

The Claire Wand Fund – application form

Supporting research by general practitioners



The fund was established in 1953. Following the Danckwerts award on remuneration for general practitioners, the profession expressed gratitude for the outstanding services of Dr Solomon Wand and Dr Derek Stevenson, who led the discussions with the Government on behalf of the BMA, and this was expressed in the form of gifts for their personal benefit. The recipients asked that the sum raised, amounting to £10,800, be used to establish a trust fund to further the education of medical practitioners primarily involved in general practice. The fund so established was named in memory of Dr Wand's wife, Claire, who had died in 1951.

Conditions

Applicants must have obtained, or applied for approval of their research project from their local Research Ethics Committee. A copy of this agreement must be sent during the application process, or if ethical approval is pending provide the date the committee will meet. For projects not requiring ethical approval, a signed statement, giving the reason why ethical approval is not considered necessary must be sent. Ethical approval must be current at the time of application and must be valid for the duration of the project.

Who may apply

Medical practitioners working in general practice, or training to do so.

Criteria for the award of grants

It is exceptional that applications for projects are fully funded. The fund has a limited disposable income each year, and where applications exceed this they will be judged according to merit on a competitive basis, applying the principles of fair and non discriminatory practice. The Trustees' decision is final.

Projects awarded grants include:

- Research for dissertations leading to a higher degree
- Audit
- Research projects initiated by general practitioners, with ethical committee approval and appropriate support and indemnity
- Course fees where the course will lead to the development of new clinical services within the applicant's practice, supported by evidence to confirm this
- Travel for the study of general practice in different cultures

Applications for grants may include costs towards:

- Statistical support
- Computer software
- Stationary and postage
- Necessary economical travel
- Conference fees where the outcome of a study supported by the fund is to be presented, with the support from the fund being acknowledged

The grant holder is required to submit invoices/receipts covering services or materials provided required by the project.

Successful applicants are required to write a report for the Trustees on the outcome of the study or project, or on how any education undertaken has affected practice. The Claire Wand Fund must be acknowledged in any publications arising from fund supported projects. Should monies not be used for the purpose intended they must be returned to the fund.

6. Previous research experience

7. Purpose for which funding is being sort

8. Please summarise the background to the project including the ways that your patients and the practice will benefit.

9. Proposed Timetable of Project [to include start date and duration]

10. Estimate of requirements, with estimated costs, for the project

11. If you have submitted this proposal to other funding organisations, please state the names and results of your applications.

12. Name of Local Medical Committee

Name of LMC Chairman _____

13. Data Protection

The Claire Wand Fund will use the information provided in the application for the processing and the assessment of the application, for awarding the grant and for the financial payments and monitoring the grant. The name of the successful applicant and their research project title will be made available on the Claire Wand Fund Website following the awarding of the grants, as well as the details of any published work resulting from the research project. For further information about how the Claire Wand Fund processes personal data, please see our full privacy policy at <http://www.clairewand.org/privacy-policy>.

I declare that the particulars given on this form are a true statement and I give my consent for the information provided to be held and used for the purpose detailed in section 12.

Signature _____

Date _____