

Hamish Ogston Foundation

2020 EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAMME

Snakebite: Managed by the Global Snakebite Initiative (GSI)

Background

The Hamish Ogston Foundation supports a range of initiatives related to Health, Heritage and Music in and outside the United Kingdom. The Foundation has identified snakebite as a key area in which philanthropic investment can make a substantial difference. The Global Snakebite Initiative (GSI) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the burden of death, morbidity and disability caused by snakebite envenoming.

The HOF Education Grants Programme (Snakebite), managed by the Global Snakebite Initiative (GSI), is designed to stimulate early career clinicians, research scientists, public health promoters, biologists and others to become actively involved in snake bite prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and both epidemiological and clinical research.

The scheme will provide up to a maximum of 20 annual awards of £5000 to those whose project proposals are ranked highest among all of the applications received. It is intended that the majority of the awards will be made to applicants from IMF-classified Emerging or Developing Economies, and the remainder will be offered to applicants from Developed Economies who wish to undertake an approved elective project in an Emerging or Developing Economy nation as part of a University degree course.

Recipients of grants will be mentored throughout the duration of their projects by volunteer advisors affiliated to the Global Snakebite Initiative, and the recipients will be required to publish either a research paper or a report about their project.

Programme Guidelines & Selection Process

Eligibility: Only applicants who are legal residents of countries listed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as Emerging or Developing Economies are eligible to apply (Appendix 1). Preference will be given to early career clinicians, research scientists, public health promoters and biologists.

Strategic Focus: Grants will be awarded to support projects which involve any of the following themes:

- Basic epidemiological or clinical research
- Snake bite prevention and community engagement projects
- Snake bite-related public health promotion activities or community awareness projects
- Primary first aid training and education
- Clinical training in snake bite treatment and/or seminars or conferences about snake bite
- Injury rehabilitation for snake bite patients

Grants: Twenty (20) awards of up to £5,000 will be offered for projects commencing in 2020.

Duration of funding: The grants will be awarded for projects commencing on 1st January 2020 with a minimum duration of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months.

Restrictions: Funding may not be used for the payment of institutional administrative fees or overheads, or for the payment of staff salaries or student stipends (except in the case of projects involving student electives). Applicants from IMF-listed Developing or Emerging Economies must carry out their projects in their home countries. All applications must be made through with the support of either an institution (University, College, Research Institute, Government body, etc) or a recognised non-governmental organisation. Funds will not be paid to individuals without a sponsor organisation who can oversee how the grant is spent and provide GSI with financial statements.

Ethics: All research involving animals must have the approval of the applicant's institutional Animal Ethics Committee. Research involving human subjects must have the approval of the relevant institutional or national Human Ethics Committee.

Permits and Licenses: Where any other permit, license or approval is required, the applicant must provide proof of this prior to the commencement of the project.

Applications: Applications must be made in writing on the attached Application Form, and should not contain more than four (4) additional A4-sized pages of information. Applications must be signed and dated by both the applicant and current Supervisor. Applications are to be received in full no later than 5 pm on 31 October 2019 (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time).

Selection Process: Applications will be checked for completeness, and only complete proposals will then each be sent to two reviewers who will assess and rank them according to:

- Originality and scientific/educational/clinical merit based on the results of the peer review process, with respect to the applicant's demonstrated understanding of the problem, their approach to solving it, and the quality of the proposed response (whether it be a research project, a training initiative, or education-based solution).
- Potential benefits to the applicant's community that may result from successful achievement of the stated objectives and outcomes. The likelihood of a successful outcome will be assessed against the quality and relevance of the project, and the qualifications, references and previous track record of the applicant. Early career researchers will not be prejudiced by this approach if they can demonstrate a strong potential for success through production of a high quality project application, superior referee reports, and support from their institution.
- Projects that build capacity in the applicant's country of residence will be considered favourably. Applications should clearly define the contribution to capacity building that the award of a grant will make.

- In completing the application please provide a clear explanation of who the project will benefit, how success will be measured, details of all partners and a clear timeline.

Notification: All applicants will receive a formal decision regarding their application, and a copy of the reviewer reports and selection findings no later than 30 November 2019.

Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to use this feedback to enable them to prepare improved applications for funding. Successful applicants and their institutions will be required to sign an acceptance agreement prior to the release of funding.

Disbursement: Grants will be paid in 2 instalments; £3000 at commencement upon return of the signed grant agreement, and the balance of £2000 upon acceptance of an interim report and financial statement after 3 months.

Mentoring: The successful awardees will be mentored by a GSI nominated scientist or clinician with expertise in the field of work being undertaken. Recipients will be expected to maintain regular contact with mentors, and to discuss both their progress reports and final reports with the mentor during preparation. Mentors in turn will use their best efforts to advise recipients throughout the duration of the project, and to monitor progress towards successful completion.

Reporting: Recipients will be required to submit two reports. The first of these will be due half way through the term of the funded project (e.g. at 6 weeks for 3 month projects, and at 3 months for 6 month projects) and will need to demonstrate satisfactory progress towards completion of project aims and objectives. A final report will be required no later than 30 June 2020. Recipients will be encouraged to prepare a manuscript reporting their work in collaboration with their mentor and their host institution supervisors, and to submit this for publication in an appropriate peer-reviewed journal. Administering organisations will be required to submit a financial report on the use of the funds at completion of the project.

In addition recipients will be encouraged to produce a short video blog entry each month and submit this to an online portal for upload to the Grant Programme website. Each grant awardee will also be provided with a project webpage and blog so that they can regularly communicate progress and outcomes. Applicants will also need to contribute information, images, video clips and diagrams so that their project can be reported on the HOF and GSI websites, in a range of communications generated around the grant programme.

Scheme funding: This Scheme is funded by the Hamish Ogston Foundation.

Opening Date: 19 September 2019

Closing Date: 31 October 2019

Results Announced: 30 November 2019

Lodge Applications by Email: We prefer that applications be lodged by email where possible to avoid postal delays or other problems with delivery. Please email applications to:

david.williams@unimelb.edu.au

Address for Postal Lodgement of Applications: Applications may be lodged by post:

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Global Snakebite Initiative,
Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics,
University of Melbourne,
Parkville, Victoria, 3010. Australia.

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Application Form:

Please complete this form carefully, and provide details in each section. Incomplete applications may be rejected. You may attach up to four (4) additional A4-sized pages of information. Please also attach a one (1) page CV for each applicant to the proposal.

Name of Institution/Organisation:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	
Facsimile:	
Email address:	
Name of Organisational Representative:	
Position:	
Signature:	Date:
Email Address:	
Project Title	
Name of Primary Applicant:	
Position:	
Address for Correspondence:	
Telephone:	
Facsimile:	
Email Address:	
Signature	Date:
Co-applicants: <i>(List names & email addresses please)</i>	

Project Summary: *(Briefly describe your project and what you hope it will achieve)*

Please indicate which of the following focus areas apply to this project: *(You can select more than one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic epidemiological or clinical research | <input type="checkbox"/> Snake bite prevention projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public health promotion or community awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical training and/or seminars or conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary first aid training and education | <input type="checkbox"/> Injury rehabilitation for snake bite patients |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>(Please specify)</i> | |

Location of Project: *(Country, State, Province, City, Village, etc)*

Introduction: *(Please explain the background or context which gives rise to the project)*

What is the aim of the project?

What are the objectives?

How will the project be carried out: *(What methods will be used?)*

How will the project data, results or outcomes be analysed and interpreted?

Please list the key milestones of the project:

How will this project contribute to improving either the prevention of snake bites, or the treatment and rehabilitation of snake bite patients?:

What is the budget for this project? *(Show amounts in British Pounds please)*

1. Equipment:	£
2. Operating costs (i.e.: consumables, printing costs, fieldwork, etc):	£
3. Travel (airfares, accommodation, car hire, etc):	£
4. Other costs:	£
Total Budget (British Pounds):	£

Explanation of budget items: *(Please provide details of equipment to be purchased, consumables and other items to be purchased, travel to be undertaken and specify what other items are budgeted for)*

List details of any other grants you have applied for or received for this project:

Does this project involve research with animals?

YES NO

Does this project involve research with human subjects?

YES NO

Have you already applied for appropriate ethics approval?

YES NO

(You must provide evidence that you have ethics approval in writing prior to the release of any funding and the commencement of your project. If you already have approval, please attach a copy to this application)

Does this project require permits or licences?

YES NO

(If permits or licences are required, you must provide copies to us prior to the release of any funding and the commencement of your project. If you already have these permits or licenses, please attach a copy to this application)

List the names and contact details of two (2) referees: *(Referees should not be employed by the same organisation as the applicant)*

Name of First Referee:

Position:

Address for Correspondence:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Email Address:

Name of Second Referee:

Position:

Address for Correspondence:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Email Address:

NOTES

1. You may attach up to four (4) additional A4-sized pages of information if space is insufficient.
2. You may list up to 10 relevant literature references relating to this type of project. These references should have been discussed in your Introduction as part of the project background.
3. Ensure that you attach a brief one (1) curriculum vitae for each applicant to the proposal.
4. Ensure that your budget is calculated in British Pounds (GBP£) and not the local currency of your country. Have you explained the budget concisely and completely?
5. Have you attached any ethics approvals or permits/licenses that have already been obtained?
6. Has your institutional or organisational representative signed and dated this application?
7. Did you sign and date this application?

Appendix 1: IMF listing of Emerging and Developing Economies¹

Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	Gambia, The	Oman
Albania	Georgia	Pakistan
Algeria	Ghana	Panama
Angola	Grenada	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Paraguay
Argentina	Guinea	Peru
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Philippines
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Poland
Bahamas, The	Haiti	Qatar
Bahrain	Honduras	Romania
Bangladesh	Hungary	Russia
Barbados	India	Rwanda
Belarus	Indonesia	Samoa
Belize	Iran, Islamic Republic of	São Tomé and Príncipe
Benin	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Bhutan	Jamaica	Senegal
Bolivia	Jordan	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Seychelles
Botswana	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Brunei Darussalam	Kosovo	South Africa
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Kyrgyz Republic	St. Kitts and Nevis
Burundi	Lao People's Democratic Republic	St. Lucia
Cambodia	Latvia	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Cameroon	Lebanon	Sudan
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Suriname
Central African Republic	Liberia	Swaziland
Chad	Libya	Syrian Arab Republic
Chile	Lithuania	Tajikistan
China	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	Tanzania
Colombia	Madagascar	Thailand
Comoros	Malawi	Timor-Leste
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Malaysia	Togo
Congo, Republic of	Maldives	Tonga
Costa Rica	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Tunisia
Croatia	Mauritius	Turkey
Djibouti	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Moldova	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Ukraine
Ecuador	Montenegro	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Morocco	Uruguay
El Salvador	Mozambique	Uzbekistan
Equatorial Guinea	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Eritrea	Namibia	Venezuela
Estonia	Nepal	Vietnam
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Yemen, Republic of
Fiji	Niger	Zambia
Gabon	Nigeria	Zimbabwe

¹ <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2010/01/weodata/groups.htm#oem>