

College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Scheme

Student Research Award

Guidelines

These guidelines apply to the **CoRIPS Student Research Award**. Please read these guidelines carefully before making an enquiry or completing an application form.

There will be two calls per year for this award: one in April and one in October and there will be two successful allocations in each round. **The deadline for applications will be 5pm on the first Monday of April and 5pm on the first Monday of October each year.**

Nature of the Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage radiography students to consider a career path in research by providing funding support for those seeking research experience, having demonstrated their potential through application. Application will require the student to propose an achievable project to be carried out within a 12 month period with appropriate supervisory support.

The award is conditional in that it should provide financial support of up to £1,000 to the student as a stipend, and/or for relevant equipment and resources required by the student to successfully complete their research project.

Eligibility

- Applications are open to projects involving individual students or small groups of students (although financial support must be divided in the case of more than one student applicant).
- The student radiographer(s) must be registered on a College of Radiographers' accredited pre-registration programme or undertaking a College of Radiographers' approved degree apprenticeship.
- The student radiographer(s) must be in student membership with the Society of Radiographers or in membership under the relevant category for those undertaking a degree apprenticeship.
- The application must be supported by a member of academic teaching staff. Students undertaking a degree apprenticeship must have support from a member of academic teaching staff at the representing university and from their workplace supervisor.

- An academic teaching staff member or workplace supervisor can only support one application per round of funding.
- The application will require agreement from the Head of department (academic), and for students undertaking a degree apprenticeship will require agreement from both the Head of department (academic) and the Head of department for their workplace.
- The research project must not form part of existing academic work, including final year dissertation projects.

Unfortunately, we are unable to fund applicants who have previously received CoRIPS Student Research Award funding.

Adjudication

Adjudication will be by the Society and College of Radiographers. The scheme is competitive and applications will be judged primarily on the quality of the application, the scientific merit of the project and the prospective experience for the student. Preference will be given to:

- Students at any stage of a radiography programme who demonstrate they have an understanding of research principles.
- Research projects that have a clearly defined objective which is achievable by the student in the time available.
- Research projects that can be clearly managed around the existing academic commitments of the student. (The funding period does not need to be consecutive, but proposals should demonstrate an achievable project timeline).
- Projects which give scope for thought and show initiative on the part of the student.
- Projects which are aligned with the College of Radiographers' research priorities.

How to apply

The application must be made by the student with support from a member of the teaching team (and support from their workplace supervisor if undertaking a degree apprenticeship) who will supervise the research. The academic staff member (and workplace supervisor, where applicable) should discuss the project in detail with the nominated student and should also contribute to the project design. The application form includes space for the student to explain their research aspirations and for a supporting statement from the student's supporting academic (and workplace supervisor, where applicable). These should be included in the form and not attached separately. Applications must be made using the application form which can be downloaded from our website.

Awards are granted directly to the student but will be rescinded if the student's engagement with the research project is deemed insufficient. By signing the application form the supporting academic, workplace supervisor (where applicable) and Heads of departments signify their willingness to support the award and the associated research project to completion, and confirm that monies awarded will be used directly to fund the student's involvement. All parties must agree to the terms and conditions of the award and the reporting requirements of the College of Radiographers. The investigation must also comply with the safety and ethical regulations of the university (and the workplace department, where applicable) and the university (jointly with the workplace, where applicable) will be responsible to ensure that the requirements of all relevant regulatory authorities have been met before work commences.

Applications may be considered if previous research funding or future funding for the project has been applied for outside of the College of Radiographers' Student Research Award scheme. However, there must be justification as to why award costs cannot be included in existing or planned future funding. Likewise, research expenses such as equipment or consumables are potentially offered under this scheme with appropriate justification, and these are to be managed by the student.

The deadline for applications will be 5pm on the first Monday of April and 5pm on the first Monday of October each year and all applications will be acknowledged by email to the supporting academic (and workplace supervisor, where applicable). Decisions will be communicated within six to eight weeks of the application closing date. **If you have not received an acknowledgment within this time, please contact the Professional and Education team as soon as possible via pande@sor.org.**

If you need to withdraw your application, you must let us know as soon as possible using the contact email address above. Please bear in mind that we are a small central team and that processing each application takes time. We receive many more good applications than we can fund, so please help us to use our resources in the most effective way.

Further copies of these guidelines and the application form can be downloaded from our website or further advice is available via telephone on 0207 740 7200.