

School of Medicine Annual Elective Awards

The application process is open to all medical students undertaking an elective as part of their Final Year. Application for an award can only be made in the awards process immediately preceding the elective period.

The purpose of these awards is to provide support to medical students in undertaking their medical elective. Students who consider themselves eligible under the categories listed below are strongly advised to submit an application.

Students planning projects or whose electives have not been confirmed can submit an application with confirmation to follow. Please give detailed information regarding project proposals, details of the stage of planning that your elective has reached and when you expect the project and/or elective to be confirmed.

There are **three** types of award and students may apply for one, two or all three categories if they wish:

A. Contribution to the life of the School of Medicine

B. Financial hardship

C. Project (This award is also available to those wishing to undertake a project alongside clinical experience)

The award application period for these awards is late January to March each year. Detailed information on the awards process, application forms, and how to apply will be made available on the School of Medicine teaching intranet – Electives – Grants and Awards at <https://education.med.imperial.ac.uk/Electives/grants.htm>

Awards are made at a meeting of the School of Medicine Elective Awards Group in April/May. There is a great deal of competition for awards and students should not make elective plans in expectation of an award. The decision of the Elective Awards Group is final, and there is no right of appeal.

Elective grants from external trusts/organisations

Information on elective grants offered by external trusts/organisations can be found on the School of Medicine teaching intranet – Electives – Grants and Awards at <https://education.med.imperial.ac.uk/Electives/grants.htm> – and includes Elective grants from external trusts/organisations. A full list of grants offered can be found on the spreadsheet 'External grants'. Please be aware that the spreadsheet is updated regularly to reflect those grants and awards that are open to application at any one time. Therefore students looking for possible sources of funding are advised to check this at regular intervals.

In addition to the above elective funding information, students may also look in the College libraries for further information on charitable organisations that may offer funding for medical electives. One publication that details such organisations is 'THE MEDIC'S GUIDE TO WORK AND ELECTIVES AROUND THE WORLD' by Mark Wilson. Students are advised to check the funding organisation's website for their most recent guidance information.