

**Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (FoDRCSI)**  
**Travel/Research Bursary**

**Award Name** “*Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI, Travel/Research Bursary*”

**Purpose of the award**

- The FoDRCSI travel/research bursary is intended for the support of a research activity/project carried out by Fellows, Members who are engaged in a postgraduate training programme or who are staff members, trainers or mentors of an academic institution with an affiliation to the FoDRCSI thus enabling them to attend another institution of their choice in connection with their research project.
- The award can also be granted as a once-off payment to support attendance at international research or professional meetings by Members or Fellows of the FoDRCSI or staff members of affiliated institutions.
- To part-fund the appointment of a Fulbright Scholar.

**Aims of the award**

- To promote collaborative research between institutions in Ireland, EU and worldwide.
- To encourage and support research carried out by Members and Fellows of the Faculty of Dentistry RCSI worldwide.
- To inspire greater engagement and participation in the Annual Scientific Meeting of FoDRCSI by Members and Fellows of the Faculty worldwide.

**Eligibility**

- Fellows or Members of FoDRCSI enrolled in a postgraduate training programme or who are staff members working in an academic institution(s) that has an affiliation with the FoDRCSI.
- In the island of Ireland, nominations (a maximum of 2) from the respective Deans of the 3 Dental Schools will only be considered.

**Funds:**

There will be a maximum fund of €10,000 in each calendar year. This may be dispersed in a number of ways – namely:

- In exceptional cases, a once-off maximum amount of €6,000 (in the region of €2,000 per month for a maximum of 3 months) to partly cover costs of flights, travel and subsistence in relation to a planned visit to an institution relevant with a research project.
- A number of individual once-off payments (maximum €1,000) to cover expenses of attending a research or a professional meeting by eligible candidates.

**Applications**

Interested candidates should submit their application for the award to reach the office of the Faculty of Dentistry RCSI no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Successful applicants will normally

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be notified by April 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. Supportive evidence e.g. letter from supervisor, Head of Department, letter of acceptance from the host institution or any supporting documents should be submitted along with a short letter of application detailing the reasons for applying for this award.

**Selection Committee Composition**

Dean (Chair), Hon. Treasurer, Chair of Education Committee, CEO, IPA, 1 Board member (annually agreed by the Board).

The Selection Committee will be afforded a margin of flexibility in their decisions. (Composition of the Committee to be reviewed annually).

The selection committee will meet each year prior to the February Education Committee meeting.

**Appeals**

The decision of the Selection Committee will normally be ratified by the Board of the FoDRCSI at its February meeting prior to awarding the bursary. The decision of the Board is final. The Committee will not enter into any communication with applicants regarding its decision.

Unsuccessful applicants are at liberty to re-apply for the award at a later date.

**Report**

Recipients to this award are required to submit a 500-600 word report about the activities carried out during the period they spent in the host institution of their choice or the conference/meeting attended.

They are required to undertake, that any publications or presentation at conferences and meetings, in relation to the project(s) and proposals being fully or partially funded by this award, directly or indirectly, will bear an acknowledgement of this award by the FoDRCSI in such presentation(s) and/or publications.

They are also required to undertake, if invited, to present their findings at the FoD RCSI's Annual Scientific Meeting or in relevant postgraduate lecture programmes.

**Withholding of the award**

The FoDRCSI reserves the right to withhold the award in any calendar year if it is considered that the applications are not of sufficient merit.

**Insurance**

Candidates are required to obtain their own personal & travel insurance for the duration of the award or conference attended.

**Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding the award can be sent to the Faculty of Dentistry Office, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland or sent by email to [facdentistry@rcsi.ie](mailto:facdentistry@rcsi.ie)