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College of Radiographers Doctoral Fellowship Grant

Guidelines

Introduction

The College of Radiographers (CoR) Doctoral Fellowship Grant will be available annually to support two appropriately qualified, experienced members of the Society of Radiographers to undertake doctoral-level projects.

The main focus of each project must be in one of the following areas, aligned to the CoR research priorities:

- Accuracy and Safety
- Technological Innovations
- Public and Patient Experience
- Service and Workforce Transformation
- Education and Training

A key condition of this grant is that the successful individual will implement and disseminate the work into practice for the benefits of patients, their families and carers. Successful applicants also agree to prepare an article for publication in *Radiography* and to give an address at one the College's conferences.

Applications for funding to the value of £25,000 will be considered.

NIHR Clinical Research Network

The Society and College of Radiographers is a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) non-commercial Partner. This means the studies that we fund may be eligible to access NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) support.

The NIHR CRN supports researchers and the life sciences industry in planning, setting up and delivering high-quality research to the agreed timelines and study recruitment target, for the benefit of patients and the NHS, including relevant research in public health and social care in England.

In partnership with your local R&D office, we encourage you to involve your local CRN team in discussions as early as possible when planning your study to fully benefit from the support the NIHR CRN offers as outlined in their Study Support Service. To find out more about how you can apply for this additional support to help deliver your study, please visit www.supportmystudy.nihr.ac.uk

Criteria for applications

The CoR Doctoral Fellowship Grant will be available by competition annually to members of the Society of Radiographers (SoR) who meet the following criteria.

The applicant(s) must:

- Have been in continuous membership with the Society of Radiographers for a minimum of five years at the date of application for the grant (student membership does not contribute to this time period);
- Hold current registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) or appropriate voluntary register;
- Evidence continuing professional development demonstrating clear previous engagement with research or service/practice development;
- Have a well composed Doctoral-level research proposal aligned to the CoR research priorities, and conditional or full acceptance as a doctoral-level student at an appropriate UK university;
- Provide evidence of support from their employer if remaining in part time employment during the year in which the grant is successfully awarded (those intending to maintain full time employment will not be eligible);
- Have an agreed dissemination and publication plan that includes at least one submission to *Radiography*;
- Agree to participate in CoR promotional work related to the award of the grant; and
- Agree with and adhere to the terms and conditions of the grant.

NB Unfortunately, we are unable to fund applicants who have previously received Doctoral Fellowship funding.

Applications

There will be one grant call, with two successful allocations, per year in April. The deadline for submissions will be **5pm on the first Monday of April each year**.

Those wishing to apply for the grant are required to submit an electronic proposal in Microsoft Word format to pande@sor.org. This should include:

- Detailed plan of investigation
- User involvement plans
- Dissemination plans
- Integration of this project into the ongoing work of the group/department and into patient care
- Potential impact of the project

The application must be accompanied by:

- Two references
- Evidence of commitment from the applicant's employer
- Evidence of commitment from the applicant's supervisor
- Detailed anticipated costs

Assessment

All applications will be assessed by an open, competitive, peer-reviewed process.

Panel interviews of shortlisted candidates will be used to finalise funding decisions.