



Application Guidance Notes for Medical Schools

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

History

The Foundation was established in 1959 by the late George Drexler OBE for the advancement of education.

Restrictions & Eligibility

1. Under this section four medical schools are invited to apply they are: University College London, University of Nottingham, University of Liverpool and Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry.
2. 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.
3. Medical schools should note that the Foundation will not fund *overseas students, medical electives, volunteering, part time study or gap year projects*.
4. The trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented undergraduates who are struggling to support themselves financially through medical school.
5. It is a strict requirement of the Foundation that *a personal or family link with commerce is established for an application to be considered*. To qualify either 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. In the majority of cases this is not an obstacle and further guidance can be sought from the Administrator.

Timing

Grants are made annually, 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 by early June.

Value

Each medical school will be 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 5 applications and the grants do not need to be divided equally, 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 5 applications for a combined total of £15,000 or less.

Payment of Grants

Grants will be paid directly to the individual usually in August 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 from the 4 medical schools will not be considered outside the Medical School Application process. However, medical schools can include previous grant recipients or those who were unsuccessful in previous years in their submissions.



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Monitoring

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be requested in the February 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*. (See restrictions & eligibility)
- All applicants must complete the application form and provide a personal statement of no more than 1 side of A4 paper 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 then at the discretion of the medical schools to shortlist applications on an equal weighting of academic ability and financial need.
- Those shortlisted should be submitted to the Foundation via the online form on our website.
www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding/medical-schools
- The Dean (or appropriate person) should provide a letter of recommendation to accompany the student's application. Applications should be placed in priority order indicating the sum requested to a maximum combined value of £15,000.

The medical school must submit all online applications with attached letters of recommendation on behalf of the candidates by 31st March.

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the Administrator 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.

Please Note:

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.

Online applications should be submitted by the Medical School by 31st March.

The application form and guidance notes for completion by applicants can be downloaded from our website.
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