



BRITISH SOCIETY FOR MICROBIAL TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY EDUCATION GRANTS

Who are we?

The BSMT is a not-for-profit organisation of microbiologists working mainly in the NHS and Health Protection Agency as healthcare scientists and medical microbiologists. The society's aim is to promote an exchange of information on laboratory practices in clinical microbiology.

The society was founded in 1985 by a group of colleagues from a widespread geographical area who had a common interest in antimicrobial susceptibility testing and who were concerned about the plethora of methods, the lack of acceptable controls and the need for validation of procedures and recommendations on interpretation and performance. With an increasing array of new antibacterial drugs, as well as novel idiosyncratic pathogens being recognised, there was a need for a forum to discuss and to attempt to identify and address these concerns.

Since then, the BSMT has become broader in its interests, and its Annual Scientific Meeting and workshops have covered many different aspects of microbial technology and management.

<http://www.bsmt.org.uk>

About the Education Grants

The BSMT aims to offer ten £250 Laboratory Education Grants each year. Ideally, these will support the practical side of laboratory-orientated education. For example, they may be used to purchase consumables or commercial kits used in the project module of microbiology courses. The grants will not normally be awarded to applicants who have received grants from other sources but will be available to those who have funding for tuition fees but not for project consumables. All applications will be considered by the BSMT committee who, if necessary, may call upon peer reviewers, and a decision should normally be reached within one month. Preference will be given to applicants studying on accredited (IBMS or otherwise) degree courses, to those wishing to perform practical work and to candidates who are fully aware of ethical considerations, statistical validity, time-frame restraints and so on. Preference will also be given to centres that have previously been represented at BSMT meetings. The BSMT will require: a continued update of each candidate's progress; a written acknowledgement of its involvement within the project; a final electronic copy of the report and for the candidate to present their findings as a poster or oral presentation at a BSMT meeting.

Applicant's details

Name Date of birth

Institution

Address

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Tel No Fax No Email

Post held Proposed project start date

Institution where the work will be performed

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Supervisor

Supervisor email.....Supervisor telephone.....

Reason for application

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Project title

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Project details (electronic format)

Please give the following information under the following headings in a font size of not less than 10 points using no more than two sides of A4 paper: Objectives; Background; Experimental methods; References; Proposed project start date; Use of BSMT grant.

Declarations (please tick and sign)

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application form and the electronic submission is accurate and complete.

I have made the BSMT aware of other funding accessed for this project.

I have read and understood the conditions under which the grant is awarded and, if an award is made, I agree to abide by them.

I understand that failure to abide by the conditions will jeopardise the success of future applications from my establishment.

The facilities in which the research will be carried out will be available for the proposed start of the award.

My degree course is IBMS or otherwise accredited (please state)

I have obtained necessary ethical permission

I believe that any data will be statistical valid

I am aware of time-frame restraints

My centre has been represented at previous BSMT meetings

I will provide the BSMT with a continued update of my project's progress

I will insert a written acknowledgement of the BSMT's support within the project

I will supply the BSMT with a final electronic copy of the report

I agree to present my findings as a poster or oral presentation at a BSMT meeting.

Signature of applicant

Signature of Project Supervisor

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Please post your completed application form to Dr Trevor Winstanley, Chairman of BSMT, Department of Microbiology, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2JF and send project details in an electronic format to tgwinstanley@hotmail.com. For further information call 0114 271 3129 or contact tgwinstanley@hotmail.com