**BRITISH PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**AJ CLARK STUDENTSHIP**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**The application must be completed using the specified format. Please submit your application in one document by email to** [**membership@bps.ac.uk**](mailto:membership@bps.ac.uk)**.**

**Closing date 31 October 2023**

**PART ONE - CANDIDATE'S DETAILS**

**Full name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):**

**Term-time address**:

**Permanent address**:

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**Date of Birth**:

**A-levels or equivalent (give grades achieved and dates):**

**Institution at which you are currently studying or from which you received your first degree:**

**Degree course details, including details of examination results to date and of any research projects undertaken as part of your degree or during vacation/sandwich studentships. State the class of your degree if it has already been awarded:**

**Any prizes received and any other relevant qualifications/information:**

**Graduates should list any employment since graduation here:**

**Publications (if any):**

**Why do you want to (a) study for a PhD, and (b) undertake this research project in this institution?**

**Referee**

**Give the name and full contact details including the email address of a referee (this must not be the nominating supervisor) who can comment on your academic work. If you have done a sandwich year or vacation project a referee will able to comment on your work during the year or project:**

**PART TWO - RESEARCH PROJECT AND TRAINING DETAILS**

**TITLE OF PROJECT**

**Give a summary of the research to be undertaken, using Arial 11 and Moderate margins. This must not exceed 5 pages, including no more than 1 page of references:**

**Please outline the taught elements of the course, including generic skills training:**

**PART THREE - SUPERVISOR'S DETAILS**

**(joint supervision is acceptable, but the requested information must be provided for all supervisors)**

**Full name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):**

**Address**:

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**How long have you been a BPS member?** .................................. **(years)**

**Note: The primary supervisor must be a BPS member of at least 3 years standing.**

**Titles and references of 5 recent publications from your laboratory which are relevant to this application:**

**How many PhD students have you supervised to date?**.............................................................................

**How many of them completed within 3 years?**.............................................................................................

**How many took longer than 4 years to complete?**........................................................................................

**How many were awarded a PhD?**....................................................................................................................

**How many PhD students will you be supervising at the same time as this student (if**

**successful)?**...........................................................................................................................................................

**Why and how have you selected this candidate for this research project? Why are they a suitable recipient of a BPS A J Clark studentship? How much did they contribute to the project description?**

**Both the candidate and supervisor must sign below.**

**I declare that I/the candidate contributed significantly to the project outline, as detailed above.**

**Signed**..........................................................**(Proposed candidate)** **Date**........................................

**Signed**..........................................................**(Proposed supervisor)** **Date**........................................

**I confirm that if this student is awarded the AJ Clark studentship, they will be accepted to study for a PhD and that the research described above will be undertaken in this institution.**

**Head of Department**................................................................. **Date**.........................................

**Institution**...................................................................................

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**CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AJ CLARK STUDENTSHIP**

The AJ Clark Studentship is intended to enable young scientists with degrees in pharmacology or related disciplines to carry out research in pharmacology leading to the degree of PhD in a recognised department in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. Candidates should intend to follow a career in pharmacology.

Studentships will be fully funded by the Society.

**Stipend:**

Year 1 - £18,527 in London and £16,364 elsewhere;

Year 2 - £19,489 in London and £17,339 elsewhere; and

Year 3 - £20,432 in London and £18,294 elsewhere.

**Other costs:**

Research costs – up to £10,000 per year;

Up to £1,000 per year to support attendance at non-Society meetings;

Course fees paid at the rate applicable to UK students.

The Society will pay quarterly claims in arrears for the student's stipend and the contribution towards research support. Research support not claimed in one year cannot be carried forward to the next. Tuition/college fees may be claimed in full at the beginning of each academic year. The Society will inform the student and the supervisor(s) of any changes in the stipend level - increases are permitted only when expressly sanctioned in advance by the Society.

Supervisors are expected to find the funds for the student to attend at least one Society meeting each year, including the annual dinner & prize giving, from within the research support funding. Fees at overseas student rates cannot be met. The student will also receive free Early Career Membership for the duration of the Studentship.

The shortlist for interview is made based on the application forms submitted. Final selection of candidates is by interview in January. Notification of the interview date does not necessarily mean that the applicant will be shortlisted - the information is supplied for applicants’ convenience only. Awards are made conditionally on the winners being awarded first or upper second-class degrees. We are not able to enter into any discussion or correspondence regarding the panel's decisions.

The main criterion for selection is the excellence of the student. However, the selection committee will also give weight to the quality and suitability of the project and the likely quality of the supervision, facilities and research environment available in the host institution. The selection committee also believes that it can be valuable for students to move to a different institution for their postgraduate studies and may give some weight to this factor. We expect to see evidence that the student has been involved with the preparation of the project proposal.

The Head of Department must sign the application form to confirm that the necessary facilities will be made available should the student be selected for an award.

The host institution is required to administer the award, and to accept full responsibility for the management, monitoring and control of all the research work undertaken during the studentship. The Society will not be responsible for any injury or death of any person or for any loss of or damage to property of any kind occasioned or arising out of the student's negligence or the negligence of any other student or person employed by the host institution. It is the host institution's responsibility to ensure that the student is properly trained in accordance with the requirements of all regulatory authorities and regulations which may apply from time to time. It is also the host institution's responsibility to ensure that proper academic standards are observed in all respects in connection with the student's work and that they are adequately supervised and trained.

If the project involves work on animals, the application is considered on the basis that all necessary licences and certification have been obtained or will be obtained from the Home Office before the work commences. If the work involves human participants, it is assumed that all necessary ethical committee approval has been obtained or will be obtained before the work commences. It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that these conditions are met.

The award is made to a named student for a specified research project leading to the degree of PhD. It may not be transferred to another student nor, without the permission of the Society, to another research project. Any significant changes in the research project during the studentship must be notified to the Society, in case they affect eligibility.

The Society will expect the student to attend its meetings during the Studentship and to present results when appropriate.

At the end of three years the supervisor will be sent a form to complete - this must be returned to the Society office once the student has been awarded their PhD.