



## OPEN SCHEME

The Open Scheme was introduced in 2000 to provide support for a range of additional activities, not covered by another Society Scheme or Award, all of which should share the common aim of supporting the Society's Mission. From 2012 the remit has changed with the introduction of the Public Engagement Scheme and the Equipment Scheme.

The Open Scheme welcomes applications for activities not covered by other Society schemes, for example the organisation of meetings (scientific or educational).

Salaries and support of specific research proposals exceeding £3000.00 are excluded from this scheme. Short term funding for up to 3 months and not exceeding £3000.00 may be considered under the Open Scheme.

**The terms and conditions of the Open Scheme are as follows:**

1. Applications are invited from **Members of the Society in good standing for 12 months**
2. Members may also act as sponsors for applications from non-members
3. The sum requested should **not exceed £10,000**
4. Applications must be submitted via your membership login by **1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December**
5. In exceptional circumstances, genuinely short term funding of up to £3000.00 may be considered by members of the FGP outside their normal schedule provided that this facility does not exceed £9000.00 per annum.
6. A two-page report must be sent electronically to the Operations Co-ordinator within **three months** of completion of any project or meeting. **Failure to provide a report will preclude future support in this and other schemes run by the Society.**
7. The Society will normally withdraw funding if the grant is not acknowledged and accepted within 6 months of the offer

Applications should comprise the following:

- (a) Covering letter
- (b) 2-page A4 application explaining the proposal and justifying the proposed expenditure
- (c) 1-page c.v. of the principal applicant

Applicants are reviewed by the Society's Finance and General Purposes Committee. Applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as practicable after the deadline date.

**Please note: The Pathological Society is a registered charity which is not in a position to provide full economic costs or overheads with regard to any funds awarded.**