

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

President: Professor Richie Gill

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Applications are invited for the 2020 BORS/BJR International Travelling Research Fellowships for Early Career Researchers

Objective

Following the initiation in 2007 of the very popular international Travelling Fellowships Scheme for Early Career Researchers, the BORS Executive Committee and the board of Bone & Joint Research Journal have approved this scheme for 2020.

The fellowship is as a vital component of the Societies twin objectives of:

- Promoting education,
- Increasing research opportunities for our early career members.

The Scheme involves close collaboration with a number of international centres of excellence in musculoskeletal research and will coincide with the ORS meeting in Phoenix, Arizona (Sat 8 to Tues 11 February 2020 <https://www.ors.org/2020annualmeeting/>)

The Travel Plan

The fellowship has been modified since 2007, it will be a 4 week fellowship (maximum) provisionally including the ORS meeting, with approximately 3-6 days at each research unit. The travel plans are to be confirmed, however they are likely to be around the ORS.

The 2020 fellowship will be based in centres in the North of America

The Fellows

Four to six Fellows, from clinical (e.g. medical, physiotherapy), biological and engineering will be selected via application +/- interview.

The Fellows will be required to present their research at the Centres and assimilate the work of the Centre through local presentations, lab visits and discussions. We hope there will also be opportunity for social and cultural interaction.

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BORS/BJR Early Career Investigators International Travelling Fellowship

BORS and Bone & Joint Research will provide the travel costs to the centres and contribute towards the accommodation and subsistence costs.

Other costs will be the responsibility of the Fellows

BORS would like to encourage applications from all eligible researchers and encourage you to contact us if financial constraints may be a barrier to your application (this includes additional costs that may be incurred as a result of your absence during the fellowship associated with caring responsibilities).

BORS will require a written report from the group for the website and presentation of the experience at the following BORS annual meeting.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants eligible for the BORS/BJR Travelling Fellowships must be:

- A member of the British Orthopaedic Research Society and have attended at least one annual meeting.
- Scientists, engineers, clinicians or health professionals working in musculoskeletal research.
- Research active within the musculoskeletal field.
- Registered for, or have completed, a PhD, MD or equivalent higher degree.
- In the final year of their higher research degree or within a period of 5 years post degree award.
- An effective communicator.
- Able to present at least 2 high quality presentations on different aspects of their work and
- Clinician applicants must be at the level of ST2 – ST8 i.e. committed to a career in orthopaedics.

Applications must include 5 labelled Sections:

1. Written confirmation that the candidate meets the eligibility criteria (see above).
2. A justification statement as to why they should be selected (1 A4 side only)
3. Short CV (2 A4 side only)
4. Abstracts for two presentations that could be given on fellowship (1A4 side only, per abstract)
5. Written acceptance of the terms of the Fellowship
6. Supporting reference from current line manager

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**Applications to be sent to Professor Hamish Simpson
c/o Rachel Godfrey
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CLOSING DATE: 14th July 2019

**Shortlisted Candidates will be interviewed at or immediately
before the 2019 BORS annual meeting
Decisions on fellowship will be made in September 2019.**