

# **Royal College of Psychiatrists- South Eastern Division's Travel Bursary Scheme**

## **Introduction**

Our division is fully committed to promoting and engaging our members in our activities and enhance their membership experience by offering opportunities to actively participate in learning about, sharing ideas of and raising the standard of psychiatry. To broaden this further, the division is introducing a travel bursary scheme funded by our financial savings.

## **Who will be Eligible?**

1. Our divisional members of different grades including our trainees.
2. Regional and national medical students working in our region.
3. International psychiatrists and psychiatry trainees working in our region.

## **Objectives**

1. The recipient to gain/share/teach clinical or research experience by spending time at regional/national or international centres or attend conference in-person or virtually that would help their professional or clinical development, patient care and advance frontiers of psychiatry.
2. Furthermore, international psychiatrists or psychiatry trainees availing the same would reinforce and strengthen our commitment to collaborate and enrich psychiatric practice at the global level.
3. The beneficiary can share their experience and learning with others, promoting quality and research, setting standards, and promoting excellent mental health services.

## **Prize**

The maximum amount of funds available for this bursary will be £2500 each year (subject to annual budget reviews) and each applicant can apply for up to £750 but the amount approved will be down to the Bursary Award Panel. The bursary will be able to fund (or part-fund) single or multiple awards at the discretion of SE Division Bursary Award Panel nominated by the Division Chair. Vice Chair of the Division will act as the Chair of Bursary Award Panel. The decision of Bursary Award Panel will be final and not subject to an appeal process. The panel will have the power to decide the funding amount for individual applications(s) or to not award any funds (if the applications are deemed unsuitable or lacking justification)

## **Frequency of the Awards**

Annual (subject to budget approval process)

## **How to Apply**

The applicant(s) will need to provide

- A statement of proposal with aims and objectives of seeking the bursary, how the proposal was conceived and developed and the desired outcome(s).
- A summary plan for dissemination of learning
- Information of the host centre with confirmation of support, if possible.
- a CV and two references.

### **Application Process**

The bursary will be advertised through RCPsych member communication and through RCPsych website. Committee Manager will also send relevant information to Schools of Psychiatry and DME's in the South East region. There will be a minimum 45 day gap between the date of first advertisement and closing date of the application.

### **Bursary Cover**

The bursary will be used to provide funds (full funding or part funding) for an activity, conference or project in line with bursary objectives. The funds may be used for the purpose of fee payment, travel costs, and accommodation costs. The agreed amount will be released on receiving acceptable evidence of attendance and completion of the proposed activity (e.g. certificate of attendance, letter from host institution) submitted along with the receipts. The bursary will not be able to cover subsistence costs.

### **Restrictions**

Applicants who have previously been awarded funds from this bursary cannot apply again.