



Skills
Development
Grants



WHAT ARE THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS?

We provide funding to enable researchers to learn new skills through short term laboratory visits.

Funding is also available to attend conferences where new research findings are presented.



ELIGIBILITY

Postdoctoral, early and established career primary bone cancer researchers that are based in the UK.



AMOUNT

Grants will cover direct costs up to a maximum of £3000.



APPLICATION FORM

Application forms for conference attendance and /or short-term laboratory visits can be requested from research@bcrt.org.uk.



APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND REVIEW TIMELINES

Applications are assessed by the review committee at BCRT throughout the year and there are no specific submission deadlines.



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

At the completion of the trip, BCRT Skill Development award holders are asked to write a short report, including some reflection questions and share their experiences with the primary bone cancer community.

ABOUT BCRT

The Bone Cancer Research Trust is the leading charity dedicated to primary bone cancer in the UK. Our Vision is a world where primary bone cancer is cured.

Our Mission is to save lives and improve outcomes for people affected by primary bone cancer through research, information, awareness and support.

<https://www.bcrt.org.uk/>

RESEARCH

Since the Bone Cancer Research Trust was formed in 2006, we have awarded over £3.7million to research focused solely on finding a cure for primary bone cancer.

INFORMATION

Our information documents aim to help patients, their families and friends and the general public to understand more about primary bone cancer and how it is diagnosed and treated.

AWARENESS

We are the voice of the primary bone cancer community; raising awareness amongst the public, healthcare professionals, researchers and policy makers. Through our UNITED magazine, we share exciting new announcements, updates and inspirational stories with our supporters.

SUPPORT

We provide a dedicated Support & Information Service, which is available to anyone affected by primary bone cancer. In this context our services include:

- A freephone Support & Information Line
- Confidential and professional support
- Access to reliable, accurate and award-winning bone cancer and bone tumour specific information
- Correct signposting to organisations for assistance
- Access to patient stories and the opportunity to connect with patients that have had similar experiences
- An annual conference, bringing together our community in a supportive and safe environment
- Bone cancer & bone tumour support groups across the UK
- Dedicated digital support groups



ABOUT BCRT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

This program helps UK based primary bone cancer researchers, at all levels in their careers, to travel nationally or internationally in order to present their results at internationally recognised research conferences whilst interacting with other researchers and establishing networks of collaboration.

The funding also enables researchers to travel to international or national laboratories in order to carry out a research project or develop a specific skill that can then be applied at their institution of origin.

BCRT Skills Development award holders learn new techniques, skills and expertise and cultivate international and national collaborations, that will enrich the primary bone cancer research community and potentiate collaborative research.

ELIGIBILITY

All primary bone cancer researchers based at a recognised UK institution. There are no limitations based on career development stage, but applications from early career researchers are particularly encouraged.

WHAT IS FUNDED

Funding for each application is limited to £3000 and should be in line with distance of travel and length of stay.

Conference attendance: funding will cover registration, accommodation and travel costs.

Laboratory stays: funding will cover travel, accommodation and research expenses to visit a collaborating research group. It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange the visit and obtain acceptance from the host institution, supporting letters from host laboratories will be required.

Please note that if any VISAs are required, is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange them.

Although projects will be undertaken in most cases in one laboratory visit, the awards could be used for multiple, separate visits if there is a strong justification.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

All applications will be reviewed by the Skills Development Grants committee at BCRT and will be considered on merit only.

Key areas of consideration are:

- **Suitability of the applicant** will they gain the most out of the conference/research stay?
- **Relevant research conference/symposium** is the conference an internationally recognised meeting, is the applicant presenting a poster/oral communication?
- **Quality of host laboratory** does the host institution have the relevant expertise and resources and are they willing to receive the applicant?
- **Benefit for the home laboratory** will the award facilitate progress at the home institution as well as promoting collaboration/communication between centres to progress primary bone cancer research?
- **Relevance of the project** does it have a strong rationale and primary bone cancer research merit?

POST-AWARD EVALUATION

BCRT Skills Development award holders are asked to evaluate their experience on their return. This reflection will involve completing a short report, answering a selection of questions that will be provided along with the letter of confirmation for successful applicants. In addition, award holders are encouraged to take some photographs that could be shared with the BCRT community via our supporter magazine - UNITED and on our online platforms.

To obtain an application form, contact
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