



## **PUMP PRIMING RESEARCH GRANTS APPLICATION GUIDANCE**

The following timeline and process applies for 2019:

1. BESS Members will have access via the BESS website to an annually updated application form and guidance. Members will be emailed in January once funding has been confirmed by the Treasurer and BESS Council.
2. Members will apply using the website application form for research awards up to £15,000. The purpose of these grants is to encourage clinical research into shoulder and elbow disorders. Proposals should be for projects that are intended to be on the NIHR portfolio, as this pump priming grant would then allow the grant holder to access research network support to supplement this funding for completion of their project.
3. Applications will be scored by members of the research committee with the focus on importance, scientific methodology and justification of the funding request. (See appendix 1 for details on the important content that your application will be judged against).
4. Final application deadline will be decided at the discretion of BESS Council and stated on the website.
5. Applications submitted online by 28 February that narrowly miss the threshold score for funding, will be eligible for feedback and resubmission before the final deadline. A threshold score is still however not guaranteed.
6. Applications received by 28 February that score poorly will be given feedback but will not be invited to resubmit.

It is hoped that this new approach will allow more applications to be funded, although this will unlikely exceed three in any one year.

Successful applicants must claim their award within twelve months.

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Chairman, Research Committee



## APPENDIX 1

BESS Pump priming grants applications will be judged and scored with particular emphasis to the following topics:

### A. Importance

- How important is this research to BESS patients?
- Is there an acceptable scientific rationale and justification of importance?
- Will this study lead to improvements in patient care?

### B. Science

- Design/Method/Power calculation
- Outcome measures and data collection
- Analysis plan
- Realistic recruitment targets
- Realistic study timeline
- Ethics
- Patient involvement
- Infrastructure in place for study success

### C. Justification of resources

- Has the applicant justified how the grant will be spent?
- Would awarding this grant be value for money?
- Would awarding this grant provide gearing for