

Pre-announcement: British Geriatrics Society / Dunhill Medical Trust Joint Doctoral Training Fellowship

Opening for applications December 2024

Introduction

The Dunhill Medical Trust (DMT) has again partnered with the [British Geriatrics Society](#) (BGS) to co-fund one Doctoral Training Fellowship to support front-line health professionals with an interest in developing a career in ageing-related research.

What will we fund?

The focus of your proposed research must be aligned to understanding and treating age-related diseases and frailty, and/or improving the health and social care of older people, with an emphasis on projects that address one or more of the priority research themes highlighted on page 15 of [the DMT's 2020-25 strategic framework](#). We are particularly interested in research with the potential to improve the health and social care of older people within 5 years of the end of the grant.

Please note that projects with a specific focus on cancer will not be eligible for funding.

The Fellowship is intended to be flexible and may be undertaken on either a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time Fellowships will be awarded for a maximum period of 3 years, whereas part-time Fellowships can be awarded for a maximum of 6 years.

Who will we fund?

The scheme is open to all front-line healthcare professionals working with older people, including allied health professionals, doctors and nurses.

The successful candidate will need to become a member of the BGS – if not already a member – for the duration of the Fellowship as a condition of award*. We encourage all those working in the field of older people's care and ageing-related research to consider joining the BGS.

* For membership queries please contact the British Geriatrics Society via membership@bgs.org.uk

How much is available?

Applicants can apply for up to £300,000. We welcome applications that can be part funded by the host institution either financially* or in-kind through the provision of services, facilities and/or tuition fee waiver. The award will be expected to cover:

- an individual's salary (at the appropriate grade on the relevant pay scale), plus on-costs
- tuition fees for a PhD
- an additional amount to cover consumables, training, travel costs to present their work etc.

Full details on eligible costs will be included in the call guidelines, but for now you may find it helpful to read the "What costs will you cover?" section of [our general Funding FAQs](#).

* This may be internal university funds or funding from industry or other trusts, foundations or charities etc.

Timetable and deadlines

- Call open to applications – Mid-December 2024
- Deadline for submission of applications – Mid-March 2025
- Peer and Panel review and shortlisting – April-September 2025
- Interviews for shortlisted candidates – Mid-September 2025 (exact date to be confirmed)
- Ratification of the Panel's funding recommendation at DMT Research Grants Committee meeting – Mid-October 2025
- Shortlisted candidates notified of the outcome of their application – Mid-November 2025

Please note that this timetable may be subject to some changes prior to the publication of the finalised call guidelines.

Further information and contact details

Full details will be provided in the call guidelines, which will be available once the call opens.

Before applying, prospective applicants should complete the [general eligibility quiz on our website](#). The Dunhill Medical Trust [Terms and Conditions for Research Grants](#) will also apply and please ensure you have read [our general Funding FAQs](#).

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If you have any queries relating to the call, please feel free to email us at grants@dunhillmedical.org.uk