

Intensive Care Society New Investigator Award (NIA) 2023

The Intensive Care Society is offering £30,000 in total to applicants to the NIA. Applications are open now!

The Intensive Care Society's New Investigator Award is aimed primarily at encouraging the careers of new researchers from medicine, nursing, physiotherapy and other allied health qualified backgrounds. The definition of "new" is left intentionally open. This award is not open to researchers with established research programmes who hold significant competitive funding. For example, this would be open to junior researchers within their first 3 years of commencing activity within the intensive care research community.

The awards are intended to be pump-priming grants that will lead to further and more substantial funding support from other grant bodies. The grants are open to UK-based Members of the Intensive Care Society. Applicants must be working within a UK NHS Trust or Higher Education Institution to apply for this award. Equal weighting will be given to clinical research projects and laboratory-based projects with relevance to the field of intensive care. Priority for funding will go to those projects where the "New Investigator" plays a principal role and where the project will build research capacity.

The Society has only modest funds available each year and therefore limits the maximum for individual grants to £15,000. The total available to be awarded for 2023 is £30,000.

The Intensive Care Society will consider part funding of proposals (in conjunction with other grant sources where this funding is already secured) but applicants must provide a clear indication of how Intensive Care Society funds will be allocated and contribute to the overall project. However, lower priority will be given to applications seeking top up funds for larger projects.

Applications should be made to the Intensive Care Society using the application form and upon completion emailed to johnjones@ics.ac.uk. The closing date for consideration of research grants for 2023 is Friday 29 September at 12pm. For any queries, please contact johnjones@ics.ac.uk or call 020 7280 4350.

Applications will undergo an extensive peer review process by members of the Intensive Care Society Research Division. In exceptional circumstance applicants may be required to provide further information to assist with this decision-making process. Feedback will be available on request.

The following aspects of the proposal are scored:

- Originality and importance of work, and its relevance to intensive care
- Appropriateness and rigour of study design, methods and analytical approach
- Feasibility within timescale and requested budget
- Mentoring arrangements and facilities available in institution

- Potential for obtaining subsequent funding
- Overall compliance with the aims of the New Investigator Award

The decision of the Society's Research Division will be final and binding. There is no appeals process. It is a condition of the award that the Intensive Care Society is acknowledged in all presentations and publications of work resulting from the research. The Intensive Care Society requires short written update reports to be submitted every 6 months from the initial date of the award to completion.

Applicants may be expected to submit their work for presentation at the "Research" session of the Intensive Care Society State of the Art Meeting.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Jones', written in a cursive style.

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The Intensive Care Society