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**BACPAR Postgraduate Education Bursary Guidance**

**Introduction:**

BACPAR are pleased to offer a bursary to BACPAR members to help cover course fees of Postgraduate certificates, Masters modules or PhD fees. The course must be relevant to the field of limb absence rehabilitation and UK clinical practice.

This bursary is intended to assist with contribution to tuition fees and reduce the financial burden. This will allow the individual to focus on gaining a higher level of knowledge and skills within the field of limb absence rehabilitation.

**How much is the support grant and how will the funding be used?**

The BACPAR Postgraduate Education Bursary fund is £3000 per year.

The number of successful applicants each year will determine what percentage of this bursary shall be provided per applicant. **The maximum each applicant will receive is £1000**. Successful applicants may utilise the sum provided how they see fit, however, there will only be one sum of money provided per masters course, not per module.

The amount awarded will be paid directly to the successful applicant via bank transfer.

The applicant may also request further funding through the **BACPAR Research Bursary** to contribute toward the completion of the dissertation required to obtain the MSc. Please refer to the BACPAR website for information on this bursary. Please note, first time applicants will take priority over applicants whom have already received funding from BACPAR when being considered for this bursary.

**Eligibility:**

1. Full BACPAR membership for two consecutive years i.e. has been a member for at least one complete BACPAR year. Bursaries are not available to allied associate, departmental or student members.
2. Current registration to practice in the UK with the appropriate regulatory and professional bodies.
3. Currently enrolled on an MSc/PhD programme relevant to the field of limb absence rehabilitation or where the applicant has been accepted onto the programme for the upcoming academic year.
4. Support from your employer/academic supervisor to undertake the proposed activity.
5. The applicant must not have already received a Postgraduate Education Bursary from BACPAR.
6. The applicant will still be considered even where funding has been provided from another source, for example an employer.

**Application process:**

Prior to applying it is recommended that the applicants contact the BACPAR education officers to discuss their plans. A bursary application form must be submitted, and these are available on the BACPAR website.

Applications will be considered at the executive committee meetings in March and September, and it is advised that applications should be made as early in the financial year as possible to avoid disappointment. Retrospective applications may also be considered for those currently enrolled on a programme.

Applications must include:

* Proof of enrolment.
* Completed application form.

If a member of the BACPAR Executive Committee applies for the bursary, then they will be asked to leave the meeting upon discussion of their application.

The outcome of the application will be communicated by email.

In a scenario where there are multiple applications, you may feel that the sum offered from BACPAR does not accommodate your request. You may wish to consider declining this offer and re-applying the following year, as once you accept the offer, you cannot re-apply.

**Evaluation**

It is expected that the successful applicant will commit to completing either the individual module or the whole MSc as specified in their application. They will be expected to provide at least one of the following:

* A poster presentation for the BACPAR conference.
* An oral presentation at the BACPAR conference.
* Write an article for the BACPAR Journal.