**BSET Research Pump Priming Award 2025**

This document describes the British Society of Endovascular Therapy (BSET) research pump priming award; the application process; and the responsibilities of award recipients.

**Remit**

The purpose of the pump priming award is to support a research project within the field of endovascular therapy. We welcome applications in a broad range of research, from basic science through to clinical research, so long as it is within the field of endovascular therapy, and aligns with the core principles and goals of BSET. We particularly welcome applications which are likely to produce data that could support applications towards more substantial funding. Applicants will need to be members of BSET.

This award can be used for a stand-alone project. It can also be used to compliment an existing body of research which is either planned, or already underway. Should this be the case, the applicant should make it clear what this funding is for, and how the proposed research project will be sufficiently separate from ongoing research.

**Grant amount**

The award will be for up to £10,000. The successful applicant is expected to spend this funding within 12 months of award receipt. Unclaimed funds will remain with BSET.

The grant funding must be used to support the proposed research only. It may be used to purchase/fund equipment, device(s), consumables, database design and hosting (e.g. REDCap), technical assistance, supporting patient and public involvement (PPI) work/input, or other similar items. The award cannot be used to fund the applicant’s salary or indirect costs, for travel/accommodation, or for journal open-access fees.

**Applicants**

Applicants can be any healthcare professional (doctors, nurses, allied healthcare professionals) within the UK working in the NHS, or UK students undertaking healthcare professional degrees. NHS applicants are required to hold an NHS contract (or honorary contract) for the duration of the award. Students will typically be within their student post for the duration of the award.

**Co-applicants**

Applications are welcome from individuals not yet established as independent researchers (‘non-independent’ researchers). Applications from such individuals are required to be submitted with a named co-applicant, who is expected to be an established independent researcher, who will provide oversight and act as a guarantor for the proposed research. Other co-applicants, deemed essential for the proposed research, can also be named.

**Grant proposal**

Applications need to include a detailed description of the proposed research. This includes:

1. Background outlining why the research is needed
2. A summary of the proposed research
3. Timelines of the research project
4. Financial details explaining how the grant will be used
5. Abridged CV of the applicant, and (if appropriate) abridged CV of any co-applicant(s)
6. A formal letter of support from the primary co-applicant/mentor

Applications will undergo blinded scoring. Applicants of the highest scoring applications will be invited to a ‘remote’ interview and will be informed of the outcome shortly after that. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to re-apply in subsequent years.

BSET plans to offer one pump priming award per year, but the number of grants awarded will be at the discretion of the interview panel, and BSET retains the right to award more than one, or none at all, depending on the quality of research projects proposed.

**Outcomes**

The successful recipient of the award will be required to present the results of their research at the BSET Summer meeting, which is expected to be 1 year after receipt of the award. A written report should also be produced for dissemination on the BSET website. BSET should be acknowledged in any published outputs arising from this research.

**Scoring criteria**

Projects will be scored on a variety of criteria, including:

1. Overall importance or research project
2. Alignment of the project with BSET values and goals
3. Deliverability
4. Track record of applicant/co-applicant
5. Supervision
6. Value for money
7. Likelihood of further research arising from the proposed study

**Terms and conditions**

Successful applicants will be required to complete the BSET research pump priming terms and conditions document, which details the requirements of the award holder as outlined above.