

## Rewarding Excellence A Bursary scheme for Specialty Trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

This scheme provides a bi-annual opportunity to apply for a financial award to support personal and professional development. Below is important about the eligibility criteria and application process. Please ensure that you read the information carefully prior to application.

### Intended purpose of bursaries

The bursary scheme offers grants to Specialty Trainees under three headings:

- Presentation at Meetings – National or International.
- Postgraduate Certificates & Diplomas
- Special Skills Courses or Training

The emphasis when allocating bursaries is on enhancing the professional development opportunities and, as such, emphasis will be placed on how participation contributes to personal development rather than the qualification attained on completion.

### Eligibility

All trainees in ST1-7 of the specialty training programme who expect to complete the course/training or attend the meeting before their CCT date

Each category may have its own application requirements but applicants **for all awards** must have received an ARCP outcome 1 at their last review.

### Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from the following groups:

- Trainees currently out of programme (OOPE; OOPR). Funding would usually come from those sponsoring the out of programme work
- Subspecialty trainees. Funding is available from HEE to support training
- Trainees who have previously been awarded a bursary or where more than 1 application is made in any one round
- Trainees who have completed or left the training programme
- Applications for ATSM courses
- Application for examinations or exam revision courses

### Application

**Applications should be submitted by Friday 20th December 2019.**

Applicants will be notified of the outcome week beginning 17th February 2020. There will be no interviewing. All awards must be claimed before the end of the financial year (31/03/2020).

All applications (or enquiries) should be submitted to:

[Leedsth-tr.ymtp@nhs.net](mailto:Leedsth-tr.ymtp@nhs.net) or to

YMTP Administrator  
Clinical Practice Centre  
Ashley Wing  
St James Hospital, Leeds

Informal inquiries can be made to the Director of Education: [jayneshillito@nhs.net](mailto:jayneshillito@nhs.net)  
Please be aware that the bursary scheme is a **competitive process of application**. Making an application does not guarantee that you will be granted an award.

## **Method of Assessment**

Eligible applications will be assessed by a panel consisting of at least 3 relevant assessors including:

- Head of School
- Director of Education
- ATSM Director
- Additional members of the Consultant body, at least 1 per panel.

The scoring scheme will use criteria developed against the questions on the application form.

Individual scores will be combined, an average score derived and the application ranked relative to other applicants in the scheme.

## **Categories & Criteria.**

### **Meetings – National or International.**

Bursaries are intended to facilitate the trainee to attend a meeting or Conference to present ORIGINAL work. Priority will be given to oral presentations but may be considered for poster presentations depending on the credibility of the meeting and the quality and originality of the work undertaken. The original abstract should be submitted along with the completed application form

### **Postgraduate Certificates & Diplomas.**

**To apply for this award the trainee must have passed their MRCOG examinations (Parts 1-3).** The bursary is awarded towards the cost of the course providing it leads to a recognized certificate or diploma. Although there is no maximum limit, awards of over £1000 are not usually made. Application can be made once the course commences but will only be paid on completion.

Awards can only be guaranteed for the current financial year; there is no guarantee of additional grants to aid in any further years of study that you may commit to.

Examples of courses that would be appropriate for bursary funding.

- PG Cert Workplace Based Postgraduate Medical Education
- PG Cert / MA Medical/Clinical Education
- MA in Healthcare, Ethics and Law
- MA in Developing Professional Practice in Management
- MSc Teaching Mindfulness Based Approaches
- Courses to support the Advanced Professional Module

Decisions concerning bursaries are not made solely on the basis of the type of course that you are applying for. Successful applications will demonstrate how this course will benefit personal / career development, and how it will bring benefits to the wider NHS.

### **Special Skills Training**

Senior trainees (ST6-7) not embarking on subspecialty training, may wish to develop additional skills or special interests to ensure they are competitive for a Consultant post. They are eligible to apply for a bursary towards expenses for attendance at specific additional courses or training centres to learn skills that are not available within the Region and which will usually support or complement their ATSM choices. Examples include advanced laparoscopic courses; urogynaecology training courses, special fetal medicine techniques or overseas educational exchanges

In addition to the application form a supporting statement from their ATSM and/or Educational Supervisor will be required.

### **Claiming Bursaries and Cancellation**

If you are successful in obtaining a bursary you will be sent further information about how to claim the funding with your offer letter. We are not able to pay expenses in advance or to pay invoices directly. Failure to claim your award within the financial year may result in withdrawal of funding. The School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology reserves the right to amend or withdraw this scheme at any time without prior notification.