



INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

Conference Grants Guidelines for Early Career Academics/Clinicians

Please ensure you complete the latest version of the application form which is the version on the IME website. Do not use older versions which you may have previously saved as these will differ.

- 1 Conference grants are awarded to UK early career academics and junior doctors to support attendance at meetings or conferences of which medical ethics is a substantial and explicit component. Applications are reviewed by all members of the Grants & Awards Committee and are not competitive. In view of COVID-19, virtual activities will also be considered for the award of a grant.
- 2 Ordinarily, we cover travel from/to the UK only. In exceptional circumstances, the committee will consider covering travel from/to a country other than the UK.
- 3 To qualify as an early career academic/clinician the applicant must:
 - Intend a research or teaching career in which bioethics or clinical ethics is a significant component *or* intend a career in medicine with a particular interest in medical ethics.
 - Have completed a higher degree (Masters or PhD) in ethics/law and are within 5 years (full time equivalent) of working after obtaining a higher degree *or* completing foundation year 2.
- 4 The main criterion for awarding grants will be that the meeting or conference promotes understanding of ethical issues related to health care.
- 5 Presentation of a paper or poster on an ethics topic is desirable but not essential for those applying for conferences in the UK. *Please note: If you are attending a conference outside of the UK, you must be presenting a paper or a poster to qualify for an IME grant. Applications will not be considered unless medical ethics is a substantial and explicit component of the topic being discussed/presented.*

For conferences outside the UK, please submit evidence that your paper or poster has been accepted when submitting your application.

- 6 Our grant covers conference fees, travel and accommodation costs up to £200 UK, £300 Europe and £800 Rest of World.
- 7 Applications can be made throughout the year. ***Please note: Applications should be submitted at least 30 working days before the event to ensure we have sufficient time for processing. Whilst we will endeavour to consider applications outside of this timescale, we are unable to guarantee acceptance.***
We aim to inform you of the outcome within 4 weeks of the application being received.
- 8 We are unable to accept handwritten applications.
- 9 **Please note that only applications which strictly adhere to these guidelines will be considered.**
- 10 It is usual for applicants to be awarded only one conference grant during a calendar year. However, the committee will consider an additional application in exceptional circumstances. The applicant will be expected to justify their second or subsequent application eg the conference provides you with a unique academic opportunity, you have been invited to present a paper or poster etc.
- 11 If you are applying for a conference grant to present work for which you have previously received an IME conference grant, please justify this further application in the box provided on the application form.
- 12 Please have your application endorsed by the University or Line Manager/Trust.
- 13 Please submit your application via the online submission form which can be found at:
ime-uk.org/grants-and-competitions/conference-grants/
Note allowed file types: pdf, doc, docx, jpg, xls
- 14 Successful candidates should send their report to the IME within three weeks of the conference. The report should be based on the ethical aspects of the conference. Submit your report via the online submission form which can be found at:
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- 15 Applicants presenting a paper or poster will be sent a certificate on receipt of their report.

16 If you have any queries please contact us on 01925 299733 or contact@ime-uk.org

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