

BIASP & NANSIG Medical Student Stroke Summer Bursary Scheme 2026

Applications are invited from medical students training in any UK or Irish University to undertake a period of attachment in any UK or Irish stroke unit or research group for a period of 4-6 weeks for the purpose of engaging in research, quality improvement or clinical experience to further their knowledge of the exciting specialty of stroke medicine.

Applicants must be members of BIASP; student membership is free (link here: <https://biasp.org/join-biasp/>).

There are up to 4 bursaries of £1000 available each year.

To apply, please submit the following documents:

About you

- An application form
- An up-to-date CV (up to 4 pages)
- A short personal statement of motivation (up to 2 pages) outlining your motivation, objectives and how the award will contribute to your career development
- An optional 1-page summary of your proposed project

About your supervisor

- A letter of invitation and support agreeing to host the student in their local stroke unit or research group. **This letter (up to 2 pages) must confirm that the following requirements listed below can be met:**
 - ⇒ Confirmation that their local service can provide supervision and access to research activity, patient interaction and patient records, as required for the proposed visit
 - ⇒ Assurance that any administrative requirements (e.g., occupational health, honorary contracts or any other clearances required) are met efficiently to allow the visit to start and for the goals to be completed on time
- A short up-to-date CV (up to 4 pages)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5pm on 31st March 2026.

Please ensure that ALL of the above documents are submitted to admin@biasp.org.

Timeline

Shortlisting: First 2 weeks of April

Selection (which may involve a virtual interview): last half of April 2026 (by the BIASP Training and Education Subcommittee).

Bursary award offer: end April 2026

Start: May to July 2026 (duration 4-6 weeks depending on local host and arrangements)

Feedback: By the end of August 2026 selected students must provide a written report for publication on the BIASP website; they are also expected to submit an abstract to the UK Stroke Forum (UKSF) 2026 or the BIASP trainees meeting 2027.