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# Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Scholarships Main Call for Applications Academic Year 2019/20



Closing date: Midnight 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

#### Introduction

The Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund supports a thriving scholarship programme which enables successful applicants to undertake a period of further study or research at The University of Edinburgh Medical School and related institutions.

### The Scholarship

For scholars undertaking research or postgraduate degree courses in Edinburgh, the award normally consists of a **subsistence** allowance payable for periods of 1-12 months, depending on the length of their course / research programme. It does **not** cover research costs or travel to and from Poland. Assistance with tuition fees is likely to be available for a limited number of successful applicants. In the case of applicants undertaking distance learning degree programmes the award **will normally** cover the tuition fees, subject to satisfactory progress, but **no subsistence** allowance is payable. **Potential applicants wishing to undertake short study visits or non-degree programme related research** should contact one of the coordinators below **at the earliest opportunity** to discuss their ideas.

## Eligibility

The programme is open to Polish medical scientists

- in their early career (usually within 10 years of their medical graduation MB ChB equivalent)
- working in Polish Medical Academies/Universities and Research Institutes
- with excellent mastery of English and
- > committed to the further development of medical research expertise in Poland.

Applicants must agree to provide the Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Committee with a scholarship report within 1 month of completing their programme of study/ research.

The expectation and intention of the founders of the Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Scholarship Programme is that successful applicants should return to their units/ departments in Poland on completion of their attachment/studies, use their new found skills to further enhance and develop Polish medicine and thus foster academic links between Polish Medical Universities and Research Institutes and The University of Edinburgh.

Applications for the academic year 2019/20: Applications will be considered from eligible candidates wishing to apply for a 1 year taught Masters programme/Masters by research offered at The University of Edinburgh College of Medicine or a Masters by distance learning provided that they have the full support of their Head of Department and Polish Medical University authorities. These must be submitted via the Degree Course Scholarship Application form link.

Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/uk-eu/medicine-vet-medicine/polish">http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/uk-eu/medicine-vet-medicine/polish</a>

Potential applicants may if they wish contact either of the Scholarship Coordinators listed below:

Dr Maria Długołęcka-Graham MBE Polish School of Medicine Coordinator for The University of Edinburgh

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Prof. Blazej Męczekalski Poznan Polish School of Medicine Coordinator

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Further Information for Applicants wishing to undertake short visits or research not related to a degree programme:

Applicants who wish to be considered for short visits or research not relating to a degree programme cannot apply for a scholarship via the University web-site. They must submit their applications electronically to the Polish School of Medicine Coordinator in Edinburgh by the closing date: midnight 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

In addition to submitting their proposed study programme/ research programme, applicants will be required to submit the following documents:

- an up to date Curriculum Vitae in English giving sufficient information about the their achievements and experience to date so that an informed decision about their suitability can be made. A list merely giving dates, hospital names and job titles is not acceptable
- verified\* copy of the diploma issued by the University or other body granting the applicant's medical qualification.
- verified\* copy of the IELTS certificate or other certificate being submitted as evidence of satisfactory mastery of the English language as required for the type of scholarship for which they wish to apply
- •verified\* copy of any other relevant documentation eg confirmation of their stage of specialty training, appropriate registration status and licensing with the GMC, etc.
- copy of one scientific publication in which the applicant was a main author
- letters of support written in English from the Rector of the applicant's Medical University in Poland AND the applicant's Head of Department in Poland
- a letter from the Head of Department in the host academic unit at the University of Edinburgh supporting the application.
- \* Verified by a Notary Public or other responsible person or body as a true copy of the original. In this context 'responsible person' means eg Dean or Associate Dean of the Medical Academy, Administrative Head of the International Office or other senior officer empowered to do this.

A separate Call for Scholarship Applications will be issued for each of the following short courses (and any other short courses/ workshops that the Scholarship Committee deem suitable for scholarship sponsored places):

The Edinburgh Summer School in Clinical Education to be held in August 2019;

The Edinburgh Winter Stroke School to be held in February 2019 and

The 41stEdinburgh Clinical Neurology Course to be held in October 2019.