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Application form for DBIF Funded Grants

The David Baum International Foundation is a subsidiary charity of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and aims to promote the art and science of child health care in under-privileged communities through the education and training of local health workers. To further these goals, the DBIF will fund projects that can be shown likely to lead to sustained improvements in child health in the developing world.

The committee that reviews grant applications will meet twice each year to evaluate project proposals. The deadline for submission is **May 15th** and **November 15th** each year, for meetings in June and December. Successful applicants will be notified soon thereafter, and successful projects will be posted on the RCPCH website.

Applications should include a covering letter and should be structured as follows:

- Project title.
- Abstract that can be easily understood by a lay person (up to 200 words).
- Abstract for the specialist (up to 200 words).
- CV of the chief applicant and details of their current position.
- Statement of the career ambitions of the lead applicant (up to 200 words).
- Details of the host institution where training will take place - if applicable (up to 200 words).
- Detailed description of the proposed work (1-3 pages in length).
- Process by which the need for the project was identified (up to 200 words).
- Expected impact of the project on child health (up to 200 words).
- Expected long-term benefits of the project for target community (up to 200 words).
- Mechanisms by which the short and long term impacts of the project will be assessed (up to 200 words).
- Statement to explain how the highest standards of medical ethics will be met during the course of the project - if applicable (up to 200 words).
- 2 letters of recommendation from experts in the field.
- A breakdown of costs.
- A justification of costs (200 words).

Detailed guidelines for proposals

Proposals will be judged on their own merit, and only those of the highest standards will be funded. The majority of projects are expected to require funds in the range of 2000-20,000 GBP. The Committee will however consider 'exceptional' proposals for larger-scale, longer-term projects. In such cases, a pre-application enquiry should be sent to the David Baum Fellow at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health prior to submission of the proposal. The number of suitable projects supported at each funding round will be based on the funds available and will be at the discretion of Trustees.

Support will normally be for a specified period of time. Grants are awarded for one year in the first instance, and continuance is contingent on the receipt of annual research reports.

The Foundation is happy to consider funding work carried out in partnership with other charities, foundations and bodies.

Funding priorities

Priority will be given to joint projects that involve 'twinning' an institution in a developing country with a centre in the British Isles.

Applications are also encouraged for training schemes that aim to improve child health through multi-disciplinary practice.

Work undertaken by the DBIF is focussed on resource poor countries.

The DBIF is happy to receive applications from medical workers from anywhere in the world. However, projects will not be funded that are likely to contribute to the loss of skills from the home country.

Projects will be favourably considered that promote education in the following areas of child health:

- Fundamentals of epidemiology and statistics.
- Principles of evidence based medicine, and critical appraisal of scientific literature.
- Information technology.
- Research methodology.
- Modern concepts in clinical teaching, 'teaching teachers how to teach'.
- Project management skills and strategy development.
- Medical ethics.
- Medical humanities.

Other projects in line with the goals of the DBIF will also be considered.

Reports and DBIF acknowledgement

Reports on the progress of the research will be required annually. Funded projects must submit a 2-3 page final report detailing the successes of the project, lessons learned and procedures that have been put in place to ensure the long-term impact of the work.

Leaders of successful projects may be asked to present their work to the Trustees of the DBIF and to help draft press releases that will be used to publicise the work of the Foundation. In addition, the DBIF requests that new educational materials generated as a direct result of the funded project be submitted to the DBIF archive.

The sponsorship of the research by the DBIF must be acknowledged in all published and unpublished reports and in presentations. One copy of published articles that include details of work carried out during the course of the project should be sent to the DBIF.

Costs

Costs can include:

- Training materials.
- Information technology for distance-based learning.
- Necessary travel and subsistence costs.

The Foundation will *not* support:

- Travel grants for attending conferences (unless in the context of a wider programme).
- Emergency relief work.
- Laboratory research projects.
- Provision of hospital equipment or other health care infrastructure.

Payments and reimbursement

In most instances the DBIF will make payments in quarterly instalments in arrears through a recognised Institution, and will reimburse travel and subsistence costs upon receipt of ticket stubs and receipts after each trip.

Additional rules

Research undertaken with funding from the DBIF is expected to meet the highest ethical standards.

Published work arising from the funded research should adhere to ethical standards outlined in Elsevier's instructions to authors (ref - Mike). If problems occur during the course of the research, or a claim of scientific fraud is made, the DBIF should be immediately notified and kept informed of further developments.

The DBIF will not be liable for material damages or personal injuries arising during the course of the project.