

GLAXOSMITHKLINE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The GlaxoSmithKline Research Fellowship is tenable at any recognised local or overseas university or research institution approved by the Selection Committee.
2. Eligibility: The SA Thoracic Society managed research and training fellowships are awarded to medical doctors **who are fully 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. The intention is that while holding the Fellowship, the Research Fellow will conduct research “full time”. However if this is not feasible, consideration will be given for conducting the research part time with due justification from the applicant.
4. The Research Fellowship will be awarded for one year. It may be awarded to the same candidate on one further occasion. If the Scholarship selection committee is of the opinion that none of the applicants are suitable for the Research Fellowship, no award will be made during that year, but the Fellowship will be readvertised in the next year.
5. The value of the Research Fellowship is one hundred thousand rand (R150 000) per year in annual installments for subsistence support for the grant holder and/or expenses relating to the research project. The Fellowship will be administered by the Treasurer of the South African Thoracic Society in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
6. No additional funds will be provided by the South African Thoracic Society or GlaxoSmithKline.
7. All publications arising from work performed while the Research Fellow is or was supported by the Research Fellowship must acknowledge that the recipient is/was a GlaxoSmithKline Research Fellow.
8. The GlaxoSmithKline Research Fellow will be required to provide a yearly written progress report on his/her research to the Secretary of the South African Thoracic Society for consideration by the Chairman of the 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 or at least as a short report for the SA Respiratory 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. The GlaxoSmithKline Research Fellow will be required to make himself/herself available for media interviews at the time of presentation of the Fellowship and at reasonable times during the Fellowship tenure.
10. Successful applicants are required on acceptance of the Research Fellowship to give a written undertaking that they will remain and work in South Africa for at least 2 years after completing their Research Fellowship period. Failure to honour this undertaking renders the Research Fellow liable to full repayment

of the total amount of the grant to the South African Thoracic Society. In the event of the Research Fellow discontinuing the nominated research during the Fellowship tenure period, the Research Fellow will be liable to repay the full amount of the Fellowship to the South African Thoracic Society.

11. The Research Fellow is required to undertake his/her own research at the designated institution and in accordance with the research proposal presented. No change in the institution or major change in the research topic may occur without prior consultation with and approval of the Selection Committee. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in discontinuation of the payments and liability for full repayment of the Fellowship to GlaxoSmithKline.

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