

## **THE JEAN SHANKS & PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (JSPS) MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP (MRP) GRANT**

The Jean Shanks Foundation and the Pathological Society (JSPS) together provide funding for a “*JSPS Multidisciplinary Research Partnership*” grant that is designed to offer support for NHS pathologists (trainees & consultants) who wish to undertake research but not become Principal Investigators. The grant aims to encourage pathologists with an MD or PhD (or equivalent) to participate in high-quality research collaborations with established leading biomedical researchers. Funding covers 3 or 4 Programmed Activities (PAs) for research over three years in the first instance. Interested potential applicants should submit a one-page preliminary outline to Professor Gareth Thomas ([g.thomas@soton.ac.uk](mailto:g.thomas@soton.ac.uk)) and Professor Adrienne Flanagan ([a.flanagan@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:a.flanagan@ucl.ac.uk)).

**Full application deadline: 1 April & 1 October**

**Terms and Conditions of the “JSPS Multidisciplinary Research Partnership Grant” are as follows:**

**The applicant:**

- should have completed a PhD/MD or equivalent
- be in a recognised NHS training or consultant post in Histopathology or Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
- should have held a category of membership of the Society, preferably for at least two years

**The project:**

- should be in a field appropriate to the aims of the Society
- should be within a research laboratory which has a strong track record of high-quality research with programme funding and publications
- should be of sufficient ambition to challenge the applicant in his/her academic development
- the host department should undertake to make suitable infrastructure, laboratory space and equipment available to the applicant for the duration of the award

**Funding:**

- support provided would cover salary costs up to a maximum of 4PAs, but not fewer than 3PAs for three years in the first instance with laboratory costs of up to £20K per year.
- funds would not replace NIHR/BRC or other funding available to an applicant at present – this funding can build on previous or existing funding or more importantly is for those without any funding but have a track record of active research at some stage in their career
- applicants will need the support of their clinical directorate and host University/Institute to undertake the research programme, evidenced by signature in the EOI form.

Projects cannot be supervised by a first or second degree relative.

A first-year report (1000 words structured report) must be sent to the Operations Coordinator within 3 months of completion of the first year of the award. **Failure to provide a report will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.** If a strong case based on significant success in the first three years can be made then the Society may consider an application for extension for a further two years maximum (in competition with others applying for this award for the first time).

The scientific and/or medical data derived from this award should be published in primary peer-reviewed journals. Such publications or any related presentations at meetings by the recipients emanating in part or whole from the Society's sponsorship should be duly acknowledged and copies sent to the Society's Operations Coordinator.

To develop research strategy, the Society will routinely review academic career progression, and successful applicants are required to provide this information annually.

The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within 12 months of the offer.

Applications are reviewed by the Research Subcommittee. Applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as practicable after the deadline date.



**Please note: The Pathological Society is a registered charity which is not in a position to provide full economic costs or overheads with regard to any funds awarded.**