



## UK National Stem Cell Network Small Awards Scheme

### Purpose

The UKNSCN Small Awards Scheme is an informal mechanism designed to provide small amounts of UKNSCN funding for UK-only academics seeking to offset costs in the organisation of national-level meetings and conferences in stem cell science and its translation. This financial support is aimed at bringing together researchers across the scientific disciplines associated with stem cell research.

### Eligibility

The following criteria apply to this scheme:

1. Meetings must be national-level and held within the UK;
2. Only UK academics may apply;
3. Meetings must bring together researchers from more than one discipline associated with stem cell science;
4. Funding may only be used to offset venue costs (including catering) or to cover the travel costs of a relevant invited speaker/speakers from the UK or overseas.

### Application Process

This is an informal scheme without closing dates, operated on a first-come-first-served basis with an annual ceiling budget of **£15k**. Prospective applicants should submit a request for funding by e-mail to the UKNSCN's [Executive Director](#), stating the amount requested, the purpose of the meeting, and how it meets the criteria listed above. The maximum award to any individual applicant in a given financial year will be £1.5k, and can be any amount up to that figure.

### Allocation of Funds

Funding decisions are made by the Executive Director in conjunction with two non-conflicted members of the UKNSCN [Advisory Committee](#). Applicants will be notified of funding decisions within 10 working days of receipt by the Executive Director of their e-mail application. Funds will be issued to successful applicants upon subsequent receipt of a formal invoice for the approved amount, and will be paid by bank transfer.