



Grants are available to support early-career members who wish to travel to another laboratory in order to carry out a defined piece of research within an existing (or to develop a new) collaboration. The visits may be of one to three month's duration.

President's Fund for Research Visit Grants 2012

Guidance for completing the application form

1. The scheme is competitive. Applications will be assessed by an Award Panel, based on the reports of two referees.
2. In assessing the applications, the following criteria are taken into account:
 - benefit to the applicant, e.g.
 - development of research using techniques and experience that could not be obtained in home laboratory
 - potential outputs from research (contribution to PhD thesis, journal publication, conference presentation)
 - opportunities for collaboration and networking
 - clear project outline within remit of the grant scheme, including
 - project is realistically achievable in proposed time frame
 - an outline of methodology with a clear indication of what work will be performed in the 'home' and 'host' laboratories (it is very helpful to the referees if you also include a timescale for the project; the referees need to see that you have a good idea of what you will be doing and how long it will take you to complete each phase of the proposed project)
 - benefit to both 'home' and 'host' laboratories
 - full and reasonable costs, with a clear indication of any funding that will be contributed by other sources, including the home or host institutions (costings should be as accurate as possible; it is not expected that the total cost of the visit will be exactly £3000.00).

Please bear these in mind when preparing your application. It is a good idea to get some feedback on your application from your supervisor/manager before you submit it.

3. It is useful to allow at least 3 months from the grant closing date to the proposed start of the visit.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Carefully review the rules of the scheme and complete all sections of the application form with particular attention to the following:
 - evidence of invitation from host is provided
 - evidence of funding obtained, or applied for, from other sources is given (or clear indication that no other funds are available is given with justification for why no application has been made to applicant's funding body)
 - evidence of adequate insurance provision is given
 - 'home' supervisor/manager has indicated support for the application and signed the form
 - applicant has signed the application form

The closing dates for applications are 16 March and 21 September 2012

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