

## SRHSB/Integra Graduate Travelling Fellowship Program

### PURPOSE

- To promote interdisciplinary research into hydrocephalus and spina bifida aligned with the research interests of SRHSB.
- To advance knowledge in the field of hydrocephalus and spina bifida research.
- To stimulate interest and gain experience in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), hydrocephalus and spina bifida research of all kinds.
- To provide travelling fellowship support for young graduate scientists, both basic and clinical, to visit centres of excellence to see techniques in person in order to facilitate real collaboration or diffusion of new advances in basic and clinical research and practice.
- To raise awareness of SRHSB, its mission, aims and objectives.

### APPLICATION SCOPE

It is crucial for graduate scientists, both basic and clinical, to see techniques in person in order to facilitate real collaboration or diffusion of new advances in basic and clinical research. However, it is often expensive to arrange such visits in person.

The SRHSB/Integra funds will be used to support travelling fellowships for young graduate scientists, both basic and clinical, to visit international centres of research excellence in the broad field of CSF function, hydrocephalus, and neural tube defects. Travelling fellowships will be available annually in each of UK, USA, EU, Africa, Asia, or rest of world. UK, USA, EU principal investigators/applicants can partner with colleagues in developing countries to facilitate projects, as well as to encourage capacity building in those locations.

### Fellowship Awards

Each travelling fellowship will be limited to the maximum amount of **£2000.00**, to provide **PERSONAL SUPPORT** for the project duration of the visit(s).

**APPLICANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF SRHSB TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

Details of SRHSB membership and how to join SRHSB are available [here](#).

### SRHSB/INTEGRA GRADUATE TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS 2026

Applications will only be accepted using the **SRHSB/Integra Graduate Travelling Fellowship Program 2026 Application form** (available [here](#)) together with the required supporting documents as detailed below.

Please submit completed applications, including all supporting documents, to the SRHSB Honorary Secretary: [honsec@srhsb.com](mailto:honsec@srhsb.com) by closing date for applications of **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

**Application form details include:**

- Applicant's name and contact details.
- Personal statement (**150 words**).
- Outline of the purpose of your proposed visit, the expected benefits of the visit, and the potential for future collaboration and joint research endeavours. Additionally, you will be asked to provide a justification of the proposed budget.

If your proposal features the use of animals or animal tissue, you will need to explain why this is necessary and justify the choice of species and number of animals used (see [www.nc3rs.org.uk](http://www.nc3rs.org.uk) for details), as well as supply details of project and personal animal or regulatory licences that cover the work.

If your proposal features the use of human tissues or subjects, you will need to confirm that the study has been approved and provide reference details of the appropriate ethical approval.

To maintain research integrity, institutions and researchers must ensure research data are preserved so that results can be verified, and data reused in the future (**500 words**).

- Expected project/visit outcomes (**100 words**).
- **Applicant's CV (2 pages)**. The CV should be uploaded by the applicant with the application form.
- A **Home Letter of Support** must be provided by the Head of Department/line manager/supervisor at your home institution. This must be on headed paper and signed, and it should summarise the applicant's achievements and potential. The letter should be uploaded by the applicant with the application form.
- A **Visiting Letter of Support** must be from the Head of Department/supervisor of the institution you propose to visit. It should reference the research proposed by the candidate and who will be supervising them (including contact details). It should outline any potential future prospects of collaborations or knowledge transfer as regards contributions to research in hydrocephalus and spina bifida. The letter should be on headed paper and signed by the Head of Department or proposed supervisor of the visit. The letter should be uploaded by the applicant with the application form.

The successful Fellowship recipients will be expected to present their projects at the next annual meeting of the SRHSB. It is also a condition of the award that successful applicants submit a final brief report to SRHSB and allow SRHSB to publicise details of their award.

Successful Fellowship recipients are also expected to comply with the reporting requirements of Researchfish or similar online tracking system of research outcomes, career progression and impact.

Applications will be judged by the SRHSB Executive Committee members including such experts as agreed by the Committee as external assessors (who themselves will be ineligible to apply for the fellowships) on academic and clinical merit.

Announcement of successful fellowship awards: **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.**