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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been prepared by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy for members seeking financial assistance to undertake post-qualifying programmes and educational travel. This guide encompasses information on funds available from the CSP as well as external sources of funding.

The Society publishes a separate information paper on funding for research. Please refer to CSP information paper RES3 – Sources of Research Funding.

The Society also publishes a separate information paper on funding for CSP associate members seeking financial assistance to undertake courses. Please refer to CSP information paper CPD27 – Sources of Funding for Physiotherapy Assistants' Education.

For information on postgraduate courses of interest and relevance to physiotherapists please refer to the CSP Post-Qualifying Database on the CSP website (<http://www.csp.org.uk/director/careersandlearning/continuingprofessionaldevelopment/postqualifyingprogrammes.cfm>) or CSP information paper CPD8 – Taught postgraduate programmes for physiotherapists and Institution contact details.

For information on post-qualifying programmes that have been endorsed by the CSP please refer to the CSP Endorsed post-qualifying programmes Database on the CSP website

(<http://www.csp.org.uk/director/careersandlearning/continuingprofessionaldevelopment/postqualifyingprogrammes/cspendorsedprojects.cfm>) or the CSP information paper CPD32 – Post qualifying programmes endorsed by the CSP.

Please note, any deadline dates indicated in this publication were correct at the time of updating. However, please always ensure that you double check deadline dates directly with the funding organisation, as deadlines are subject to change.



EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

General sources

Postgraduate funding is available from a wide range of external bodies. Public bodies, public and private finance organisations, charities, foundations and trusts all offer postgraduate scholarships and bursaries.

Private funding can be accessed directly by your employer. Your human resources (HR) or training and development (T&D) department will be able to advise on the funding support available through your own organisation.

You may be eligible for additional support for housing, working tax credit, council tax and other benefits. Go to your local benefits office or check your eligibility for these allowances on the Department for Work and Pensions website at www.dwp.gov.uk

You should also approach the careers service at your chosen institution for advice on bursaries, student loans and hardships funds.

The **Grants Register**, published annually, is worth looking through for additional ideas about funding. It should be available at your local reference library or careers service centre. It is a comprehensive guide on postgraduate grants and professional funding worldwide. It is indexed by subject area, country and by name of award and gives you details of who to contact, who can apply, the nature of the award, how to apply, the closing date and other useful information. To obtain a copy refer to the following website www.palgrave.com

Useful websites

You may also find the following websites useful for searchable databases of charities which offer funding and also links to alternative sources of funding, other public funds and research council websites.

www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk

This website is a reference guide on charitable funds for individuals in need. It contains details of over 3,500 trusts operating both nationally and locally and aims to include all publicly-registered charities which give the minimum of £500 a year to individuals. N.B. *This website charges for access.*



www.prospects.ac.uk

This website allows you to search their site for information about funding your further study. It provides the following information

- The benefits of postgraduate study
- Part-time work and postgraduate study
- Employer-funded postgraduate study
- Public funding bodies
- Institutional funding and employment
- Alternative sources of funding
- Loans
- Funding for students with disabilities
- Funding for international students

www.charitiesdirect.com

This website allows you to search the top 500 charities for funding and provides a brief overview of what areas can be funded, allowing you to quickly search through potential areas relevant to physiotherapy.

www.rdfunding.org.uk

This website contains information is a digest of health related research funding and training opportunities.

The following charities and public funding bodies are a selection taken from the above websites and reference books to give you an indication of what additional funding is available.

Specific information on application deadlines, forms and eligibility criteria can be found by contacting the individual organisations directly.

Arthritis Research Campaign

www.arc.org.uk

A range of awards are available from ARC with the most suitable for physiotherapists highlighted below.



EDUCATIONAL TRAINING BURSARIES

ARC is offering bursaries to state-registered allied health professionals towards the costs of attending a short training/diploma course or modules from a taught MSc programme in the UK with a clear rheumatological content.

Applicants must have at least 3 years relevant post-registration work experience, a commitment to the care of patients with arthritis and musculoskeletal disease, and have been accepted provisionally by the university or college where training will be undertaken.

These bursaries may be for full or part time study and will provide for the cost of fees and in exceptional circumstances, other expenses such as travel, equipment or accommodation may also be considered. Applications for full course bursaries have a closing date of 5 January 2009* (2008 deadline has passed). Applications for short course bursaries have a closing date in 2008 of 14 July 2008* and in 2009 the closing date will be 13 July*.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

Educational travel bursaries are available to allied health care professionals to promote awareness and understanding of arthritis and musculoskeletal disease through research, practical experience, presentation of research and formal education in rheumatology.

Up to a maximum of £750 is offered towards the costs of attending a national/international meeting in order to present a paper or poster, chair a session or lead a discussion, provided the meeting has a clear relevance to the aims and interests of ARC.

Up to a maximum of £2,000 is also offered to enable allied health professionals to visit rheumatology wards/units in their specialty for the purpose of studying other methods of care of patients with arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases.

The next closing dates in 2008* will be 28 July and 22 September. In 2009*, the closing dates will be 27 April and 27 July and 21 September.

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

These training fellowships are offered to allied health professionals who are, or are eligible to be, registered with the Health Professions Council (HPC), to undertake training in clinical or basic science research at a UK institution leading to a PhD or other appropriate higher degree.



Applicants should have at least 3 years' relevant post-registration work experience and be committed to the care of patients with arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases.

These fellowships may be full-time over 3 years or part-time over 5 years and will provide a salary commensurate with the applicant's current salary at the time of appointment, with reasonable running costs. **Tuition fees will not normally be provided.**

The next deadline for fellowship applications is 2 February 2009*. There is only 1 deadline per year.

***Please note, all deadlines are correct at the time of updating, however please double check with the ARC website directly to ensure that deadlines have not changed.**

Application forms can be obtained from the research section of the ARC website www.arc.org.uk or from the Research and Education Department at ARC headquarters in Chesterfield. Arthritis Research Campaign, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, S41 7TD. Tel: 01246 541 115

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

www.wcmt.org.uk

This Trust offers travelling fellowships in specific fields every year (these fields vary from year to year) to aid those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the life and work of people in overseas countries, and to bring back useful knowledge, skill and experience for the benefit of the community.

Application forms may be requested from the Trust Office or applicants can fill in an online email application. For an application form please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London, SW7 5PR. Tel 020 7584 9315.

Please check the website for further information.



Hilda Martindale Educational Trust

The trust makes awards each year to help women aged 21 or over who are undertaking vocational courses which will prepare them for a profession or a career of use or value to the community.

Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary to the Hilda Martindale Trustees c/o The Registry, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX.

Background information on this trust is available on the following website www.womenofbrighton.co.uk/hildamartindale.

Mary Datchelor Trust

The trust supports students under 25 who are resident in or attending an educational establishment in Greater London or whose parents live in the area and who are in need of financial assistance for courses of further education.

Applications should be made in writing three to four months before the start of the course to Educational Grants Administrator, Mary Datchelor Trust, The Clothworkers' Foundation, Clothworkers' Hall, Dunster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7AH.
Tel: 020 7623 7041

The Richard Stapley Educational Trust

www.stapleytrust.org

The Trust aims to provide financial assistance to graduates with a First or Upper Second class degree, over the age of 24, who register for a higher degree or equivalent academic qualification in any subject, or for a degree in medicine, dentistry or veterinary science at a university in the United Kingdom. Grants awarded are between £300 and £1,000. Please contact the Stapley Trust for information on closing dates.

For an application form, the letter of enquiry must be accompanied by an A4 stamped addressed envelope (please use a large-letter stamp - 44p first class or 37p second class). Please write to The Administrator, The Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust, North Street Farmhouse, Sheldwich, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 OLN



The Sidney Perry Foundation

www-mcr.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/wiki/index.php/Sidney_Perry_Foundation

The Foundation aims primarily at helping undergraduate students. Grants may be awarded to postgraduate students if their course is a necessary part of professional training. Grants are intended to be supplementary.

Write to the following address giving your age, course and what you require help with, asking for an application form:

Contact: The Sidney Perry Foundation, Secretary, PO Box 1689, Hindon, Wilts, SP3 6TP
Email: sidneyperryfound@cs.com

The Health Foundation

www.health.org.uk

The Health Foundation is an independent charitable foundation that aims to improve the quality of healthcare across the United Kingdom. It funds predominantly research projects.

Contact: The Health Foundation, 90 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9RA. Telephone: 020 7257 8000

City of Dundee Educational Trust

The City of Dundee Educational Trust may award bursaries to persons resident in Dundee to assist them in following a course of study leading to "responsible employment in industry, commerce or a profession".

Further information regarding eligibility for an award may be obtained from the Trust Administrator, CDET c/o Messrs Miller & Hendry, 13 Ward Road, Dundee DD1 1LU. Tel 01382 200000



Cystic Fibrosis Trust

www.cftrust.org.uk

The Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Trust supports research aimed at curing and treating CF and improving the lives of those living with the condition. Only researchers from recognised academic institutions are eligible to apply for Cystic Fibrosis Trust grants.

The trustees of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust have decided to focus on ground-breaking research that is of imminent and/or important clinical relevance to people with CF, for which funding is not available from other sources and which is not being carried out elsewhere.

For further information and application forms contact The Research Administrator, Research & Clinical Care Department, CF Trust, 11 London Road, Bromley Kent BR1 1BY. Tel: 020 8290 7906. Email: researchgrants@cftrust.org.uk

Multiple Sclerosis Society

www.mssociety.org.uk

The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a bursary to people who wish to study the Professional Diploma in Multiple Sclerosis Care at Leeds Metropolitan University. It is available to health and social care professionals who are actively involved in multiple sclerosis care, who have to fund the course fee themselves in whole or part, and who are members of the Society's MS Professional Network (or willing to join).

The bursary is available to a limited number of students and will meet up to half the course fee, and is at the discretion of the Society. For further information refer to the 'For professionals / bursaries' page of the website or contact Leeds Metropolitan University. Email: ccsenquiries@lmu.ac.uk or tel 0113 283 5918.

The Wellcome Trust

www.wellcome.ac.uk

The trust supports knowledge in biomedical sciences and medical research. For information on its funds, please go to the website or write to The Wellcome Trust, Gibbs Building, 215 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE tel: 020 7611 8888



Leverhulme Trust

www.leverhulme.org.uk

This trust provides grants for the support of research and education. Information on its grants can be found on the website or by writing to 1 Pemberton Row, London EC4A 3BG. Tel: 020 7822 5220

The Curriers' Millenium Healthcare Bursary

www.curriers.co.uk

The Worshipful Company of Curriers provides a single annual grant of up to £7,000 for a primary healthcare professional to undertake research or personal study into ways of improving healthcare amongst the under-privileged sectors of London's population.

The bursary provides funding for a course of training or study likely to benefit their patients. (This includes higher degrees, clinical training or other postgraduate or post-qualification courses). Please contact the bursary administrators directly to enquire about deadlines.

For more information please contact Group Captain David M Moss, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Curriers, Hedgerley, The Leaze, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire SN6 6PE. Tel/Fax: 01285 861 017. Email: clerk@curriers.co.uk

The Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation

web: <http://www.wingatescholarships.org.uk/>

Wingate Scholarships are awarded to individuals of great potential or proven excellence who need financial support to undertake pioneering or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, and to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training.

They are designed to help with the costs of a specific project which may last up to 3 years. The average total award is about £6,500 and the maximum in any one year is £10,000.



There is no upper age limit and the Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from mature candidates and those from non-traditional academic backgrounds. Wingate Scholarships attempts to provide funding for cross-disciplinary projects that might not fall comfortably into any of the conventional funding categories.

Funding opportunities are for
Independent Research Projects in most subjects
Doctoral and Post-Doctoral studies
Field Work associated with Independent Research, Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Projects
Medical Research (provided that the project has a highly cross-disciplinary flavour, not appropriate to the traditional major medical research funding bodies.)

Funding is not available for Taught Courses (this includes all Undergraduate and most Masters Degrees)

All enquiries must be made either via post or email. To request application materials please either download from the web or send a large A4 stamped self addressed envelope (45p) to the address below.
Please note materials cannot be sent out in response to emails.

Contact Details: Faith Clark, Administrator, Wingate Scholarships, Queen Anne Business Centre, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JX or email: clark@wingate.org.uk

Research Councils

Most public funding is given by research councils. Funding from these organisations is competitive but worth applying for.

Research degrees are usually financed for students by Research studentships which are administered (for students normally resident in England, Scotland and Wales) by the research councils.

The research councils provide a variety of awards. Among the most common are:

- Research studentships – for PhD or MPhil students on programmes of up to three years' full time and five years' part time duration



- Research Masters studentships (MRes) – usually one years' duration.

To be eligible for a Research Council award you should be ordinarily resident in the UK for three years prior to your application. This does not include living here while a student. You should also possess a first-class or upper second-class honours degree from a UK higher education institution.

You should **not** apply directly to the Research Councils for your award. You should apply directly to the department in which you want to study. The department then selects the candidates it feels are most deserving and forwards them to the Research Council for consideration. Lists of approved departments and programmes are available in universities and careers services early in the year.

The three research councils useful to physiotherapists and their broad subject areas are:

Medical Research Council (MRC)

20 Park Crescent
London W1B 1AL
Tel: 020 7636 5422
Fax: 020 7436 6179

Website: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/>

The MRC aims to improve health by promoting research into all areas of medical and related science. It supports medical research in three main ways

- Through its research establishments
- Grants to individual scientists
- Support for postgraduate students

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

Polaris House
North Star Avenue
SWINDON
SN2 1UH
United Kingdom
Tel: 01793 413200



Website: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/>

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council's purpose is to sustain a broad base of interdisciplinary research and training to help industry, commerce and government create wealth and improve the quality of life. The Council fosters multi-disciplinary approaches; there are opportunities for contributions from chemists, physicists, agricultural scientists and engineers, as well as biologists.

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon SN2 1ET
Tel: 01793 444000

Website: <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/>

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) funds research and postgraduate training in universities and other organisations throughout the UK. EPSRC provides funding to support a wide range of postgraduate training carried out in universities and companies.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Career Development Loans (CDLs)

www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning

A Career Development Loan allows you to borrow anything from £300 to £8,000. This will help fund up to two years of learning plus up to one year's practical work experience, where it forms part of the course.

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) pays the interest on the loan while you are learning and for up to one month afterwards. You then repay the loan to the bank over an agreed period at a fixed rate of interest, usually over a period of between 12 months and five years.



Career Development Loans are available through three high street banks: Barclays, The Co-operative and The Royal Bank of Scotland. You do not need to be an existing account holder but the bank may require you to open an account with them.

For further information refer the CDL website or for an information pack containing the relevant application forms telephone the CDL Information Line on (Freephone) 0800 585 505 from 8.00 am to 10.00 pm seven days a week.

Hospital Savings Association (HSA) Charitable Trust

Please note that no further HSA scholarships will be given to individual professionals working in the NHS for further education. The HSA Group Board of Directors has decided that they will instead give a substantial sum of money to charity in one large donation.

CSP CHARITABLE TRUST

www.csp.org.uk/director/about/thecsp/charitabletrust.cfm

Email enquiries@csp.org.uk or Tel 020 7306 6666

Core CSP Fund

This fund, financed by the CSP Charitable Trust, exists to provide financial support for members of the Society undertaking post-registration/graduate academic programmes which should serve to enhance their professional skills, knowledge and patient care. This fund only supports applications for national academically accredited or validated programmes.

The Educational Awards Panel administers the funds and meets twice a year to consider applications for funding.

In considering applications for grants, the Educational Awards Panel takes account of an applicant's service as a physiotherapist and the relevance of the proposed programme.

The Educational Awards Panel meets in April and November of each year. Applications should be submitted on forms available to download from the CSP



website or from the R&D Administrator at the CSP and should arrive at the Society not later than 1st March or 1st October. Applications can be made retrospectively provided they are submitted to a deadline which falls within the same calendar year in which the programme has been completed.

Recipients of grants are required to complete an evaluation questionnaire for the consideration of the Educational Awards Panel relating to the programme undertaken once it has been completed.

Applicants can only submit one application for a programme. Previously successful applicants applying for funding for a different programme will be considered providing an evaluation questionnaire has been submitted for the previous course.

There are many applicants for the limited funds available. Therefore, not all applicants for financial assistance will be successful, whilst grants awarded are likely to be considerably less than the sum actually requested. Members are therefore strongly advised to seek other sources of assistance.

International Lecture Fund

The International Lecture Fund, financed by the CSP Charitable Trust, was set up to provide funding for members of the Society wishing to contribute to an overseas physiotherapy-specific/relevant international Conference or meeting **with the exception of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy Congress**, who are:

- a. Invited as lecturers, keynote speakers or clinical demonstrators **directly** by the host
- OR**
- b. Physiotherapists who have submitted papers to the particular event organisers and had them accepted

Eligibility for consideration for an award from this fund is based upon members being invited as lecturers, keynote speakers or clinical demonstrators or those who have had papers accepted for presentation.

The number and size of grants awarded is limited. Members are strongly advised to seek other sources of assistance.

The Educational Awards Panel meets in April and November of each year.



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UK Presentation Fund

The UK Presentation Fund, financed by the CSP Charitable Trust, was set up to provide funding for members of the Society wishing to contribute to a **national conference or meeting** relevant to, but outside physiotherapy, **OR** who are contributing to a **physiotherapy or interdisciplinary international conference** in the UK.

It also supports physiotherapists presenting papers for the **first time at peer-reviewed national physiotherapy conferences** held in the UK which includes the CSP annual congress, who have never presented at any physiotherapy related or specific conferences before, in the UK or overseas.

Eligibility for consideration for an award from this fund is based upon members being invited as lecturers, keynote speakers or clinical demonstrators or those who have had papers accepted for presentation.

The number and size of grants awarded is limited. Members are strongly advised to seek other sources of assistance.

The Educational Awards Panel meets in April and November of each year. Applications should be submitted on forms available to download from the CSP website or from the R&D Administrator at the CSP and should arrive at the Society not later than 1st March or 1st October. Applications can be made retrospectively providing the application deadline is within 6 months of the last date of the conference

Baroness Robson Travel Scholarship

The Baroness Robson Travel Scholarship Fund (BRTS), financed by the CSP Charitable Trust, was established in memory of Baroness Robson, a former vice-president of the CSP.



The fund has been created to provide funding to members of the Society travelling overseas to centres of excellence/quality institutions in countries with well-established physiotherapy practices on study visits/projects for educational or research purposes to develop physiotherapy practice on return to the UK. This can include:

- i. Evaluation of physiotherapeutic methods or skills
- ii. Study of alternative methods of patient care
- iii. Collaborative research with centres of excellence
- iv. Development of specific skills/knowledge relevant to research in another institution
- v. Gaining teaching experience

[This fund does not cover costs of overseas taught courses].

Up to two awards are made annually. Successful applicants cannot reapply to the fund.

Applications must be submitted in advance of the project taking place.

Retrospective applications will not be considered

The Educational Awards Panel meets in April and November of each year. Applications should be submitted on forms available to download from the CSP website or from the R&D Administrator at the CSP and should arrive at the Society not later than 1st March or 1st October. Applications can be made retrospectively if necessary within appropriate limits.

International Development Award

The International Development Award, financed by the CSP Charitable Trust, was established to support enhancement of physiotherapy through international education and development projects between the UK and physiotherapy members of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) member countries in the developing regions of the world.

Applications for the award are invited from both UK chartered physiotherapists and physiotherapists whose qualifications are nationally recognised in their own countries. Two types of 'projects' will be funded

1. International education and development projects



- undertaken in the UK or overseas, of benefit to community healthcare in developing countries
- undertaken in the UK or overseas, of benefit to community healthcare of migrant communities from developing countries* residing in the UK

2. Formal learning projects

involving attendance by a non-UK qualified overseas physiotherapist on an academically accredited programme of study in the UK

Up to two awards are made annually. Successful applicants cannot reapply to the fund.

Applications must be submitted in advance of the project taking place.

Retrospective applications will not be considered

The Educational Awards Panel meets in April and November of each year. Applications should be submitted on forms available to download from the CSP website or from the R&D Administrator at the CSP and should arrive at the Society not later than 1st March or 1st October. Applications can be made retrospectively if necessary within appropriate limits.

CSP Boards and Branches

www.csp.org.uk/director/about/thecsp/structure/boardsandbranches.cfm

Some of the Society's Boards and Branches can offer limited financial assistance to their respective members wishing to undertake post-registration courses or educational travel. Please contact your local board and/or branch to find out if this is possible. Contact details for boards/branches can be obtained from the CSP website.

Clinical Interest and Occupational Groups (CIOGs)

www.csp.org.uk/director/groupandnetworks/ciogs.cfm



CIOGs have existed within physiotherapy for many years and represent the diverse interests and specialities of physiotherapists. There are 28 recognised clinical interest groups and 6 occupational groups. The groups are developed and run independently by CSP Members.

There is funding available from CIOGs. However they require you to be a member of the particular group in order to access the funding available.

Specific information about funding is directly from the relevant CIOG.

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