



Neurosurgery Conference Award

Travel to UK, Neurosurgical Clinician-in-Training Award

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

Neurosurgical Conference Travel awards to the UK or Ireland

These SBNS travel awards for overseas visitors from low income or low middle income countries* are designed to support travel, accommodation, and conference registration costs to enable attendance at a Neurosurgical Conference in the UK or Ireland.

Applicants must be clinicians in Neurosurgical training who are not yet in independent practice. Successful applicants should demonstrate an ambition to drive development in Neurosurgical practice in their home units, and must have had an abstract accepted for oral presentation at the Neurosurgery conference they wish to attend. The applicant must be the presenting author.

Successful applicants will be awarded a grant of up to £1,500, the value of which is at the discretion of the SBNS global neurological surgery committee.

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis throughout the year. There are a limited number of grants available, so applications should be made well in advance of the proposed conference date.

For more information, selection criteria, and application forms please see <https://www.sbns.org.uk/index.php/global-neurosurgery/global-neurological-surgery-travel-awards/>

Closing date for applications: minimum 6 weeks prior to proposed conference date.

Applicants must demonstrate that

1. Attendance at the proposed conference in the UK or Ireland is an opportunity to enhance training and obtain experience that is relevant to Neurosurgical practice.

2. They have had an abstract submitted and accepted for oral presentation (not including posters) at the proposed conference. The applicant must be the presenting author and normally the first named author.
3. They have adequate English language skills and neurosurgical experience to benefit from attendance at a Neurosurgical conference.
4. They are a neurosurgical trainee, not yet in independent practice and that they are training in a low income or low middle income country *

The awards are for travel, accommodation, and conference registration costs for the trainee only and may not be used for any associated costs of, for example, a spouse or partner. Travel for purposes other than attending a scientific meeting will not be supported, additional requests for funding of any other aspect of the trip will not be accepted.

All applications must be made a minimum of 6 weeks prior to embarking on travel to the conference. The committee strongly recommends early application wherever possible.

As a condition of the award, successful applicants are required to submit a report of their visit within two months of return to the SBNS global neurological surgery committee. 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 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, and this must be declared on 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. Payments will only be made to a bank account that can accept electronic transfer of funds.

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

- Application form and budget
- A copy of the confirmation that your abstract has been selected for an oral presentation at a UK Neurosurgical conference. If the applicant is not the first named author please also include an explanation.
- Two references, one of which must be from your head of department
- Surgical logbook summary and curriculum vitae

* 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>