

The Richard Collin Scholarship

1. Funds available

The funds available for the Richard Collin Scholarship will be decided on an annual basis by the BOPSS Executive Committee and the allocation of such funds is entirely at their discretion. Applications for grants up to £5000 will be considered.

2. Awarding of Scholarship

The deadline for applications is 28th February. The BOPSS Research and Awards Committee will consider applications. No panel member will be allowed to review applications they have personally supported or that arise from their institutions.

3. Eligibility

The intention is to support a trainee oculoplastic surgeon at the beginning of their research career with a succinct project that would be fully (or almost) funded by the value of the award. The aim of the award is to allow the researcher to answer a clinical or research question, which could be achieved during their training. This is in contrast to a project proposed by an experienced researcher applying for top-up funding for a large or long term project.

Full BOPSS members or medical practitioners working with or for them are eligible.

Recipients of an award will automatically be barred from receiving another award from BOPSS for a year

4. Application process

Applications should meet a minimum required standard in keeping with other major grant awarding bodies. Applicants must submit an application online and provide supporting documents listed below.

5. Publicity

The award is to be advertised on the BOPSS and Royal College of Ophthalmologists websites.

6. Conditions

As a condition of the award the successful applicant must submit details of all relevant presentations and publications to the BOPSS Committee. A presentation must be given at the BOPSS annual scientific meeting normally 2 years but no later than 3 years after an award is granted.

7. Allocation of funds

The funds will be transferred to successful candidates at a time decided by the panel at their discretion and may be awarded on a conditional basis.

Instructions for applicants

The application form is an editable online document which should be completed and submitted electronically. It is a basic summary of the proposed study and must be concise to a maximum of 3 pages.

A separate fully referenced study or project proposal document (PDF)* must be included with the application as well as a CV, a list of key references (pdf) and a support statement from a full BOPSS member. *The study proposal document should be of a comparable standard to an MRC grant application.

Documents to upload

1. Full study proposal document
2. Key references (full text PDF of the original articles)
3. Applicant's CV