

## **Society for Endocrinology Grants**

### **Guidance for Applicants** *(to be read by all applicants before application)*

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#### **General Guidance**

As part of the Society for Endocrinology's 2023 strategic review, we have adapted our grants portfolio to ensure that we are effectively meeting the funding needs of our members post-pandemic, supporting members at all career stages, and operating a transparent application and award process. Our new grants portfolio has 4 grant types:

1. **Research:** to support members' research and audit activities
2. **Meeting, Travel & Learning:** to support members to organise meetings and events. This grant will also fund travel for the dissemination of research, for collaborations and to learn new skills
3. **Teaching:** to support teaching in endocrinology at all stages, supporting both students and teachers
4. **Outreach:** funding for members and patient support groups for outreach activities aimed at patients or the public.

A new dedicated Grants Panel will mark applications and award grants based on merit, within the financial parameters set by the Society's Council of Trustees, and with transparent processes underpinned by best practice in the field (guided by the [Association of Medical Research Charities](#) and robust principles of equality, diversity and inclusion, informed by [the Society's recent governance review](#)).

Except in exceptional circumstances, the Society would prefer to enable the maximum number of members to benefit from small/pump priming grant support and so applicants are asked to be realistic and modest with requests and explicit about the value and pathway to impact.

The Society actively encourages applications for proposals with matched-funding support, whether that is from an institution, another Society or industry (evidence will be requested before awards are made).

There will be 3 deadlines a year and applications for all 4 grants types will be accepted at each deadline. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively. Applicants will be informed of results approximately 7 weeks after the application deadline.

Barriers to application have been removed and ALL members will be eligible to apply for ALL grants; Single and multiple co-applicant applications are welcome from members. However, the only caveat is that Student Members should not be the primary applicant, but are welcome to be a named co-applicant, which will benefit their CV and career development.

Primary Applicants should have been a Society member for at least one year prior to the grant deadline or for 6 months for an Early Career member.

[Society for Endocrinology affiliated Patient Support Groups](#) are welcome to apply for the Outreach grant, either alone, jointly with another affiliated Patient Support Group or in collaboration with Society members.

All grants are highly competitive and so applicants are encouraged to read the guidance carefully in advance, to be specific and detailed when answering questions on the application form and to seek advice and feedback from colleagues before submitting the final application.

Successful grant awardees will be required to submit a report and details of the timeline will be provided in the award letter. There may be additional expectations of outcomes from the applicants as detailed in each grant type.

If you have additional questions or seek clarification, before applying, please contact [grants@endocrinology.org](mailto:grants@endocrinology.org)

## **Specific Guidance**

### **1. Research Grants**

#### ***Scope***

The Society offers small grants and grants-in-aid to support members with any aspect of research and audit costs (except salary and institutional overheads). A non-exclusive list of examples, would include consumables, equipment, service provision, data analysis, facility access, seed funding for pilot studies or to complete projects. These grants are particularly suitable for supporting unanticipated costs to complete a PhD or Early Career Researcher (ECR) project or for enabling the collection of preliminary data to leverage funding from national funding bodies. Pedagogical research in endocrinology is also allowed under the scope of the research grant section providing the research outcomes are clearly justified. The Society also welcomes applications which assist members to re-establish their research after a career break or change of field.

#### ***Indicative values***

The Society welcomes applications for up to £2,000 for minor research related costs, or up to £4,000 for more significant proposals. In exceptional circumstances, grants above £4,000 may be considered, however, applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposal with the Society prior to application.

In addition, the Society will be administering grants on behalf of the Clinical Endocrinology Journal Foundation (CEJF) and it is anticipated that funding will be available to support one grant of up to £25,000 each year. Details will be provided once confirmed.

### **2. Meeting, Learning and Travel Grants**

#### ***Scope***

These grants are to support members in the organisation of a wide range of endocrine events and meetings; small or large and with a clinical or scientific focus. Meetings may include conference formats or round table discussions and workshop meetings. When grants are awarded to run a conference or large meeting, the organisers will be expected to contribute to a themed edition for one of the Society journals.

These grants may also be used for visits to labs and other institutions for research or clinical skills, to form collaborations or to learn techniques. In exceptional circumstances, the Society will consider funding for professional training courses where they are directly related to endocrinology.

Travel grants-in-aid will also be considered for attendance at Society for Endocrinology events. A limited number of grants will be available for attendance at overseas events, where the applicant can demonstrate added value by incorporating additional activities (such as a lab visit, departmental seminar, research visit etc). To be considered for a grant for international travel, applicants are expected to have attended the Society's annual conference, SfE BES, at least once, in the past three years (e.g. to have attended either SfE BES 2021, 2022 or 2023).

Travel grants are highly competitive and applicants wishing to attend SfE BES or other scientific conferences will need to provide evidence of an accepted abstract or the grant will be withdrawn. Grants are not awarded retrospectively, and so please do apply in advance to the appropriate grant deadline.

#### ***Indicative values***

It is anticipated that the maximum award to assist with the organisation of a conference or large meeting would be £4,000, however, requests for smaller amounts are actively encouraged as these enable more initiatives to be supported.

It is anticipated that the majority of awards for funding visits for research or training or to learn new skills and for professional courses will be under £2,000.

Grants-in-aid for up to £600 will be considered for Society for Endocrinology events and up to £750 for international endocrine related events.

### **3. Teaching Grants**

#### ***Scope***

Funding is available to support Society members with all aspects of teaching in endocrinology as well as initiatives to inspire the next generation. The scope for this grant is wide and the Society is particularly keen to receive applications for educational initiatives which can translate into a resource or model to be used by other members. A non-exclusive list of suggested uses for this grant include teaching resources, educational equipment, programme design [e.g. Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)], training in teaching tools (e.g. AI), student prizes, expenses to invite guest lecturers for undergraduate/postgraduate teaching programmes. This grant can also be used to support undergraduate Summer Studentships and for nurses to complete the SfE-Oxford Brookes Masters Module in Endocrine Nursing. If relevant, grant recipients will be asked to contribute to the teaching break-out session at SfE BES in the year following their award.

#### ***Indicative values***

It is anticipated that the majority of awards would be for small grants of under £750.

SfE-Oxford Brookes Masters Module in Endocrine Nursing registration is currently £1000.

Summer Studentships applications will be considered up to £185/week for a maximum of 10 weeks student stipend. For these applications, the primary applicant should be a Society member and be either the home or host supervisor for a named Student Member of the Society.

Please note that Pedagogical Research in endocrinology is also allowed under the scope of the research grant section providing the research outcomes are clearly justified.

## **4. Outreach Grants**

### ***Scope***

Funding is available for Society members and Society affiliated patient support groups for outreach activities aimed at the public or patients to help to engage more people with endocrinology and its impact. The scope for this grant is wide. For example, applications could be for funding to support public engagement activities and resource development; patient engagement and support activities; scoping Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) before a research study; for Endocrine Ambassadors to pay for speaker travel expenses for a member recruitment event; for affiliated Patient Support Groups to travel to exhibit at a Society event.

Society members and Society affiliated patient support groups may submit joint applications, if desired.

### ***Indicative values***

It is anticipated that the maximum award would be for small grants of up to £750, however, requests for smaller amounts are actively encouraged as these enable more initiatives to be supported (e.g. travel expenses which may be under £100).