

Grants Panel – Ordinary Member

The Biochemical Society offers a programme of grants supporting research, attendance at scientific conferences, and the sponsorship of events. The Grants Panel oversees the reviewing and allocation of funding for 10 of these schemes, as well as working to deliver the Society's strategy through the Grants and Bursaries programme. The panel meets twice a year with all other communication carried out via email.

We are seeking dedicated and objective individuals to join the Grants Panel. The Grants Panel Ordinary Member should be willing to review grant applications approximately every 2 months and contribute to discussions on the future direction of the Grants and Bursaries portfolio to ensure that the criteria and objectives are up-to-date. It is expected that members of the Grants Panel have prior experience of reviewing applications or research conducted by individuals at postgraduate level or above, and up-to-date knowledge of the techniques and innovations within biochemistry and allied fields through engagement in active research, networks or publications for example. Grants Panel members are also expected to represent and promote the Society's activities within their institution and external networks.

Key aspects of the Grants Panel Ordinary Member role include:

- Review and evaluate eligible applications across the breadth of the Society's grants portfolio and determine the applicant's case for financial support and impact on their future career and/or research.
- Engage in discussions and debates on the merits of each application, providing valuable insights and avoiding conflicts of interest.
- Maintain strict confidentiality regarding all applications, discussions, and decisions to uphold the integrity of the grants process.
- Adhere to all review deadlines to ensure a smooth and timely process. Panel members have around 2 weeks to review their allocations following each deadline round (approximately 1 March, 1 June, 1 September & 1 November).
- Review the grants and bursaries portfolio as a whole, and suggest changes to individual grant criteria, eligibility, and application forms to ensure the Grants programme remains inclusive and accessible to all.
- Represent and promote the Society's Grants programme and wider activities within their institution and external networks, helping to enhance the visibility and credibility of the Grants programme within our community.