



The Society of Sports Therapists

Research and Scholarship Fund

Research Fund guidelines

Number offered:	Up to 4 each year
Value of grants:	Up to a total of £1,000
Application closing date:	31 May 2025

Aim of grant

The primary objective of the SST Research Fund is to support the advancement of research across various subjects concerning the implementation of Sports Therapy, particularly those that generate interest, confusion, or controversy. This grant is designed to facilitate research in environments where the necessary resources, equipment, and infrastructure are already available to sustain the proposed activities. Consequently, applications seeking financial support for time and consumables, rather than for resources, equipment, and infrastructure, will be viewed more favourably. It is essential for applicants to explicitly demonstrate that all other essential elements are in place to ensure the successful accomplishment of the proposed activities.

Grant criteria

- The applicant is required to have maintained full membership with the Society of Sports Therapists for a minimum of one complete year.
- The individual applying for the grant must be the lead researcher on any approved ethics documentation.
- It is mandatory for the applicant to thoroughly read and adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the SST Research Fund grant.
- Applicants who have submitted a successful Research Fund grant application within the preceding 12 months will not be considered.
- Submission of the SST Research Fund grant application form is a prerequisite, and only information provided within this form will be taken into consideration.
- In the event of a successful application, the grantee will be expected to complete a short internal report and disseminate the findings publicly in a suitable format.

Assessment

Each application will undergo assessment based on the following criteria:

- The degree to which the grant will facilitate the personal development of the applicant.
- The anticipated impact of the proposed project and how the grant will contribute to its realisation.
- The significance, influence, and appeal of the research.
- The research's potential to elevate the Sports Therapy profession and enhance the reputation of the Society.
- That the applicant has not submitted a successful application to the SST Research Fund grant within the past 12 months.

Terms and conditions

The stipulations outlined in the application guidelines and any subsequent grant offer letter establish an agreement between the SST and the grant recipient.

SST Research Fund grants, up to the maximum limit, may be utilised for:

- Procurement of consumables dedicated to the research project.
- Payment of fees for courses/workshops, etc., specifically related to developing skills and knowledge essential for the proposed research.

SST Research Fund grants may not be used for:

- Membership fees for professional bodies.
- Expenses related to presenting research findings (refer to the Knowledge Exchange grant for this purpose).
- Support for activities directly associated with a course/degree for which the applicant is already enrolled.

The grant must only be employed for the purpose stated in the grant offer letter. The decision of the review board is conclusive, and no correspondence will be entertained after the decision.

Grants will only be awarded when submissions demonstrate sufficient merit. Grant disbursement is contingent upon the SST's satisfaction that all conditions are being met. Failure to comply will result in the grant being revoked, and payments must be refunded to the SST in full. If there are extenuating circumstances which have affected the compliance with these terms then the SST must be made fully aware and a decision will be made as to their merit by the grant awarding panel.

Recipients of successful grants are required to duly acknowledge SST support in any publications, presentations, or reports arising from the grant, in writing.