# **Academic Support Fund Rules**

Deadline: 1 May

## Eligibility

- Applicants must be **tenured** academic staff
- Strictly to support new academic staff (within 3 years of their first academic appointment and with <£100K funding) and/or established academic staff with no current research funding.
- Non-UK based BSN members are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have been a member of the British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) for at least 6 months. Join today: www.neuroendo.org.uk/join
- A candidate may only receive one such award and if this is an early/mid-career researcher, it will be awarded as a named prize.
- Two awards per year will be made up to the value of £10,000 each (typically ~£7500 each).
- Awardees are required to publish in the Journal of Neuroendocrinology and prize awards will be presented at the annual BSN meeting.
- Applicants who have had active participation in the BSN or previously published in the *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* will be looked on favourably.

#### **Summary**

- Strictly to provide support for consumables/other research costs to enable research in the area of neuroendocrinology
- The scheme can benefit BSN members who are in the early stages of their independent career, or those who have limited grant income, in providing leverage for them to complete pilot experiments necessary for major external grant applications.
- Awards will be up to a maximum of £10000 for identified consumables/research costs. Up to 2 awards will be made available per year.
- Published work resulting from Academic Support Funding should clearly acknowledge the BSN funding.
- 1 deadline per year 1 May.

# How to apply

- Applications must be made through the BSN membership portal. Please log-in and then navigate to Me and the BSN > Grants.
- Full justification for the grant is required.

#### **Deadline**

- Deadlines for application will be 1st May each year.
- Applications must be made in advance and late or retrospective applications will not be considered.

#### **Awards Committee**

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# **Award criteria**

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Post-award financial queries should be directed to <a href="mailto:theteam@neuroendo.org.uk">theteam@neuroendo.org.uk</a> in the first instance.

## **Grants Report Form**

All successful grant applicants are expected to submit a Grants Report Form no later than 6 months after the end of the grant. This will be emailed to successful applicants. Please note, future grants will not be awarded if no Grants Report Form has been received.