

BSG Grants

Guidance Notes for Applicants

Purpose of the Grant

The British Sarcoma Group Grant scheme aims to support professional development and collaboration among healthcare professionals working in sarcoma care.

The grant provides funding for visits to other sarcoma centres, within the UK or internationally, to:

- Enhance clinical knowledge and practical skills in sarcoma management.
- Observe and share best practices in multidisciplinary care or service delivery.
- Foster collaboration and exchange of ideas between sarcoma units.
- Support educational visits focused on the setup or improvement of sarcoma services.

The funding is not intended for conference attendance unless the visit includes a strong element of clinical or service-based learning (e.g. a visit to a host unit linked to a meeting).

Eligibility Criteria

To apply, you must:

- Be a **current member of the British Sarcoma Group (BSG)**
- Be a **clinician, surgeon, oncologist, pathologist, radiologist, CNS or allied health professional** involved in sarcoma management.
- Use the grant for **educational or observational visits** to another sarcoma centre (UK or overseas).
- Have the **support of your clinical supervisor, line manager, or department head**
- Applicants may only apply for one grant per year

Exclusions

BSG Grants are not open to current BSG trustees or connected persons (this includes, but is not limited to, spouses or partners, close family members, members of the same household). If an applicant has a financial relationship with any current BSG Trustee this must be disclosed prior to applying.

What the Grant Covers

The grant can contribute towards reasonable and necessary costs such as:

- Travel expenses (e.g. flights, train fares, local transport).
 - Accommodation costs.
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The BSG has a total of **6** grants available per year, these are offered as follows:

- Up to the value of £1000 x2
- Up to the value of £500 x4

Please ensure the total grant amount being applied for includes any delivery, VAT or other additional costs as these cannot be added retrospectively. The BSG may part-fund applications if the total cost exceeds the maximum award available.

Application Process

1. Complete the **BSG Grant Application Form**. You will be required to provide your expected estimated cost, a supporting statement and your aims and objectives for your request.
2. This will automatically be sent to the admin team at BSG and will be reviewed by the Grant application committee which is made up of BSG Trustees.
3. You will receive a confirmation email and will be notified once a decision has been made.
4. The application period will run for four months, opening at the BSG Conference each year (generally late February / early March) and closing at the end of June. Successful applicants will be awarded in September following a review process.
5. Depending on the nature of your application you may be requested to provide feedback on your activities and in some instances be offered the chance to present in poster form at the BSG Conference the following year.
6. Payment of the grant shall be made upon completion and submission of a grant claim form supported by receipts / proof of costs incurred.

The BSG aims to award six grants per year and strongly encourages all those working in sarcoma care to apply.

Any Questions

If you would like any further information on the grant application process please contact the membership team at support@britishsarcomagroup.org.uk or call 0191 244 2581.
