



British Skin Foundation Small Grant Application Guidelines

The British Skin Foundation is a unique charity committed to raising funds for skin disease research. Since its re-launch in 1996, it has raised and distributed more than £12 million in research grants to over 350 projects throughout the U.K and R.O.I. The BSF relies completely on non-statutory funding, usually donated by industry, trusts, the BAD and members of the public.

The British Skin Foundation annually distributes funds to U.K based skin disease research. The BSF Trustees call upon the services of a panel of specialists called the Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) whose task it is to judge the quality and standard of the applications. The committee is made up of 6 members representing the British Skin Foundation, British Association of Dermatologists and the British Society for Investigative Dermatology.

Application forms are available from February with a closing date of Friday 28th April 2017. Completed applications are forwarded on to the Grants Advisory Committee in May. Grants will be awarded in July and applicants are advised by the end of July.

Completing the Application Form

Applicants are reminded that project proposals will only be accepted via the BSF online application portal. Applicants should also note that the Grants Advisory Committee considers clarity and accuracy, especially with regard to spelling, to be very important.

- A BSF Small Grant is available to anybody wishing to carry out U.K or R.O.I based research into skin disease
- Only one project to be submitted per person per grant round
- The project should be a small or pilot project
- The maximum amount of funds available for each award is £10,000
- Not more than 50% of the small grant to be used on buying equipment
- If part of another project, the small grant is to make-up at least 30% of the total funding
- Assessment of the grants will take into account requests which are of a more immediate clinical relevance
- Applicants are expected to demonstrate the value of the project to dermatology
- No 'top-ups' or extensions are available for any reason
- The maximum duration of the award is 1 year (although this may be extended by negotiation where there are issues around flexible working or career breaks/maternity leave)
- Successful awards must be activated within 12 months
- Awards are claimed by authorised finance departments submitting a single invoice for the full amount
- A scientific and a simple lay report to be submitted upon completion
- The British Skin Foundation's support to be mentioned in any relevant papers or presentations and copies to be forwarded to the BSF office
- As of 2017 the British Skin Foundation will no longer be able to provide feedback for unsuccessful grant applications

Grant Summary

Title of Project

This is best kept as brief and clear as possible. Applicants are asked to consider that the BSF use these titles for fundraising work among potential donors that do not necessarily have a scientific background.

Abstract of Research

Concise, clear and kept within the 250 word limit – there is more than enough space to go into further detail later.

Principal Applicant

The principal applicant must be the supervisor of the project and have overall responsibility for it.

Co-Applicants

Space is provided for up to 4 co-applicants. If you have more than 4 co-applicants, please email admin@britishskinfoundation.org.uk with the details.

Financial Summary

Detail the equipment, consumables or other expenses (this can include salaries). Explain what each item will be used for and its cost.

Other Research Support

If the Principal Applicant has been a participant in a grant from the BSF within the last 5 years (from the date of the first invoice from your finance department received by the BSF office) please complete the section at the end of the page.

Value to Dermatology

Please explain the value of the project to dermatology briefly but concisely.

Proposed Project

Please outline the proposed project using the headings shown. Tables, figures etc. may be uploaded on this page of the application if needed (maximum of 2 pages, no references please).

Certification

It is vitally important that this section is completed. Applications lacking the relevant signatures will not be accepted. If those signing are not present to sign the same form, please upload a second signature page in this section. Electronic signatures will be accepted.

If you wish to add your support or find out any further information about the British Skin Foundation, please go to our website www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk

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