

College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Scheme

Student Research Award Guidelines

These guidelines apply to the **CoRIPS Student Research Award**. Please read these guidelines carefully before making an enquiry or completing an application form.

There will be two calls for this award per year, one in April and one in October, with two successful allocations in each round. Closing dates will be the first Monday of April, and the first Monday of October each year.

Nature of the Award

The purpose of the award is to encourage radiography students to consider a career path in research by providing funding support for those seeking research experience, having demonstrated their potential through application. Application will require the student to propose an achievable project to be carried out within a 12 month period with appropriate supervisory support.

The award is conditional in that it should provide financial support of up to £1,000 to the student as a stipend, and/or for relevant equipment and resources required by the student to successfully complete their research project.

Eligibility

To apply for this research award:

- Applications are open to projects involving individual students or small groups of students (although financial support must be divided in the case of more than one student applicant);
- The student radiographer(s) must be registered on a College of Radiographers' accredited pre-registration programme;
- The student radiographer(s) must be in student membership with the Society of Radiographers;
- The application must be supported by a member of academic teaching staff;
- An academic teaching staff member can only support **one** application per round of funding;
- The application will require a signature from the Head of Department;
- The research project must not form part of existing academic work, including final year dissertation projects.

NB Unfortunately, we are unable to fund applicants who have previously received CoRIPS Student Research Award funding.

Adjudication

Adjudication will be by the Society and College of Radiographers. The scheme is competitive and applications will be judged primarily on the quality of the application, the scientific merit of the project and the prospective experience for the student. Preference will be given to:

- Students at any stage of a radiography programme who demonstrate they have an understanding of research principles;
- Research projects that have a clearly defined objective which is achievable by the student in the time available;
- Research projects that can be clearly managed around the existing academic commitments of the student, preferably in holiday periods. (The funding period does not need to be consecutive, but proposals should demonstrate an achievable project timeline.);
- Projects which give scope for thought and show initiative on the part of the student;
- Projects which are aligned with the College of Radiographers' research priorities.

How to apply

The application must be made by the student with support from a member of the teaching team who will supervise the research. However, the staff member should discuss the project in detail with the nominated student and should also contribute to the project design. The application form includes space for the student to explain their research aspirations and a supporting statement from the student's supervisor. These should be included in the form and **not attached separately**. Applications must be made using the application form which can be downloaded from our [website](#).

Awards are granted to the institution but will be rescinded if the student's engagement with the research project is deemed insufficient. By signing the application form, the project supervisor and Head of Department signify their willingness to support the award and the associated research project to completion, and confirm that monies awarded will be used directly to fund the student's involvement and will not be 'top-sliced'. All parties must agree to the terms and conditions of the award and the reporting requirements of the College of Radiographers. The investigation must also comply with the safety and ethical regulations of the university and the university will be responsible to ensure that the requirements of all relevant regulatory authorities will be met before the work commences.

Applications may be considered if previous research funding linked with the research project exists, or where future funding for the project has been applied for outside of the College of Radiographers' Student Research Award scheme. However, there must be justification of why award costs cannot be included in existing or planned future funding. Likewise, research expenses such as equipment or consumables are potentially offered under this scheme with appropriate justification, with these to be managed by the student.

The closing date for applications will be the first Monday of April, and the first Monday of October each year and all applications will be acknowledged by email to the supporting academic. Decisions will be communicated to supporting academics within six to eight weeks of the application closing date. **If you have not received an acknowledgment within this time, please contact the Professional and Education team as soon as possible via: pande@sor.org**

If you need to withdraw your application, you must let us know as soon as possible using the contact email address above. Please bear in mind that we are a small central team and that processing each application takes time. We receive many more good applications than we can fund, so please help us to use our resources in the most effective way.

Further copies of these guidelines and the application form can be downloaded from our [website](#) or further advice is available via telephone on 0207 740 7200.