

## Sir Peter Tizard Bursary Applications Scoring

The Sir Peter Tizard Bursary (SPTB) is a bursary that allows young investigators to undertake a study with the British Paediatric Surveillance Unit (BPSU) by both covering the costs of running the study as well as providing funds for the successful applicant(s) to undertake appropriate research training.

To be eligible an applicant must be:

A member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health or be a Collegiate Member of the Faculty of Paediatrics of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Paediatrician working (at least part of their time) in the UK National Health Service or the Irish public healthcare system

Specialty trainee (any grade), academic trainee, or new consultant (within 3 years of appointment to consultant post)

Applicant must not have previously led a BPSU study

The team must not have previously submitted an application on the same topic for consideration by the BPSU scientific committee

Any one candidate can only submit one application per year

Joint applications (i.e. where two applicants work together on a BPSU study under supervision and share the award) are acceptable

Applications are scored by the members of the BPSU Scientific Committee on review of the application form, according to a marking system that includes the various domains: the applicant, the supervisor and the training environment and wider support (as per the layout of the application form).

### 1. The Candidate

#### 1.1 Contribution of bursary to applicant's development

#### 1.2 Applicant's time available to lead study

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#### 1.3 Applicant's skills and experience

## 2. The Project

### 2.2 Benefits of study (Lay Summary)

### 2.3 Research objectives

### 2.4 Case definition(s)

### 2.5/2.6 Other aspects of study design

### 3. The Training Environment and wider support

3.3 Supervisor's experience: research

3.4 Supervisor's experience: supervision

3.5 Supervisor's statement on applicant's suitability and capacity to benefit

3.6 Support available to the applicant

On the basis of this scoring schedule, the maximum score that can be achieved by any application for the bursary is 40. Scientific committee members will also have the opportunity

## Decision-making process

The decision on awarding the Bursary will be made at a meeting of the BPSU Scientific Committee, usually held in November. All of the applications will be reviewed and discussed, based on the scores achieved and the comments made. Should a number of applications be considered as potential bursary recipients by those present at the meeting, and the overall mean and median scores for these applications are reasonably close, then a vote should be held amongst those present as to which application each member would support as the bursary prize winner. Consideration will also be given by committee members to the rankings and the comments, especially as regards to public