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**Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) Scholarship application pack: RHEUMATOLOGY & REHABILITATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**The Royal Society of Medicine**

The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) is a registered charity and a membership organisation with a heritage of over 200 years. ​Our vision is better healthcare for better lives. We deliver our vision by providing continuing education to doctors and other healthcare professionals. Our multidisciplinary, specialist and general education, and professional development, is led by the top experts in over 50 specialist areas of medicine. Through our compelling events, we provide a neutral platform for debate and the sharing of knowledge and experience. The RSM connects those involved in, and interested in, healthcare and we support, help and inspire the innovators developing the medical products and services of tomorrow.

**What are the RSM scholarships?**

The Royal Society of Medicine programme is an exciting development opportunity for resident doctors, funded by philanthropic donation. It aims to support the development of resident doctors in a way that not only supports the development of the individual scholars, but extends this impact through their scholarship work to enhance the way the RSM supports all resident.

**Why you should apply**

This is a key developmental opportunity which offers education, mentoring, networking and professional development to complement your time as a resident doctor.

As an RSM scholar, you would be financially supported to become a member of Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) for the remaining period as a resident doctor. Throughout this time, you would be further supported to attend specialty, resident doctor and broader events at the RSM, as well as receive mentoring and professional development support. The RSM scholars also have the opportunity to network with other members and attend exclusive RSM Scholar networking events. In addition, there will be scholarship activity which the scholars will take part in – generally (on a flexible basis) around 5 days per annum.

RSM scholars will receive support to share their scholarly work with various audiences, including peers, other RSM members, and the Rheumatology and Rehabilitation community. They will aim to make an impact and develop through these opportunities, striving for innovation that benefits both the sector and the patient experience and outcomes.

**Who can qualify for the scholarship?**

This round of RSM scholarships is open to resident doctors who are in their first year of Rheumatology or Rehabilitation Medicine training, or those who have been formally accepted onto the Rheumatology or Rehabilitation training programme.

The application will be in two stages: firstly via an application form and, secondly, for those shortlisted to go to the second stage, a short interview.

The RSM is committed to equal opportunities. Equal opportunities are provided to all applicants without regard to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

The Society is committed to the safeguarding and fair processing of information received from candidates applying for opportunities within it and fully complies with the spirit and regulations of the GDPR. For a full statement about the type of data that the Society keeps about applicants and the purposes for which it is kept, please visit our website by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/fair-processing-notice-for-job-applicants/>

***Criteria for Application (*please use form below for application)**

To apply you need to meet the following criteria:

* *Be a current ST4 in Rheumatology or Rehabilitation, or have a confirmed place on the Rheumatology or Rehabilitation training programme by 01 September 2025*
* *Be committed to learning and development from a personal perspective and have a passion for making wider, ongoing impact through your work.*
* *Evidence your commitment to scholarship through work done to date and/or your ideas. This may also include teaching experience and qualifications you have taken;*

The application will be judged on the content of the application form, and, for those short listed, an interview. This will be led by an RSM Scholarship panel reporting to the Education Committee.

Each application will need to be supported by an appropriately qualified referee.

**Application process**

The application will be in two stages: firstly via an application form and, secondly, for those shortlisted, a short interview. To apply, please complete and submit the application form (below) to rsmscholarship@rsm.ac.uk by 23:59pm on 26 August 2025.

The application will be judged on the content of the application form and, for those shortlisted, an interview led by an RSM Scholarship panel reporting to the Education Committee.

Each application must be supported by an appropriately qualified referee, i.e. a clinician who has been your line manager.

**Timeline:**

· Deadline for applications: 23:59pm on 26 August 2025

· Applicants in the first round are notified of the outcome: 2 September 2025

· Selected applicants are invited to an interview: w/c 8 September

· Applicants are notified of the final outcome: w/c 15 September 2025

· Closing for acceptance period: 18 September 2025

· Scholarship period begins: 29 September 2025

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**Fair processing**

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**ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE (RSM), RHEUMATOLOGY & REHABILITATION SCHOLARSHIP CALL**

***Please complete and submit the application form to rsmscholarship@rsm.ac.uk by the deadline 23:59pm on 17 August 2025.***

***There are seven scholarships available.***

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Application for RSM Scholarship** | **Cohort Start date: 29.09.2025** |
| Full Name |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Home Address |  |
| Mobile Number |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| **About you** |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Place of Work |  |
| Qualifications (please list all and where achieved) |  |
| Stage of training (tick box that applies) | FY1 FY2 ST1 ST2 ST3 ST4 ST5 ST6 ST7 ST8 |
| GMC Number |  |
| Have you ever been a member of the RSM? (if so please give details) |  |
| Please supply one referee who can support your application (this is a work-related referee, not a personal referee) | ***Add the name and contact details of your referee and the context in which you know the referee. (Please ensure the referee is happy to support you before adding)*** |

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| ***Application Criteria*** |
| Please confirm you are in good standing with the GMC: yes/no  Please confirm if you have any pending investigations into practice: yes/no |
| Outline the personal developmental impact you believe this scholarship will allow you to achieve, and how this may impact your work (500 words max) |
| Set out your commitment to scholarship work and identify any areas of interest/ideas you have for scholarship work. (500 words max) |
| Outline the wider, and ongoing, impact that you believe you could achieve by sharing and supporting others/the sector if you are selected as a scholar (500 words max): |
| Any other information you would like the panel to consider: |

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| I consent to my data being used for the purpose of this application and membership of the RSM |

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| **Equal opportunities monitoring** |  |
| Which best describes your gender? (tick box that applies) | Male  Female  Intersex  Non-binary  Prefer not to say  Prefer to use own gender identity |
| Is the gender you identify with the same as your gender registered at birth? | Yes  No |
| What is your sexual orientation? | Heterosexual  Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual  Asexual  Pansexual  Undecided  Prefer not to say  Prefer to use own identity |
| Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition? | Yes  No |
| Do you have a disability or health condition that affects your day-to-day activities?  Do you require any reasonable adjustments to be made – if so what? | Yes  No |
| What is your ethnicity? | *Arab,*  *Asian or Asian British*  *Asian or Asian British: Indian, Asian or Asian British: Pakistani, Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi, Asian or Asian British: Chinese, Asian or Asian British other*  *Black or Black British , Black or Black British: African, Black or Black British: Caribbean, Black or Black British: Other, Hispanic or Latin, Indigenous/Native origin, Mixed: White and Black Caribbean, Mixed: White and Black African, Mixed White and Asian, Mixed: Other, white: British, White: Irish, White: Other, Prefer not to say, if any other ethnic group or you prefer your own definition please specify* |