



# Society for Reproduction and Fertility

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## **Academic Scholarship Funds**

The purpose of the SRF Scholarship Fund is to support non-statutory SRF members to develop and maintain their research programmes. Following consultation with our members, the SRF offers 3 separate Scholarship funds, an Academic Scholarship, an Early Career Researcher Scholarship and a Return to Research Scholarship.

### **Purpose of the Awards:**

The types of activities that could be supported include (but are not limited to):

- Small pump-priming grants to generate preliminary data for a full grant proposal
- Travel and subsistence for a period of sabbatical leave
- Bridging funds to help retain staff during gaps in grant funding
- Support academic staff returning to research following maternity, adoption and/or shared parental leave.

### **Eligibility for Academic Scholarship:**

- The applicant must have an academic post and be continuing in that post for the duration of the award.
- The applicant must be a current, fully-paid up full member of SRF and must have been a full member for at least 5 continuous years.
- The applicant must be an active member of SRF (e.g. by attending conferences, membership of committees, publishing in Reproduction).
- Academic Scholarship awardees must complete a further five years of continuous SRF membership before being eligible to receive another Academic Scholarship (i.e. only one award will be made per individual per 5 years of membership).
- Only non-statutory members may apply for this award.

### **Eligibility for Early Career Researcher Scholarship:**

- The Applicant should be within the first 3 years of a tenured academic position at time of application and be continuing in that post for the duration of the award.
- The Applicant must be a current, fully-paid up, full member of SRF and must have been a full member for at least 2 continuous years.

- The applicant must be an active member of SRF (e.g. by attending conferences, membership of committees, publishing in *Reproduction*).
- The Applicant cannot currently hold substantive funding (defined as sufficient to employ a postdoctoral researcher or technical support)
- The applicant must complete a further 1 year of continuous SRF membership before being eligible to apply for the Academic Scholarship (i.e. only one award will be made per individual per 2 years of membership).
- Only non-statutory members may apply for this award.

### **Eligibility for Return to Research Scholarship:**

- Applicants must have taken at least 6 months continuous maternity, adoption and/or shared parental leave. There is no maximal leave limit. Confirmation of duration of leave will be required from the applicant's home institution.
- Applicants must apply within 12 months of returning to work from maternity, adoption and/or shared parental leave.
- Applicants must hold a permanent academic position and be continuing in that post for the duration of the award.
- Applicants must be a current, fully-paid up, full member of SRF and must have been a full member for at least 2 continuous years.
- Applicants must be an active member of SRF (e.g. by attending conferences, membership of committees, publishing in *Reproduction*).
- Applicants who have previously received the Return to Research Scholarship may make additional applications when taking further maternity, adoption and/or shared parental leave.
- The Scholarship cannot be used to cover the applicant's salary, maternity pay or childcare costs.
- Only non-statutory members may apply for this award.

### **Details of the Awards:**

- Eligible applicants may only apply for one Scholarship in any single year.
- The maximum amount awarded will be £12,500.
- The number of awards made each year will depend on the quality of the applications received and the financial position of the society.
- The society reserves the right not to make any awards in any given year if the quality of applications does not meet the required standards.
- Funds will be paid to the applicant's institution.
- Funds awarded are final, do not include overheads and are not subject to appeal.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered
- All successful applicants must submit a report within 12 months of completing the project describing how the funds were used
- Failure to provide the appropriate reports within the stated time will result in the applicant becoming ineligible to applying for further SRF supported funding.
- All successful applicants must acknowledge the SRF in any publications or presentations arising from work supported by this fund.
- The main criteria will be the quality of the application, however if two applicants are equally rated, preference will be given to 1st time applicants.