

**Notes for guidance to applicants for the Society of Orthopaedic Medicine (SOM) research grant**

**Applicants must be a member of the Society of Orthopaedic Medicine**

**1. General Information**

- 1.1 The Society of Orthopaedic Medicine is a non-profit making organisation offering grants for work within musculoskeletal medicine. The purpose of the grant is to assist those undertaking programmes of study that will increase knowledge in musculoskeletal medicine and enhance their professional development.
- 1.2 Each year an annual award of up to £5,000 is available to support these studies. £2000.00 of this allocation per annum will be available in the form of smaller grants of up to £500.

**2. Criteria for applications**

- 2.1 Applicants must be a member of the Society of Orthopaedic Medicine
- 2.2 Applications are considered from those who may be undertaking one of the following:
- (a) A research degree leading to BSc and MSc
  - (b) A research degree leading to MPhil
  - (c) A research degree leading to PhD/DProf
  - (d) Pilot study
  - (e) Student project leading to a first degree
  - (f) Presentation at a conference
- 2.3 Funding for equipment for undertaking any of the above will also be considered.
- 2.4 The scientific panel will only consider applications with an explicit link to musculoskeletal medicine. The applicant's research career and professional development will also be taken into account.
- 2.5 Short-listed applicants may be required to attend interview.
- 2.6 Awards **cannot** be considered for the following:
- Retrospective applications (eg for fees paid for previous year's registration)
  - Child care costs
  - Paid assistance on any aspect of study
  - Costs associated with writing up a completed study

**3. Referees**

- 3.1 Applicants are required to name two appropriate referees who have academic knowledge of their work. At least one referee should be of supervisor level or equivalent.
- 3.2 References may be taken up to verify/clarify information on the application form.

#### 4. **Application procedure**

- 4.1 Applications which do not adhere to the 'criteria for applications' listed above will not be considered for funding.
- 4.2 Applications must be submitted by email to [admin@somed.org](mailto:admin@somed.org)
- 4.3 The applications will be considered by the Research Committee and Scientific Panel as appropriate and recommendations made to the Society of Orthopaedic Medicine's Council for approval.
- 4.4 Research degree applications must be accompanied by a copy of the accepted proposal for the research degree, together with the acceptance letter from the academic institution concerned.
- 4.5 A named supervisor should be included on the application form.
- 4.6 Applications for funding should normally be made in the year in which the work is to be undertaken.

#### 5. **Selection criteria for all awards**

- 5.1 The Scientific Panel will use the following criteria to select candidates for an award:
  - (i) overall contribution to musculoskeletal medicine
  - (ii) relevance to applicant's career and continuing professional development
  - (iii) evidence of the applicant's resourcefulness and initiative
- 5.2 The criteria above should be addressed in section 4 of the application form, using the headings provided. The award will be judged on the basis of the quality of the design and methods of the proposed research.
- 5.3 Applicants will be informed on the Scientific Panel's decision.

#### 6. **Information for successful applicants**

- 6.1 Recipients of a SOM grant are required to produce evidence that they are registered for the specific course (eg: receipt for registration fees or letter of registration issued by the institution in which the research will be carried out) before the grant is actually paid. Recipients are required to submit information confirming continued registration each year for programmes longer than one year.
- 6.2 Recipients of a SOM grant who withdraw from the programme may be required to refund some of, or the entire award.
- 6.3 In the case of recipients undertaking research for a degree, pilot study, student project or presentation, the submission of a copy of their thesis upon completion is required. A progress report should be submitted each year.
- 6.4 The thesis may be published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Medicine* at the discretion of the Editor.

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THE SOCIETY OF  
ORTHOPAEDIC  
MEDICINE

**RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM (FOR AWARDS OF UP TO £500.00)**

(Please type or use black ink and block capitals when completing this form)

APPLICANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF ORTHOPAEDIC  
MEDICINE

1. **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name:.....

Address for correspondence:.....

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Tel No (Home):..... Tel No (Work) .....

Email: ..... Date of birth: .....

Qualifications:..... Degree Classification:.....

Institution obtained: .....

2. **TYPE OF APPLICATION (please tick):**

- (a) A research degree leading to BSc or MSc
- (b) A research degree leading to MPhil
- (c) A research degree leading to PhD/DProf
- (d) Pilot study
- (e) Student project leading to a first degree
- (f) Presentation at a conference
- (g) Equipment

Is this your first application for a SOM grant? YES/NO

3. **BRIEF OUTLINE OF BENEFIT TO MUSCULOSKELETAL MEDICINE**

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4. **OUTLINE OF ANTICIPATED COSTS (in £Sterling)**

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(please continue over.....)

5. Tick appropriate box below:

I would be willing to contribute to the SOM in the form of:

(a) Abstract submission to the *Journal of Orthopaedic Medicine*

(b) Presentation at a Society of Orthopaedic Medicine conference

(c) Poster presentation at a Society of Orthopaedic Medicine conference

6. **SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR**

NAME OF SUPERVISOR (BLOCK CAPITALS): .....

ADDRESS:.....

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Daytime tel: ..... Email: .....

POSITION:.....

SIGNED: .....

DATE:.....

7. **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....

Please return this completed form to the address below and enclose:

1. A copy of the protocol if your application is for a research degree
2. An acceptance letter from your academic institution
3. A copy of your proposal if your application is for a pilot study

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