



# SfAM Hardship Research Grant

## About this Award

This grant is available for SfAM members (full or student) studying for an MPhil/PhD in applied microbiology under the direction of a supervisor who is also a SfAM member. The funds will be used to contribute towards university fees and the applicant can apply for up to £3000 per annum for three years maximum (full-time study or equivalent if studying part-time). A full application will have to be made every year with justification and detailed progression status to be considered for continuation of the award. Eligible persons will have no other source of funding and will normally be working, taking time out to study or be self-funded researchers. The applicant will also be eligible for attendance at one SfAM conference, towards the end of their study where a poster or oral presentation of their work must be presented.

**The closing date for this award is the end of June each year.**

To apply, please complete all sections on both pages of this application form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and send your completed application together with **a one page CV** to the address at the end of page two.

## APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full time/student member: \_\_\_\_\_ Current salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of study (i.e. Msc, MPhil, PhD): \_\_\_\_\_

Research degree programme start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a submission for continuation of funding?  Yes  No

## RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS

Research Project Title:

**Justification of resource requirements (maximum 500 words — continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)**

# SfAM Hardship Research Grant - continued

Please give the following information: ✓Objectives ✓Background ✓Experimental methods ✓References  
(If necessary, continue on a separate sheet in a font size of no less than 10 points using no more than one side of A4 paper)

Project Start Date:

Total Funding requested: £

Are you applying for any funding elsewhere (e.g. internally in your Institution, charity, Society)? If so, give brief details:

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Applicants must have paid two membership subscriptions as a student or full member of SfAM to be eligible to apply
2. Applications should be endorsed by the finance officer for fees payable to the Institution
3. The applicant must provide a one page overview of the research proposal and full justification for the support for funding
4. A one page CV of the applicant must be included with this application
5. SfAM will not fund the full economic cost of research
6. SfAM should be acknowledged in any publications that arise from the research. In addition, a feature report about their SfAM funded work (500-1000 words) must be provided for *Microbiologist* magazine
7. SfAM should be acknowledged in the final thesis. A notification of the award must be sent to the SfAM office
8. The recipient must present a poster or oral presentation of their work at an SfAM conference (there will be an additional allocation to meet the cost of travel expenses to attend the SfAM conference)
9. If the intended study is not completed, the grant recipient will have to repay the allocated funds
10. If the progression of the student is unsatisfactory then the award would be discontinued
11. In any given financial year there are a restricted number of these grants available. The closing date for this grant is the end of June in each year. Applicants must apply at least 8 weeks before the proposed start of any project
12. A successful applicant can re-apply to the fund until completion of their studies, but a full justification must be made on each occasion

### Declaration

1. To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is accurate and complete
2. I have read and understood the conditions under which the grant is awarded and, if an award is made, I agree to abide by them.
3. The facilities in which the research will be carried out will be available for the proposed start date of the SfAM award

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head of Department or Dean of Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Finance Officer at University (statement of fees): \_\_\_\_\_

**A one page CV of the applicant MUST BE INCLUDED with this application**

Grant Ref (office use only):

Please send your completed application together with a one page CV to:  
**Society for Applied Microbiology, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford MK41 7PH**  
Tel: +44 (0)1234 326661. Fax: +44 (0)1234 326678. Email: [julie@sfam.org.uk](mailto:julie@sfam.org.uk)