

The Ross Foundation Research Bursary Awards 2011

The Ross Foundation BOSU study bursary for a Scottish ophthalmologist in Training

The Ross Foundation is offering a research bursary award of £6000 to support a Scottish ophthalmologist in training to undertake an epidemiological study of a rare eye condition through the BOSU.

The objective for this award is to:

- Enable the successful ophthalmologist to develop their research knowledge and skills.
- Promote the role of the BOSU in the surveillance of rare eye diseases
- Encourage ophthalmologists who are not research active to undertake a study of a rare eye disease or condition of scientific or public health importance.
- Add to the body of knowledge of rare eye diseases and conditions.

This award will be offered to the applicant who presents the best proposal for a surveillance project. All applications will be assessed upon their suitability for nationwide surveillance, public health and/or scientific importance and the achievability of the research questions. All suggested conditions should have an expected UK population incidence of less than 300 cases per annum.

Applications should be made to the BOSU using not more than two sides of A4 which should provide:

- a) General background to the disorder including objectives.
- b) A draft case definition.
- c) Research questions.
- d) An estimate of expected number of case reports.
- e) Justification for accepting the study.
- f) Name of Study Supervisor

Assistance with preparation of applications is available from the BOSU and applicants are advised to contact Barny Foot (BOSU@rcophth.ac.uk or 07808 581659) for an informal discussion and to request application guidelines.

Closing date for applications will be 14th October 2011.

The Ross Foundation Scottish Ophthalmological Surveillance Unit

The Ross Foundation has offered an annual bursary of £6,000 to support SOSU studies. These bursaries will be awarded competitively to allow an ophthalmologist or other interested researcher to undertake an epidemiological study of a suitable eye condition through the SOSU.

This award will be offered to the applicant who presents the best proposal for a surveillance project. All applications will be assessed upon their suitable rarity, public health and scientific importance and the achievability of the research questions. All suggested conditions should have an expected annual incidence of more than 30 but less than 150 cases in Scotland.

Closing date for applications will be 23rd September 2011.