

West Midlands Foundation Newsletter April 2025



BSACI - Medical Scholarship - attend BSACI Annual Allergy Conference 2025

BSACI Medical Scholarships Scheme 2025 for Doctors interested in Adult Allergy and Clinical Immunology

BSACI is offering financial support to junior doctors to facilitate their ability to attend BSACI Annual Conference 2025 being held at the ICC Wales from Thu 16th to Sat 18th October. With the increasing prevalence of allergy within the UK and the shortage of allergy expertise, BSACI aims to support trainees to find out more about this evolving and dynamic specialty.

The 2025 BSACI Medical Scholarships Scheme is open to FY2 doctors, Clinical Fellows and IMT trainees in the UK. This is a fantastic opportunity for junior doctors to experience what an exciting career in Allergy and Clinical Immunology looks like and how rewarding being a member of the UK allergy community can be.

How to apply:

1. The scheme is open to all FY2 doctors, Clinical Fellows and IMT trainees in the UK with an interest in or considering a career in Adult Allergy. We will pay out retrospectively for two nights' accommodation up to £150, cover your conference fees, plus reimburse travel costs up to £140.
2. Send us a cover letter (300-400 words main text) detailing how you would benefit from this scholarship and explaining the motivation for your interest in this field. Please also include how you can help increase awareness of the specialty of allergy either within your department or with other trainees after the conference, such as a grand round presentation, a trainee learning event or a department meeting.
3. Send us a supporting letter from your current supervisor.
4. Abstract submission for the conference is encouraged but is not a requirement.
5. Submissions open on **Monday 13th January 2025**.
6. Submissions must be emailed to tamara@bsaci.org no later than **Monday 28th April 2025**.
7. You will be notified of the outcome of your application no later than **the end of June 2025**.
8. You will be asked to demonstrate how you have helped to increase awareness of "allergy and immunology" amongst other trainees or colleagues, after the event.

Please note previous recipients may not apply.

No late applications will be accepted.

Feedback from some of our 2024 Scholars:

"Fantastic opportunity and fantastic programme. Really inspiring talks and conference"

"Great scheme, very helpful way to support trainees to further their knowledge and understanding of the specialty "

"Excellent opportunity to meet fellow scholars and experts in the field"

BSACI

Improving Allergy Care
through education, training and research

Allergy and Clinical Immunology

AN EVOLVING AND DYNAMIC SPECIALTY

The British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI) is offering scholarships for Adult Trainees to attend the:

BSACI Annual Conference 2025 - ICC Wales

OPEN TO

FY2
DOCTORS

CLINICAL
FELLOWS

IMT
TRAINEES

Apply now email: tamara@bsaci.org

WE WILL OFFER ASSSITANCE WITH

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
(2 nights up to £150)

TRAVEL EXPENSES
(up to £140)

YOUR CONFERENCE FEES

The application involves supplying a letter (maximum 300 words) detailing how you would benefit from this scholarship and a supporting letter from your current supervisor.

Priority will be given to applicants:

- a) who have submitted an abstract to the conference (not essential)
- b) that show a strong commitment to a career in the specialty detailed in the application

Deadline: MONDAY 28TH April 2025

(unfortunately, no late applications can be considered)

Please note previous recipients may not apply/open to adult trainees only.

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Important Update: PSA – first sitting moved to 15 October 2025

Dear UK FSD, FSM and FS admin colleagues,

I am pleased to confirm that the first sitting has been confirmed as **Wednesday 15 October 2025, 1.00 pm**.

This brings the confirmed dates list as below:

1.00 pm, Wednesday 15 October 2025 (First sit)

1.00 pm, Thursday 26 March 2026 (Re sit)

1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2026 (Re sit)

We understand that you will have already cancelled the room bookings made for the original September date and have let the MSC know the original date is no longer an option. We did also re-iterate that some of you had already started looking at options for the October date that was set. Please ensure you re-arrange any venue bookings you have already made.

We will identify a new date for the FP2026 first sitting shortly and will publish both new dates on our website.

Best wishes,

Kiran Kaur Padham

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West Midlands Foundation ARCP Portfolio Deadlines

Dear all,

We have reviewed previous portfolio cut off dates for Foundation ARCPs and carefully considered the feedback from supervisors with regard to clashes with school half terms and impact on supervisor availability. With the feedback in mind, the West Midlands Foundation ARCP portfolio deadlines for this 2025 are:

- **Friday 6 June at 5pm for Foundation Year 1**
- **Friday 13 June at 5pm for Foundation Year 2**

Best wishes,

Dr Chipu Ndlovu, Dr Julian Chilvers, Dr Murthy Narasimha
Foundation School Directors, West Midlands

**Medical and Dental Future Workforce Team
(Workforce, Training & Education)
NHS England – Midlands**

UKFPO Webinar: Patient safety – an introduction for foundation doctors

The UKFPO welcome all foundation doctors and faculty to our fifth webinar of the training year. This webinar will explore the topic of patient safety and the current frameworks available to guide foundation doctors in addressing patient safety incidents. The aim is to empower foundation doctors to champion a culture of compassion at the workplace and reflecting on how we can collectively minimise patient harm.

When: 18:00 –19:00 GMT, **Tuesday 15 April 2025**

Where: Virtual via Microsoft Teams. You do not need to pre-register, simply [join](#) the webinar at 18:00. The webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the [UKFPO website](#) within two weeks of the webinar date.

Target Audience: Foundation doctors and faculty

Webinar panel:

- Dr Fiona Cameron, Scotland Foundation School Director and chair of the AoMRC UKFP Committee
- Dr Jie Fei Lau, UKFPO Fellow and F2 doctor
- Dr Helen Purves, Paediatric and Neonatal Clinical Lead, Clinical Patient Safety Lead (Tameside and Glossop ICFT)

Email foundation.educationandsupport@nhs.net with any queries.

UKFPO Bulletin / 03 April 2025

Dear colleagues,

We have published our latest bulletin: [UKFPO Bulletin/ 03 April 2025](#)

Please share with your networks, including FTPDs and foundation doctors.

Best wishes,

UKFPO Team

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