

## Ulster Society of Gastroenterology Bursary Scheme 2019-20



The USG are pleased to invite applications for the 2019 annual bursary scheme. The aim of this scheme is to facilitate training and research opportunities amongst USG members and to continue developing a network of high-quality GI-related health professionals and researchers in Northern Ireland, who actively contribute to USG activities and meetings throughout their career.

### Eligibility criteria

#### 1. *What activities will be eligible?*

To be used for purposes that would enhance research within your clinical training – eg. facilitate MPhil or postgraduate studies, contributions to a travelling fellowship, costs for a small research study, costs for support from collaborators, conference costs to present the results. Applications for short courses or conference attendance as the sole purpose of the bursary are not eligible.

Your bursary activity must lead to an abstract submission at a subsequent USG meeting.

#### 2. *Who will be eligible to apply?*

Trainees in Northern Ireland including GI-trainees, and those from GI-related disciplines (surgery, oncology, pathology, dietetics, nursing etc).

Consultant level, or non-clinical applicants, will not be eligible to apply but could be collaborators.

#### 3. *What will the upper limit of the bursary be?*

Value up to £5,000. It is hoped the USG would award 2 bursaries per year. This may be subject to change.

### Application process and deadlines

Timelines for the bursary application and lifetime of the bursary are shown overleaf. These have been designed to bear in mind six month rotation slots for many of the trainees who will be eligible to apply.

The deadline for the 2019-20 bursaries is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 4pm**. Applications should be emailed to **info@isge.ie**

At least some of the activities proposed should take place during the time period **August 2019 - August 2020**. Successful applicants are expected to attend USG meetings to present their plans for the bursary in Autumn 2019, and subsequent outputs from the bursary in Autumn 2020.

Applications will consist of a **4 page summary** (template enclosed) of the work to be done, and criteria will be judged by at least three members of the USG committee according to the guidelines shown. Do not exceed the 4 page limit in the enclosed template (retaining Calibri font size 11 formatting).

<b>Key Dates</b>	
<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	Launch of USG 2019-20 bursary applications
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 4pm</i>	Deadline for submission of USG 2019-20 bursary application
<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019</i>	USG Bursary awardees will be announced at the Spring USG meeting at Park Avenue Hotel.
<i>August 2019-August 2020</i>	At least some of the proposed activities supported by the bursary should take place during this time period.
<i>Autumn meeting (usually October) 2019</i>	2019-20 USG Bursary recipients should present their planned activities at the Autumn USG meeting. These will likely be 3-5 minute presentations.
<i>Autumn 2020 USG meeting</i>	2019-20 Bursary recipients should present the outcomes from their bursary activities as part of the USG Autumn meeting programme. These will likely be 8-10 minute presentations.

#### 4. Judging criteria

Applications will be judged according to the following criteria, with greater emphasis on the first criteria:

- Added value to the Applicant's future career
  - **(Scored out of 10)**
- Relevance to GI practice and/or research in Northern Ireland, UK and Internationally
  - **(scored out of 10)**
- Feasibility - supportive environment and collaborations
  - **(scored out of 10)**
- Appropriateness of costings will also be reviewed for eligibility – this will not impact on scoring. Any queries will be resolved through discussion with applicants.

<b>Added Value to Applicant's future career (10)</b>	<b>Relevance to GI practice and/or research (10)</b>	<b>Feasibility of environment and collaborations (10)</b>	<b>Appropriateness of costings</b>
0 = Added value unlikely	0 = No relevance	0 = Not feasible	Yes
2 = Limited added value (eg. new skills learned)	2= Limited relevance locally (single hospital)	2 = Limited support in place	No
4 = Some added value (eg. new skills and collaborations)	4 = Some relevance locally (single trust)	4 = Some supportive collaborations in place	
6 = Considerable added value (eg. as above + low-moderate impact publication likely)	6 = Relevant locally (Northern Ireland wide)	6 = Collaborative team in place with clinical & /or research experience	
8 = Very good added value (eg. as above + high-impact publication likely)	8= Relevant locally and nationally (UK/Ireland)	8 = As above + dedicated time to conduct activity clear	
10 = Outstanding added value (eg. as above + additional qualification likely)	10= Relevant locally, nationally and internationally	10 = As above + potential problems troubleshooted	

#### 5. Post-bursary award

The USG Treasurer will work with successful bursary recipients to organise transfer of monies in the most practical capacity for the project. Ideally, expenses will be invoiced directly to USG.

**Ulster Society of Gastroenterology Bursary application 2019-20**

Applicant name	
Applicant clinical discipline and stage of training	
Applicant contact e-mail	
Applicant contact telephone number	
<b>Proposed activity during bursary</b>	
Summary of bursary activity	
Aim(s) of bursary activity	
Proposed dates of bursary activity (N.B. Must include August 2019-August 2020)	
Department/ Hospital location(s) for bursary activity	
Collaborator(s) for bursary activity	<i>Please list title, names, position and institution for all collaborators.</i>
Costings	<i>Please itemise the costings associated with the proposed bursary.</i>

	USG Committee Score (for office use only)
1. Outline how the USG bursary would bring ADDED value to your future career – include details of your current training position, future career plans, any previous research experience and likely outcomes from the bursary activity.	Score /10

2. Outline how the bursary is relevant to GI practice and/or research in Northern Ireland, the UK/Ireland and Internationally, as appropriate	Score /10

<p>3. Outline the feasibility of your proposed bursary activity. You should outline potential problems and how you will overcome these, and indicate the role of your environment and collaborations in supporting the bursary activity.</p>	<p>Score/10</p>
<p>USG Committee Score (for office use only)</p>	<p>Total/30</p>
<p>USG Committee Feedback comments</p>	