Applications

Please send electronic applications to **Glen Saffery** prior to the closing date at glen@bowelresearchuk.org

Application closing date: 5pm Monday 19th February

Interview date for shortlisted candidates: To be confirmed

Further Information

For enquiries, please contact **Glen Saffery** on glen@bowelresearchuk.org