

Dame Josephine Barnes Bursary



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Dame Josephine Barnes was a leading obstetrician and gynaecologist holding the prestigious position of becoming the first female president of the British Medical Association in 1979. She was also president of the Pelvic Obstetric Gynaecological Physiotherapy (formerly known as Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ACPOG)). She accepted the role of president of ACPOG in 1978 and remained in this position for 18 years. Dame Jo, as she was fondly referred to, was actively involved in ACPOG regularly attending and chairing executive meetings and was instrumental in the creation of this bursary.

Ownership of the bursary

The bursary is owned and used by Pelvic Obstetric Gynaecological Physiotherapy (CIO charity number 1181424) for educational needs and for promoting pelvic, obstetric and gynaecological physiotherapy in this country and abroad. The bursary can be applied for by POGP members who are Physiotherapists and is awarded twice a year.

The maximum amount granted shall be £1000, and there is no minimum amount that shall be awarded.

Up to £6000 per year will be made available for this award and this amount will be reviewed every two years by the Board of Trustees. Up to £3000 of the grant will be allocated every six months.

Use of the bursary

It will be made available for use in the following ways:

1. Part funds the costs associated with participating in courses, academic modules, workshops, conferences related to pelvic, obstetric and gynaecological physiotherapy

2. Enable a member to travel abroad where they would be acting as an ambassador for POGP and promoting of Pelvic health physiotherapy.

Audit

As part of the terms of receiving the bursary, POGP request confirmation that the money funded was spent in line with the bursary application. It is required that the applicant provides evidence of use of the funds to POGP administration within three months of receipt.

Criteria for selection

All applicants must:

- Be a current member of POGP and commit to a further year of membership
- Fill in/complete the necessary online registration and application form
- Provide a Curriculum Vitae
- Give concise reasons for application, explaining the benefits to pelvic, obstetric and gynaecological health, the POGP, the patient, and/or physiotherapy generally
- Explain the relevance to the applicant's career development and future Continuing Professional Development
- Provide a precise breakdown of expected expenses i.e. course fees, travel, subsistence
- Provide a précis of the course content or an abstract of the lecture or poster presentation
- Provide evidence of acceptance on the course or an invitation to speak
- Agree to provide a written piece for the POGP Journal
- Submit the application before the agreed deadline

Applications to the bursary

Application forms are available electronically from the POGP website and by clicking on this link ([Application form](#)) and will be considered every six months. The application should be submitted, via email to awards@thepogp.co.uk before the closing dates of January 31st and July 31st each year.

Applications – whether single or as a group – are anticipatory, following confirmation of a course place or invitation to present. The applicants must produce information about the course they are embarking on, along with all cost implications. There should also be evidence of applying, or the intention to apply, elsewhere for additional funding.

The award is for the purpose stated on the application and approved by the awards committee.

If the applicant is unable to use the award for the stated purpose then it is required that the applicant returns the funds in full to the POGP.

Further application to the Dame Josephine Barnes will only be considered 2 years after the date of the last application

Implementation

The implementation of the awards will be overseen by the POGP award committee. The Awards Panel works solely with and on behalf of the Board of POGP Trustees. The panel is an advisory group set up to support and facilitate the allocation of awards/bursaries owned by POGP. Recommendations for approval are presented to the Trust board after the closing date.