

ASTRAZENECA RESPIRATORY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS: TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The total value of the fellowship that will be awarded in 2017 is R100 000, but depending on the quality of applications it might be awarded in 2 or more smaller amounts.
2. Eligibility: The SA Thoracic Society managed research and training fellowships are awarded to medical doctors **who are full paid up SA Thoracic Society members** to promote development of pulmonology and promote excellence in research into respiratory disorders in South Africa. As such preference for these awards will be given to applicants of South African nationality (and permanent residents of South Africa). In the absence of such a suitably qualified medical doctor of South African nationality or a suitable application from such individuals, the scholarship committee may at its discretion, unless specified otherwise and subject to approval of the Council of the SA Thoracic Society, make an award to:
 - a. A non-South African medical doctor
 - b. A non-medical doctor such as pulmonary function technologist, physiotherapist, nurse, basic science researcher providing:
 - i. The research is conducted in South Africa
 - ii. The supervisor of the research program is a medical doctor who is a bona fides fully paid up member of the SA Thoracic Society
 - iii. The individual awarded the scholarship is a fully paid up member of the SA Thoracic Society.
3. Applicants are required to provide a full curriculum vitae and their applications should be supported by a letter from the Head of their current institution (Head of Department of Pulmonology or Paediatric Pulmonology or the relevant institutional Head).
4. Applications will be considered for research projects relating to pulmonology, whether basic or applied, but conventional drug trials will not be acceptable. All research projects undertaken by the Fellow must be approved by the Ethics Committee of the host institution. The Research Fellow is required to undertake his/her research in accordance with the proposal presented, and in the designated institution. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in discontinuation of the payments and liability for full repayment of the Fellowship to the Sponsor.
5. Applicants are required to provide personal details and a sufficiently detailed outline of the proposed research project and a budget to enable the Selection Committee to assess the candidate's ability to develop a research protocol and feasibility of the merits of the project.
6. The AstraZeneca Fellow will be required to give a written undertaking that he/she will remain and work in an academic unit or satellite unit to an academic unit in South Africa for at least one year after completing his/her Fellowship.
7. All presentations and publications arising from work performed while the holder is supported by the Fellowship must contain an acknowledgement that the Fellowship was made available by AstraZeneca in conjunction with the South African Thoracic Society.
8. The AstraZeneca Fellow will be required to provide a yearly written progress report on his/her research to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Selection Committee. This must include a list of all related publications and abstracts presented at congresses (copies of which should also be sent). The completed work should be published preferably as an article in a peer-reviewed journal, within 2 years of the award being granted. Failure to honour these undertakings renders the Research Fellow liable to repayment of half the total amount of the grant.
9. Application forms may be obtained from a/Prof Richard van Zyl-Smit, Chair of SATS Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o UCT Lung Institute, PO Box 34560, Groote Schuur 7937. Telephone: (021) 406-6125/6924. Email: richard.vanzyl-smit@uct.ac.za