



INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

Institute of Medical Ethics Elective Bursaries 2022 Guidelines for applicants

- 1 Bursaries of up to £800 each will be awarded to current UK medical undergraduates to support Medical Student Electives, in the UK or overseas, which involve a project. Exceptionally a bursary may be awarded for a project which is part of a Special Study Module.
- 2 The project may be empirical research, a literature search or a focused reflection on the experience you expect to gain from your elective. You are strongly advised to consult the guidelines 'Research methods in medical ethics: IME guidance for Elective Bursary Projects' which is available on the IME website.
- 3 Your elective must be completed within 12 months of receiving the award.
- 4 Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:
 - 1 The degree to which your project focuses on medical ethics.
 - 2 The question you hope to answer and the background of the project. References should be included.
 - 3 The methodology you intend to use.
 - 4 The feasibility of your project.
 - 5 The possible relevance of your findings to health care, the medical ethics debate, your future career.
 - 6 Your justification for your bursary application.
- 5 Medical students must apply jointly with their UK Ethics Tutor who must approve the project and confirm whether or not ethical approval is required (see note 10 below).
It is important that your Ethics Tutor is a member of staff responsible for medical ethics teaching.
- 6 Please complete the application form with a detailed outline of your project where indicated and as instructed.
- 7 Please note that no other documentation, including CVs are required.
- 8 Please ensure that your name is on each sheet of your project outline.
- 9 We are unable to accept handwritten applications.

- 10 You should discuss the need to obtain ethical approval for your project with your Ethics Tutor. If your project involves the use of questionnaires and/or interviews, it is very likely that you will require ethical approval; you should aim to apply for this before submitting your bursary application. If you are successful we will require confirmation of the approval.
- 11 Occasionally, the award of a bursary may be provisional depending on, for example, the confirmation of the applicant obtaining ethical approval for their project. In this case, the requirement stated in the letter to the applicant must be satisfied *before* the start date of the applicant's elective. If this is not done, the bursary award will be withdrawn.
- 12 Your form must be completed and signed by your UK Ethics Tutor and have the official university stamp.
- 13 Please note that only applications which strictly adhere to these guidelines will be considered.
- 14 Please submit your application via the online submission form which can be found at:
<https://ime-uk.org/grants-and-competitions/elective-bursaries/>
Note allowed file types: pdf, doc, docx, jpg, xls
- 15 The closing date is **23.59 Monday 8th November 2021**. No applications will be accepted after that date.
- 16 You will be notified of the outcome by **Tuesday 7th December 2021**.
- 17 If your application is successful an electronic bank transfer for the amount awarded will then be sent to you.
- 18 Successful applicants will also be given a year's complimentary student membership for the IME.
- 19 If you are awarded an elective bursary, you will automatically be invited to present a poster of your project at a future IME Conference. The winner of the elective bursary poster category will be awarded The Mark Brennan Prize.
- 20 A report summarizing your elective and detailing your findings, in no more than 1000 words, must be sent to the IME by email within 3 months of the end of your elective.

On receipt of your report you will be sent a certificate in recognition of your award for inclusion in your portfolio. Please ensure that confidentiality is maintained in your report. **Please note that submission of a report is a condition of the award and we are unable to issue a certificate unless we have received this.**

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- 21 If you have any questions, please use the online submission form and we will respond asap.

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