

## ***NMRDG Travel Fund***

The NMR Discussion Group are pleased to invite applications to a Travel Fund.

### ***Eligibility and Application***

The Fund is open to postgraduate students, who are working in a British University or Institute, and carrying out research in which magnetic resonance plays a major part. The intention is to support student travel and accommodation, for visiting a laboratory with the objective of learning a new NMR-related technique. This may include, for example, travel to an overseas University for a few weeks. All aspects of NMR will be eligible. It may cover the full or partial cost. Bench fees are not covered by this award, but a contribution towards the host's consumables costs may be eligible if clearly necessary for the work proposed. Bursaries will be awarded based on individual assessment of the applications, and applicants are encouraged to obtain matched funding. The Fund has a maximum limit of £1000 per person.

The deadline for application for the first Travel Fund award is 1 December 2011. We intend to issue a further call in 2012, depending on availability of funding. Applications should be emailed to [info@nmrdg.org.uk](mailto:info@nmrdg.org.uk), and contain the following, either as Word or pdf attachments:

- a) Name, status, address and email address of student and student's supervisor
- b) Proposed laboratory and supervisor
- c) Duration of visit and breakdown of costs applied for. Other sources of funding available and applied for.
- d) A one-page summary of the work to be carried out. This should explain how the visit will contribute to the student's research.
- e) A letter of support from the student's supervisor, which should explain how the visit will be of benefit to the student and/or the supervisor.
- f) A letter from the proposed host laboratory, typically from the host supervisor, confirming that appropriate facilities will be available to the student.

### ***Adjudication and award***

Applications will be considered by members of the NMRDG Committee. The successful applicant(s) will be announced at the NMRDG Christmas Meeting on Dec 14 2011 and notified by email immediately on completion of the decision-making process.

The ***criteria*** on which the award will be judged are:

- The scientific benefits to be generated by the award, both to the applicant and to their home lab. This includes the suitability of the host lab, and its relevance to current research.
- Appropriate fit with the aims of the NMRDG, namely to advance NMR in the UK.
- Realistic aims and appropriate costs

Payment of the award will require evidence of actual expenditure. The successful applicant will be expected to write a brief report on their return, and acknowledge the support of NMRDG in any resulting publications.