

International centre travel grants

Regulations

1. The IPEM International Centre Travel grant is open to Full members and Fellows who have been a member for at least 1 year prior to submitting a grant application.
2. The grant provides funds for visits to international centres to bring relevant expertise to the UK or to establish new research collaboration.
3. The proposed work must relate to physics and engineering applied to medicine and biology.
4. Candidates should complete the application form.
5. Travel should take place within 1 year of the grant.
6. The recipient of the grant will write a 3000 word report of the visit within eight weeks of their return for publication in SCOPE.
7. Application deadlines are the 31 January and the 31 July.
8. Candidates are restricted to 1 grant in their lifetime.
9. The Prizes and Awards Panel will receive applications and make the decision concerning the grant.
10. There are 2 grants of £3000 available each year to cover travel and accommodation costs. The application deadlines are 31 January and 31 July each year. If a grant is not made in January it may be taken forward to the July deadline making two grants available in July but unused funds will not be carried over into subsequent years.

Application

1. Please make sure that you are applying for the correct travel grant:
 - This application: International Centre Travel grant. Up to £3000. Open to full members and fellows. For visits to international centres to bring expertise to the UK or to set up a research collaboration.
 - Conference and Course grant. Up to £600. Open to full members and fellows. For attendance at a course or conference in the UK or abroad.
 - Student and Trainee Travel grant. Up to £300. Open to postgraduate students, healthcare and industrial trainees. For attendance at a course or conference in the UK or abroad.
2. The following costs are allowable; economy travel making full use of advance tickets, accommodation. Subsistence costs (meals) are not provided.
3. The case for support (3 pages max) should include the following details:
 - brief details of the work of the candidate in relation to the proposed visit(s)
 - details of the proposed work area justifying why there is a need to bring the relevant expertise into the UK, or what the opportunities are for collaboration.
 - details of the centre to be visited including names and brief details of the main contacts
 - the proposed plan on return to the UK for taking forward the work
4. The application form should include the following appendices:
 - a list of journal and other references
 - letters of support from proposed centres to be visited
 - letter of support from Head of Department (or similar) with a commitment to provide some funding (ideally up to 1/3 of the total funds), and if no matched funding is available to explain why.
 - Full breakdown of costs with details rather than estimated costs.
5. Brief CV of the candidate (4 pages).

Criteria against which the application will be assessed

1. Does the case for support make the need either i) to bring expertise into the UK or ii) that there is a potential new research collaboration worth making?
2. Is the candidate suitably qualified for the proposed work?
3. Is the research centre and main contact appropriate for the proposed work?
4. Is there a viable plan for taking forward the work on return to the UK?
5. Is the funding justifiable and reasonable?
6. Is there support from the Head of Department with commitment to provide some funding?