# Ethicon Foundation Fund Travel Grants

# Terms and Conditions

Ethicon Foundation Fund offers RCS England members and fellows two different travel grants, which support a period of travel overseas to obtain further training and experience in the applicant’s chosen surgical discipline.

The visit should be an opportunity to obtain relevant surgical experience not normally available in the applicant’s home country.

Grants available

**Ethicon Foundation Fund travel grants** award successful applicants up to £1,000 contribution towards economy class travel, for visits of between 3 and 24 months duration.

Open to trainee grade, Fellows and Members. More senior applicants may be considered at the discretion of the Committee.

**Ethicon Foundation Fund Short-term Clinical visits grants** award successful applicants up to £400 contribution towards economy class travel, for visits up to 3 months, within Europe. Open to consultants or equivalent consultant level grade.

Eligiblity

* You must be an active Fellow or Member of The Royal College of Surgeons of England, and subscriptions should remain up to date throughout the period of the award.
* Ethicon Foundation Fund travel grant is open to trainee grade Fellows and Members. More senior applicants may be considered at the discretion of the Committee.
* Ethicon Foundation Fund Short-term Clinical visits grant is open to consultants or equivalent consultant level grade.
* Applicants should not have received either award previously.
* Applicants should be travelling to gain surgical experience not available in their home country.
* Applicants should include details of any other active travel grant applications (including other RCS England travel grants, travel grants already awarded for this visit, salary or stipends to be paid during the period of the visit.

Conditions of award

These grants are made on the understanding that the host centre, the supervisor and the applicant agree to accept the Terms and Conditions relating to the scheme and any amendments issued during the course of the grant application and visit.

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* Applicants should have obtained prior approval for the visit from the appropriate training authority in the country of application, where applicable.
* UK trainees must produce confirmation/evidence of prospective approval from the GMC if the post is to count towards the award of a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

**Ethicon Foundation Fund travel grants and Ethicon Foundation Fund Short-term Clinical visits grants:**

* The grant supports travel overseas to obtain further training and experience in the applicant’s chosen surgical discipline, which is not available in the applicant’s home country.
* Travel for the sole purpose of attending a scientific meeting will not be supported.
* The project should commence by the date stated on application.
* Applications must be made before embarking on the visit.
* The overseas visit must fit within the above stated timeframes for each award.
* Grant awards are made in February and travel should commence within 6 months of the award date.
* The grant is awarded to support the applicant’s travel costs, and cannot be used to support the travel costs of a spouse or partner.
* A final report should be submitted within 3 months of return date.

Financial arrangements

If successful, candidates should complete the forms sent to them and confirm acceptance of the terms and conditions. When travel tickets have been purchased, claim for remuneration for the award value should be submitted on the provided expense claim form, including proof of purchase.

Change of Visit

The funding has been awarded for the visit and purpose outlined in the application form only.

Change of Circumstance

The Royal College of Surgeons of England must be notified of any change of circumstance from those originally approved, or which prevent them from completing their overseas visit, at which point further advice will be provided.

Other funding

Applicants should advise the Royal College of Surgeons of England about any pending, or successful, applications for funding from other sources e.g. grant awards, salary or stipend related to this visit or paid during it.

Final Report

As a condition of the award, successful applicants will be required to submit a report of their visit within 3 months of return.

**The Royal College of Surgeons of England reserve the right to request return of funds awarded if the report is not submitted**.