

- 3.1 Each applicant (“**Applicant**”) must be either an Affiliate, Associate Member (AMRSC), Member (MRSC) or Fellow (FRSC) of the RSC at the time of the application deadline and for the duration of the grant. Undergraduate Student Members (AFU) are ineligible. The Applicant’s RSC membership must have been confirmed by the RSC before the grant application deadline – it is not sufficient to simply have a membership application in process.
- 3.2 At the time of the application deadline and for the duration of the Grant Period, Applicant’s must be either:
  - 3.2.1 a PhD student actively undertaking a PhD course in the chemical sciences; or
  - 3.2.2 A researcher in the chemical sciences (including post docs and research technical professionals), working in academia, industry or any other sector, within 10 years of leaving full time education. The 10 years proceeds from the year of graduation. Applicants must state the reason for any career breaks within their application so the RSC can take this into consideration e.g. a period of parental/adoption leave, family commitments, illness, or other exceptional circumstances;
- 3.3 Applicants to an RDTG can only receive one Grant every three calendar years. For example, if an Applicant is awarded a Grant in 2024, the Applicant is eligible to apply again for an RDTG in any application round that awards funding in 2027 or later. This restriction does not apply to RDTG awarded in 2023 or earlier.
- 3.4 Applicants can only submit one application per funding round.



- 6.3 Recipients will be expected to make their own travel, accommodation and visa arrangements. Recipients should ensure they have insurance or access to additional financial support in case their costs unexpectedly increase.
- 6.4 Recipients who are travelling or participating in in-person activities should follow relevant institutional and government guidelines and policies.
- 6.5 Recipients shall ensure that any subsistence costs do not exceed £30 a day.
- 6.6 RDTGs will not be awarded to fund:
  - a. direct or indirect research costs (for example, chemicals/equipment, computer hardware or article processing charges);
  - b. salary contributions, including consultant fees;
  - c. social excursions or attendance at social activities, except for official activities that are a part of a conference or event programme e.g. a conference dinner;
  - d. Dissemination or marketing costs associated with the activity;
  - e. Participation at “predatory conferences” (please see Appendix A); or
  - f. Language courses or qualifications.

## **7. Inviting people to provide their support for the application.**

- 7.1 Applicants must include a declaration of support from either their Supervisor, Line Manager or Head of Department within their application. ***Please make the nominated person aware of this before entering their details into the application system.*** The declaration cannot be provided by the Applicant.

- 7.1.1 If you are a PhD student, the person you nominate should be your PhD supervisor or Head of Department. If you are working in research (including postdocs), this person should be your supervisor, line manager or Head of Department.

- 7.2 The Applicant is required to complete all sections of the application form before the Applicant can access the declaration of support section of the application form.

- 7.3 Once Applicants enter the details of a Supervisor/Line Manager/Head of Department, the SurveyMonkey Apply System will send the nominated person an email at a S3 (det)-6.6i de5

- d) the Applicant's funding request exceeds £500 (see section 1);
  - e) the application includes ineligible costs (see section 6);
  - f) the application does not make it clear how the activity will develop the Applicant's research skills and/or research career (see section 5.2); or
  - g) the application does not make clear what the Grant will be used for (see section 5.2).
- 8.2 All remaining applications will be considered for funding. In the event that there are more applications than the available budget, funding will be allocated by the RSC at random.

## **9. Successful applications**

- 9.1 Recipients will be notified by email of any funding decision.
- 9.2 The Grant offer is conditional upon the RSC receiving in writing from the Recipient the details of the bank account the Grant is to be paid into. The Recipient must provide this information within fifty (50) working days of the date of the RSC's letter confirming the Grant is being awarded ("**Award Letter**"). The Grant will be paid in a single payment to the Recipient or their employer only. Therefore the Recipient must ensure the bank details provided are those of the Recipient or their employer, and shall provide evidence upon request to support this.
- 9.3 The Grant must be used solely for the purposes set out in the application or otherwise approved by the RSC in writing.
- 9.4 Recipients should acknowledge support from the RSC.
- 9.5 Recipients must comply with the RSC's brand identity guidelines available via [rsc-brand-guidelines.pdf](#) (as may be amended from time to time), including the use of the RSC logo, which the RSC will provide to the Recipient on request.
- 9.6 The RSC reserves the right to publicise the Grant awarded and the name of the Recipient.
- 9.7 The RSC reserves the right to terminate an award of a Grant if a Recipient is in breach of any of these terms and conditions, or chooses to stop the activity funded by the Grant, or becomes unfit or unable to pursue the activity, or leaves their employer at any time during the activity. In such circumstances the Recipient may be required to return any money already paid to the Recipient under the Grant.

## **10. Data Processing**

- 10.1 The RSC processes personal data in accordance with its Privacy Statement available via: [Our privacy statement \(rsc.org\)](#) (as may be amended from time to time) and these terms and conditions (in particular, please see clauses 9.6 and 12.1).

## **11. Liability**

- 11.1 Nothing in these terms and conditions shall exclude or restrict the liability of the RSC for death or personal injury resulting from its negligence, or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or in any other circumstances where liability may not be limited or excluded under applicable law.
- 11.2 Subject to clause 11.1:

11.2.1 the RSC accepts no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any expenditure, claim or liability, whether direct or indirect, arising out of the use of the Grant or non-payment of the Grant; and

11.2.2 the RSC shall have no responsibility for and no liability in respect of, the employment of the Recipient or for providing appropriate support or facilities for any activity undertaken by the Recipient with the Grant.

11.3 The Recipient will be responsible for its own conduct and how the Grant is spent.

## **12. At the conclusion of the Grant**

12.1 The Recipient shall submit to the RSC a report (“~~At~~oa05 Tc 0 [(ec)-.007 T [( 0 Td 8 Tw 5.5Td 2

## Appendix A

### A note about predatory conferences

The RSC advises all Applicants to be cautious when choosing conferences or meetings to attend. There are an increasing number of so-called “predatory conferences” which are expensive and provide little or no scientific benefit for the attendees. This [Chemistry World article](#) provides more information about “predatory conferences” and below is a list of potential warning signs to look out for when considering attendance at an unfamiliar conference or meeting (“**Meeting**”).

If Applicants have any concerns or doubts about a Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the RSC before applying for a Researcher Development and Travel Grant.

The RSC will also inform Applicants as soon as possible if the RSC spots an application for attendance at a suspected “predatory conference”. The RSC are unable to support grant applications for “predatory conferences”.

Potential signs of a “predatory conference” are:

- the conference organiser is holding multiple meetings on the same day(s) and in the same location;
- the conference venue does not reflect the supposed size of the meeting (e.g. a “World Congress” that is held in a hotel, rather than a conference centre);
- there is an unusual combination of words and phrases, or loosely related fields of study, in the conference name;
- photos of previous meetings on the organiser’s website only show meetings of about a dozen participants in a small meeting room;
- the Applicant has been invited to give a talk in a subject matter outside of their expertise;
- the invitation addresses the Applicant in superlative terms;
- the conference has an unusually broad subject matter or coverage;
- the language of the invitation is unusual for the Applicant’s professional practice or has grammatical errors;
- the editorial board or conference organisers are not well-known in the Applicant’s research field;
- the “business” address of the organiser is unusual (e.g. if Google Street View shows it to be a residential address);
- the registration fee is high or if invitations are repeatedly sent to the Applicant;
- the conference website does not include subject matter that is at the frontier of knowledge;
- the high-level speakers in the programme are listed as “subject to confirmation”; or
- the Applicant does not recognise the journal, conference or participants.