**BRITISH PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**PHD FUNDING – AJ CLARK STUDENTSHIP/SIR DAVID JACK PHD SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**The application must be completed using the specified format. Please** [**submit your application online**](https://my.bps.ac.uk/awards-bursaries-grants/bursaries-and-grants-details/?id=105d63cb-ff71-f011-b4cc-6045bd1209bb)**. Queries can be directed to** **membership@bps.ac.uk****.**

**Closing date 31 October 2025**

***Arial 11 and Moderate margins must be used throughout the application.***

**STUDENT DETAILS**

**Full name:**

**Term-time address**:

**Permanent address (if different from the above)**:

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**ABOUT THE STUDENT. This must not exceed 1 page:**

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

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

**Undergraduate degree, and if relevant, postgraduate course and list of modules and marks/grades obtained to date:**

**Research project experience, as part of a degree programme or vacation studentship:**

**Research publications:**

**Academic prizes:**

**Other relevant qualifications/information:**

**Why do you want to (a) study for a PhD, and (b) undertake this research project in this institution? This must not exceed 1 page:**

**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:**

**RESEARCH PROJECT AND TRAINING DETAILS**

**PLEASE CLEARLY NOTE THE RESEARCH AREA:**

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**Give a summary of the research to be undertaken.** **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. This must not exceed 1 page:**

**SUPERVISOR DETAILS**

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

**Full name:**

**Address**:

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**Are you a BPS member? YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)**

**If yes, how long have you been a member? (years)**

**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 BPS PhD Funding? How much did they contribute to the project description?**

**If for any reason, you are unavailable to supervise this project for an extended period, what alternative supervision arrangements have been put in place?**

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

**Signed** **(Proposed candidate)**:

**Date:**

**Signed** **(Proposed primary supervisor)**:

**Date:**

**I confirm that if this student is awarded PhD funding by the British Pharmacological Society, they will be accepted to study for a PhD and that the research described above will be undertaken in this institution.**

**Signed by Head of Department:**

**Date:**

**Institution:**

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**CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PHD FUNDING**

The Society offers two awards in support of prospective PhD candidates studying in a recognised department in the UK or the Republic of Ireland: the AJ Clark Studentship and the Sir David Jack Scholarship. Both awards are available to graduates in pharmacology or related disciplines. The AJ Clark Studentship enables students to carry out research in pharmacology. The Sir David Jack Scholarship has a broader remit for students to carry out research in pharmacology and/or therapeutic innovation.

**Stipend:**

2025/26

* Studying outside London – £20,780
* Studying in London – £22,780

**Other costs:**

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

Up to £1,500 per year to support attendance at non-Society meetings;

Course fees paid at the rate applicable to ‘Home’ 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 gala dinner, from within the research support funding. The student will receive free Early Career Membership for the duration of the PhD.

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 unable 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. 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 PhD 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.