

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

Update Consequent of COVID-19 Pandemic

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 and Members (in good standing) 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.
- As a consequence of the COVID-19 Pandemic preventing world-wide travel, the FODRCSI has agreed to award as a once-off payment (for a limited period) to those Members or Fellows of the FODRCSI or staff members of affiliated institutions who have presented or intend to present at recognised international research or professional meetings on-line.

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

- Must be a Fellow, Member or a Diplomat of FoDRCSI (for a minimum of 12 months).

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.

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- A number of individual once-off payments (maximum €500) may be awarded to eligible candidates attending recognised research or professional on-line meetings

Applications

Interested candidates should submit a letter of application to facdentistry@rcsi.ie for the award to reach the office of the Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI no later than September 1st of each calendar year. Successful applicants will normally be notified following the September meeting of the Education Committee (circa October 1st of that year) to use the award in the following calendar 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, Operational Manager/Registrar, 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).

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 if appropriate circumstances allow.

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 including the on-line format.

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.

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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