

## **TRAINEE GRANT FUNDING SCHEME IN MORPHO-MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY**

This application provides financial support to a team composed of a tissue pathologist in training in the UK, and a molecular diagnostic specialist (Pathology Consultant or Clinical Scientist) currently working in one of the diagnostic services in Pathology, Laboratory Medicine or Genomics across the UK. The funding scheme will support the delivery of a research **project with a strong morpho-molecular aspect to it**. This can be a project with a strong link with molecular diagnostic information; however, it cannot be a simple validation of a molecular diagnostic test, there must be a clear research question/hypothesis associated with it.

Ultimately, this programme aims to facilitate the integration of academic pathologists in training to one of the molecular diagnostic services across the UK.

Awards will be for a maximum of £50,000 and three years and could cover any aspect of the proposed diagnostic validation project, i.e. part of the applicants' salary or consumables.

**The terms and conditions of the Trainee Grant Funding Scheme in Morpho-molecular Pathology are as follows:**

1. Applicants must be:
  - a) trainee members of the Society, based in Great Britain or Ireland, in a recognised Specialist Trainee 2-6 post in Histopathology or Dental / Oral Pathology.
  - b) practicing consultant pathologists or clinical scientists (Grade 8A and above) with ongoing duties in routine molecular diagnostic laboratories.Both applicants should have been a member of the Society for at least 12 months.
2. Grants will normally last for 1-3 years (the length must be specified in the application).
3. On-line application via the Society's website must be accompanied by **evidence of your institution's excellence in Research and in Tissue Molecular Diagnostics (application, sections 14 and 15)**, and must be accompanied by a **full Finance Summary (application, section 19)**
4. Applications are to be submitted on-line no later than **01 October**
5. Each application will be assessed by independent reviewers appointed by the Society's Molecular Pathology and Research Sub-committees. The final decision will be made by 31 December
6. A one-page annual progress report and a two-page final report must be sent to the Deputy Administrator. Failure to provide reports will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.
7. The data derived from the work, leading to a **high-quality, peer-reviewed publication in one of the lead pathology journals**, should normally be presented at a scientific meeting of the Society ahead of publication. 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 electronic copies sent to the Society's Deputy Administrator. Registration fees will be waived for attendance at the meeting.
8. To develop research strategy, the Society will routinely review academic career progression, and successful applicants are required to provide this information annually
9. The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within six months of the offer

Applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as practicable after the deadline dates. Application forms can be completed on and / or uploaded to the Society's website: [www.pathsoc.org](http://www.pathsoc.org)

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.