

### **2025 RCR SEED GRANT**

Applications are invited from Members and Fellows of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology of the Royal College of Radiologists for a grant scheme of up to £40,000. The scheme is open to radiologists-in-training, SAS doctors who are new to research and who are seeking to develop their research profile, **early-mid career NHS consultants within ten years of completion of training** to develop their research, or NHS consultants at any stage but new to research who hope to develop their research experience.

The Grant is intended for scientific or educational research projects in the United Kingdom or abroad to enable the collection of preliminary and/or pilot data, which will support the development of larger scale, externally funded research.

Projects submitted by applicants who can demonstrate a clear route to the next phase of funding will be preferred. However, well-designed, small, self-contained projects are also welcome.

The area of research is not restricted; although it is expected that it will have direct relevance to the development or practice of, or education in, clinical radiology.

Funding may go towards research costs including imaging costs and equipment costs. Any equipment costs of more than £1000 should have clear justification regarding why this is not already available within the institute where the research is being conducted. Funding may also be used to support project-related patient and public involvement events, which may help improve chances of future funding. **Please note that researcher salary costs and overhead costs are ineligible costs. If ineligible costs are included in your application, you may be disqualified from the award or costs may be reduced accordingly.**

Due note will be taken of other sources of funding obtained by applicants. Applicants are encouraged to obtain some matched funding for their proposed project.

The grant will be awarded in instalments and will be contingent upon the receipt of the interim reports. At the end of the grant, the successful applicant(s) will be required to render a report to the Royal College of Radiologists.

The College shall hold and process all personal data received by it in connection with the Fellowship in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Please note that an applicant and co-applicant may apply for only ONE of the following awards in any given year:** Seed Grant, Kodak Fellowship, Constance Thornton Fellowship, or Research Bursary. **The assessment panel reserves the right to move an application into another award category if appropriate.**

#### **Applications should comprise:**

1. A completed application form. The application form must be completed electronically and submitted by email.

The application form requires:

- Details of the proposed project including title, purpose, timing, plan of investigation, methods and techniques of study
- Details of any co-applicants

- Details of public and patient involvement
  - A budget plan
  - Details of two potential referees, both of which should be consultant clinical radiologists based at different institutions to each other, and to the applicant. The referees should be experts in their field and have no connection to either the project or the applicant(s). **In order to minimise delay, please ensure you contact your referees beforehand and confirm that they are happy to be contacted for a reference.** The referees will be asked by the RCR to complete a reference template, therefore they will need to set time aside to do this.
2. A brief curriculum vitae comprising of 2 pages maximum. This should NOT include a photograph of the applicant
  3. Letter(s) of support from the research venue and/or project supervisor
  4. Gantt chart for project (if applicable)

### ***Application and Assessment Procedure***

- Applications should be sent by email to [research@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:research@rcr.ac.uk) to arrive **not later than 5pm on Friday 6 June 2025.**
- An assessment panel nominated by the Royal College of Radiologists will consider applications. The decision of the assessment panel is final and binding.
- It is intended that the assessors' recommendations will be reported to the Academic Committee meeting in **September 2025** for approval. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in **early October 2025.**