



BASO/ROSETREES RESEARCH GRANTS IN CANCER SURGERY

The British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO) is pleased to announce a call for research grants in cancer surgery in partnership with the Rosetrees Trust.

The second round will be opening on 16th January 2023 with a deadline for submissions on 16th May 2023. A total of up to £50,000 per annum will be awarded. This amount would be split between one or more applicants depending on the quality of applications received. **Research grants are aimed at supporting innovative research projects in surgical oncology that will develop further towards clinical translation. We particularly welcome multidisciplinary applications and ones that demonstrate an important improvement in delivery of cancer care or improvement in surgical treatment.** Successful applications will be eligible for inclusion in the NIHR portfolio and are encouraged to gain support from a Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Interventional Trials Unit (SITU).

KEY FEATURES

Research grants are for up to £50,000 over 1-3 years.

Priority will be given to the best-scoring project applications with matched funding in place towards directly incurred costs and those applications with clearly justified costs which have been reduced to the minimum amount necessary to deliver the project, where applicable. If you are considering applying for a research grant, please send an expression of interest to the BASO Office, including a brief summary of the proposed research, number of patients that could benefit, how your research will address the unmet clinical need in surgical oncology and what co-funding opportunities exist to support your project. Applicants or teams with a proven track record in research / publications and with original research ideas, are favoured.

FUNDING

- **Staff salaries.** Funding can be used to fund salaries for post-doctoral research associates, research technicians and research assistants. In special cases, we may consider funding PhD stipends. In these cases, the prospective PhD student must be embedded within a larger programme of research (e.g. a clinical trial or a programme grant) and there must be a clear case that BASO / Rosetrees support will provide additional impact.
- **Data management, statistical support.**
- **Research consumables and other running costs directly attributable to the project.**

ELIGIBILITY

The lead applicant will usually be a substantive UK consultant surgeon or a UK trainee on a rotation with guaranteed employment for the duration of the grant. We will favour principle applicants who are cancer surgeons (members of BASO), holding a PhD (or equivalent) and or a team with a track record of managing grants, delivering research studies and a strong publication record. Applications should recognise

the multidisciplinary nature of cancer care and encourage associate PIs to participate, when applicable.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Research grants will be selected for funding based on their scientific quality as determined by external review, track record of the research team and potential to deliver patient benefit. We will prioritise applications that can provide some element of co-funding to the directly incurred costs. Applications should potentially benefit a cancer patient population and show that their research could have broader applicability in the future to a wider patient population.

All applications will be initially checked for eligibility. An initial triage by an internal scientific panel will select the best applications that will be taken forward for external review. Triage will be based on the scientific quality, clinical need, track record of research team and potential for further development and clinical translation. Selected applications will then be sent for external review. The best scored applications will be shortlisted and considered by a scientific panel who will make funding recommendations.

Panel feedback will also be offered to the applicants upon request.