



The Alan and Diana Karter Fund Awards

The Society of British Neurosurgeons (SBNS) is inviting applications for the following award

UK and Ireland Neurosurgical Trainee Award

SBNS travel awards for overseas visits to low income or low middle income countries* are awarded to members of the SBNS who are in good standing.

Applicants must be at least ST3 level, in a run through training post and with a national training number in either UK or Ireland. Successful applicants will normally be in phase 2 (ST3 – ST7), but more senior applicants may be considered at the discretion of the committee. Successful applicants will be awarded a grant of up to £10,000, the value of which is at the discretion of the SBNS global neurological surgery committee.

Applicants must demonstrate that

1. The period overseas is an opportunity to enhance training and obtain surgical experience.
2. They have obtained prior approval for the visit from the appropriate training centre in the country of application.
3. They have prospective approval from their local deanery or School of Surgery. (ie Health Education England, NHS Education for Scotland or Health Education and Improvement Wales, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland)
4. They have the support of their Training Programme Director and an outcome 1 at their most recent ARCP

* Low income and Low middle income countries are defined by the world bank and listed at <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

The awards are for travel, maintenance and accommodation costs for the trainee only and may not be used for any associated costs of, for example, a spouse or partner. Travel for the sole purpose of attending a scientific meeting will not be supported but attendance at a relevant scientific meeting during the visit, where appropriate is encouraged and the committee will consider providing support.

The overseas visit from the successful applicant's home country/place of work will normally be for a period of around 3 months, although longer visits of up to 12 months may be considered. All applications must be made prior to embarking on the visit.

As a condition of the award, successful applicants are required to submit a report of their visit within two months of return. Applicants who do not submit a report may have the award withdrawn.

Applicants must inform the SBNS global neurological surgery committee of any change in their circumstances which will prevent them from completing their overseas visit. The SBNS may, on the advice of the SBNS global neurological surgery committee, withdraw all, or a proportion, of the initial award. We encourage applicants to seek additional funding from other sources, this must be declared on the application form. If a salary is offered during any part of the duration of the fellowship, the candidate must make this clear in the financial summary section of the application form.

The award is made in two stages, a first payment of half the amount awarded is made in advance of the visit and payment of the balance of the award is made upon receipt of a satisfactory report and receipts from the applicant after the visit has been completed. A budget will be required on application and receipts are required prior to the second part of the award being paid. The global neurological surgery committee will not pay any costs in the absence of a receipt. All expenses should be given in sterling.

Please email the following documents to clt29@medschl.cam.ac.uk

- Application form including a budget
- Training Programme Director reference form
- Logbook SAC indicative report
- Independent reference from a Neurosurgical trainer other than the Training Programme Director
- Confirmation that a period out of programme has been considered and supported by the local deanery
- Confirmation letter from the Institute you are visiting