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The SMA Trust Travel Award Scheme

The SMA Trust is pleased to announce a travel award scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to help early career SMA researchers (postgraduate students and postdocs) to attend meetings that will allow them to make presentations of their work, increase their knowledge of SMA, and make contacts within the SMA research community.

The awardees will generally be under 35 years old and must have submitted an abstract to the meeting they plan to attend, which should be attached to the application.

Up to six awards will be available each year, the amount depending on circumstances and geographical location, but to a maximum of £500.

In return, the Trustees will expect a concise but informative report of the meeting, not only to keep the Trustees informed of developments but also so that we can pass on news of research progress to SMA families.

We hope that this will not only provide rewarding opportunities for young researchers but will also be useful experience in writing for a non-scientific readership. Communicating with patients, families and other interested parties is essential for attracting funds from grant-giving agencies.

Applications should be submitted at least two months ahead of any planned travel.

Please return your application by e-mail to info@smatrust.org, marked Travel Award Scheme.



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Travel Award Application Form

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| Name: | | Office use only |
| Degrees (with dates) | | |
| Name and address of institution where employed | | |
| Supervisor or head of laboratory and their position | | |
| Current position and start/end dates | | |
| Funding for this position | | |
| Is the meeting relevant to SMA research? | | |
| What will be the main benefits to you of attending this meeting? | | |
| <p>Approximate total cost of attending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration e.g. £300 2. Travel costs e.g. £600 3. Accommodation cost e.g. £50/night for 5 nights sharing £250 <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> | | |

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| List any other sources of funding, e.g. from grants, from your department, or travel grants from the conference. | | |
| Do you have a specific reason for wishing to attend this event? What do you hope to achieve? | | |
| Title of abstract | | |
| Has your abstract been accepted for poster or for oral presentation? | | |
| Please tell us about your future career plans | | |

Please attach a letter of recommendation from your Head of Department to the Trustees of the SMA Trust.

Signed.....

(electronic signature is acceptable)

Date of application.....

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