

BSGAR Research Bursary/Fellowship 2026

FAQs

1. I am a registrar, can I apply?

Unfortunately, not, only NHS consultants are eligible to apply. Unless you are due to CCT and will hold a consultant job at the time of the planned fellowship start.

2. I am a locum consultant, can I apply?

Yes, if your locum contract is for the duration of the award and you have confirmation of support from your Departmental Lead.

3. I don't have a mentor but I have an idea, what should I do?

There are a number of BSGAR members with an academic background who have volunteered to be contacted in just this situation. They would each be keen to be a mentor. Their details, including email addresses for contact and areas of GI radiology and research methodology that they would be able to mentor in are in the "mentors" document on the BSGAR website.

4. I am less than full time, can I apply?

Yes, if your Departmental Lead supports your application you may apply.

5. How much money is the award for?

The award is to cover the "cost-to-trust" of 1PA of your time. The exact amount will vary between consultants, your departmental lead will need to confirm this at the time of application. The amount of the final award is at the discretion of the BSGAR executive committee.

6. I have an idea but I don't yet have ethical approval, can I apply?

It's great that you have an idea! Working with your mentor we would advise you are realistic about the time lines for what you can achieve in one year, ethical approval can take a long time but is worthwhile. But it may not be the best use of your time in this fellowship, could you do something that doesn't require ethical approval, e.g. service evaluation or a systematic review alongside apply for ethics.

7. If I want to recruit patients will the award of the fellowship enable NIHR portfolio adoption?

BSGAR is an NIHR Partner organisation so yes, as things currently stand, award of the fellowship should enable NIHR Portfolio adoption.

You are advised to confirm with your local Research and Innovation office and review the NIHR Partner webpages (<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/what-we-do/charities/non-commercial-partners>)

8. Can I apply for the cost of consumables, travel etc?

Unfortunately not, this award is to cover the cost of 1PA of your salary time for 1 year.

9. My departmental lead is unable to release me from any of my clinical sessions, can I still apply?

You may apply for this to be an additional PA (11th or 12th only), but if you do this it must be clear in your application how you will ensure you and your department protect your research time.