



APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS

RESTRICTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

- Under the scheme four medical schools are invited to apply they are: University College London, University of Nottingham, University of Liverpool and Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry.
- Medical schools should note that the applications they submit must be for students who are **UK citizens** and who have successfully **completed the first year** of their undergraduate medical degree.
- Medical schools should note that the Foundation does not fund *overseas students, medical electives, volunteering, part time study or gap year projects*.
- The trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented undergraduates who are struggling to support themselves financially through medical school.
- It is a mandatory requirement of the Foundation that a personal or family **link with commerce is established** for an application to be considered. To qualify the applicant, the applicant's parents or grandparents must have worked in or owned a commercial business. This does not include professional people i.e. doctors, accountants, architects, solicitors, etc. Supporting documentation may be required. Details supporting this link will be requested on the application form.
- The Trustees give preference to applications that will ultimately benefit the United Kingdom and its communities.

TIMING

Grants are annual, with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. Applications must be submitted by the medical schools online through the Foundation's website by the **31 March**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. The Foundation will notify both the school and the applicants of the outcome of their application in June.

VALUE

Each medical school is considered for a maximum grant of £15,000. It is up to the school to decide how this grant is divided between one and a maximum of five students. Schools do not have to submit five applications, the grants do not need to be divided equally and nor does the full grant have to be claimed.

For example, a school may wish to submit just one application for the full £15,000, or may submit up to five applications for a combined total of £15,000 or less.

PAYMENT

Grants are paid directly to the individual usually in September of the year awarded. For larger grants, it may be necessary to split the award into two payments up to 6 months apart.

APPLYING AGAIN

Previous grant recipients and those who were unsuccessful in previous rounds can reapply via their Medical School however; there is no guarantee of repeat funding.

MONITORING

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be in the March following the start of the academic year for which the grant was awarded.



HOW TO APPLY

- Medical schools should discuss this funding opportunity with potential applicants individually and provide them with the Foundation's *Application Form* and *Guidance Notes for Applicants*.
- All applicants must complete the application form and provide a personal statement of no more than 800 words outlining their career ambitions/intentions and why they are seeking financial assistance from the Foundation.
- These documents must be returned to their medical school contact.
- It is the discretion of the medical schools to shortlist applications on an equal weighting of academic ability and financial need.
- Those shortlisted should be submitted by the Medical School to the Foundation via the online form on our website. www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding
- The Dean (or appropriate person) should provide a letter of support to accompany the student's application.
- The online form enables two separate files to be attached to the application, one for the personal statement and one for the letter of support/reference. There is no need to scan them into one document to attach them. The hardship statement still needs to be typed on the form.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL MUST SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS ONLINE WITH ATTACHED LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATES BY 31 MARCH.

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the Secretary at the Foundation on 020 7869 6086 or at info@georgedrexler.org.uk. The Trustees are keen to be involved in the application process and in the case of Nottingham University and University College London a named trustee is available, if needed, to discuss suitable applicants they are:

Nottingham
Miss Leela Kapila OBE FRCS
Retired Paediatric Surgeon

UCL
Mr Michael Edgar M.Chir, FRCS
Emeritus Reader in Surgery UCL

If you would like their contact details please email the Foundation.

The trustees wish to recognise excellence and exceptional ability or potential and applications should demonstrate this.

The application process is competitive and there is no guaranteed commitment of funding from the Foundation.

The application form and guidance notes for completion by applicants can be downloaded from our website. www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding