



# **Bowel Disease Research Foundation**

**Regulations for application for  
Project Grants**

## **Background**

The Bowel Disease Research Foundation of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland will be offering grants for worthy research projects.

BDRF will be awarding bursaries of up to £150,000 each (maximum per award) to fund research projects in colorectal disorders. All major bowel diseases are eligible; projects may last from one to three years. There are two categories of bursary:

1. Up to £30,000
2. £30,000 - £150,000.

Applications are equally welcome in either category. We shall not be accepting applications for audit projects this year.

Closing date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

## **Policy statement**

The Research and Audit Committee of ACPGBI and the Bowel Disease Research Foundation are committed to providing equality of opportunity and fairness in distribution of research support from the Foundation.

## **Policy**

1. To satisfy the above aims the Project Grants will be advertised in “Colorectal Disease” inviting applications to be submitted in a proscribed format by a date specified in the advert (late applications will not be accepted).
2. Applications will be considered by conference call, after circulation of the applications by email to all members of the Research and Audit Committee who will score the applications.
3. BDRF’s Trustees will then award grants at their autumn meeting (likely to be in October.) The allocation or otherwise of all available monies will be at the discretion of Trustees depending on the number and scores of the applications.
4. Correspondence with or appeals against the Trustees’ decision by unsuccessful applicants will not be permitted. BDRF is not able to give feedback on why applications have been unsuccessful or guidance for future applications.

## Regulations for project grants

The funds available will be communicated to the Research & Audit committee in advance of starting the peer review, and a decision on the maximum award made.

1. Currently it is envisaged that at least £250,000 will be available for successful applicants to begin work immediately.
2. At least one of the applicants should be an ordinary or affiliate member of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland
3. The research application must comply with the following rules for eligibility and arrive in the BDRF's office electronically before the closing date for submission to be eligible for funding.
4. Projects may be considered unsuitable for funding at the discretion of the Research & Audit committee
5. The Bowel Disease Research Foundation reserve the right to award sums of less than £2,000 to individual projects without bringing them before the Research and Audit committee and adjudication panel (this allows BDRF to support career development grants and other projects at times other than the regular round of Project Grants).
6. Research funds awarded must be paid to the institution for whom the applicant works or a charitable fund thereof. If this institution is likely to "top slice" a grant, the fact that this will occur and the amount of overheads charged must be made clear in the application (applicants should be advised to seek exemption from overheads by their institution prior to submission – most Universities will not charge overheads on charitable donations, if pushed!).
7. Successful applicants must submit a written report of their work to the BDRF annually and also within 12 months of completion of the funded work.
8. Further applications for funding will not be considered until all previously funded work by an applicant has been fully reported on. In some cases the Foundation may ask the applicant to make an oral presentation of their work at a seminar or Association meeting.
9. Only one project will be funded per applicant in each funding round.
10. The Research & Audit committee reserve the right to reclaim monies not spent in pursuit of the funded project more than 18 months after the award was made.

11. The BDRF must be acknowledged in all publications arising out of work supported by these grants.

**Format for applications**

**Maximum length 3 sides of A4 in 12 pt typeface + one-sided CV per applicant**

**Please submit applications electronically as a single Word document. They should include the following:**

1. Name of principal investigator (this does not necessarily need to be the person filling in the application)
2. Co-investigators  
(Either the investigator or a co-investigator should be an ordinary or affiliate member of the Association of Coloproctology of GB & I)
3. Title of project
4. Length of project (no. of years)
5. Funding requested
  - a. Total amount
  - b. Breakdown of costs
  - c. How many instalments (where applicable)
  - d. In which months instalments would need to be paid (where applicable)
  - e. Justification of support requested
6. Institution administering funding: Exemption from overheads agreed Y/N
7. Background to project
8. Methodology
9. Sample size and source of statistical advice (if appropriate)
10. Any other sources of funding applied for or acquired to support this work
11. **A 200 - 300 word summary of the project expressed in lay terms (for information to the public if the grant is awarded). Please use the following format:**
  - a) Problem addressed, background and strategic significance**
  - b) Method(s) used**
  - c) Hoped for results of this research**
  - d) Changes to the current position if the research is successful**
12. Curriculum vitae of each applicant on one side of A4 including 4 most recent publications for applicant and each co-applicant.

Please send applications to:	For further enquiries please contact:	
<b>Martyn Hall</b> by the closing date at:	<b>Miss Asha Senapati</b> Chairman BDRF	<b>Mr David Jayne</b> Chairman Research and Audit

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