



The Society of Sports Therapists
Research and Scholarship Funds
Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Fund Guidelines

Number Offered: Up to 8 each year

Value of Grants: Up to a total of £500 (negotiable under special circumstances)

Application Closing Date: 30th November 2026

Aim of Grant

The SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant aims to support members in sharing, translating, applying and disseminating knowledge that advances sports therapy practice, education, research, and professional development. The Society welcomes applications that demonstrate clear benefit to the profession, members, service users, employers, students, or wider stakeholders. Applications are welcomed from clinicians, educators, researchers, students and practitioners working across all areas of sports therapy.

Knowledge exchange and professional impact may include (but are not limited to), research dissemination, practice-based innovation, educational resource development, public engagement, professional collaboration, industry and clinical partnerships, digital knowledge exchange and the development of practitioner networks and communities of practice.

What Makes a Strong Application

Strong applications typically demonstrate:

- A clear knowledge exchange activity.
- Identifiable beneficiaries.
- Potential impact on sports therapy practice, education, research or professional standards.
- Realistic and justified expenditure.
- Clear dissemination plans.
- Value for money.
- Potential to generate wider benefit for SST members.

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 lead, present, develop, deliver or coordinate the proposed knowledge exchange activity.
- Applicants must read and agree to the terms and conditions of the SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant.
- Applicants who have received a successful SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant within the previous 12 months will not normally be eligible for a further award.



- Applications must be submitted using the SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant Application Form. Only information contained within the application will be considered during assessment.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed activity will benefit the profession, SST members, service users, students, employers, or other relevant stakeholders.
- Successful applicants will be required to share the outcomes of their funded activity through an agreed SST dissemination mechanism.

Assessment

Each application will undergo assessment based on the following criteria:

- The anticipated impact of the proposed activity on sports therapy practice, education, research, professional development, or public understanding.
- The extent to which the activity supports the dissemination, translation or exchange of knowledge.
- The potential benefits to SST members and the wider profession.
- The quality, relevance and originality of the proposed activity.
- The applicant's plans for dissemination and sharing of outcomes.
- The value for money and appropriateness of the requested funding.
- The extent to which the activity aligns with the strategic aims and objectives of the Society of Sports Therapists.
- Confirmation that the applicant has not received a successful SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant within the previous 12 months.

Terms and Conditions

The stipulations outlined in the application guidelines and any subsequent grant offer letter establish an agreement between the Society of Sports Therapists (SST) and the grant recipient.

Eligible Activities

The SST Knowledge Exchange and Professional Impact Grant may be used to support activities that contribute to the sharing, translation, application or dissemination of knowledge and professional practice. Eligible costs may include:

- Conference registration fees where the applicant is presenting research, innovation, professional practice or service evaluation.
- Publication and dissemination costs, including open access fees.
- Development of educational, professional or clinical resources.
- Knowledge exchange, stakeholder engagement or public engagement activities.
- Contributions to travel costs directly associated with the approved activity.
- Other activities that demonstrate a clear benefit and potential impact for the sports therapy profession.

Ineligible Activities



Grant funding will not normally be provided for:

- Conference attendance where there is no active dissemination activity (please see/access CPD grant).
- Routine employment, business or operational expenses.
- Activities already fully funded through another source.
- Costs associated with completing an academic qualification or award in which the applicant is enrolled.
- Retrospective funding for activities that have already taken place.
- Equipment purchases unless clearly justified as essential to the proposed activity

Award Decision and Conditions

Successful applicants will normally be notified of the outcome within one month of the application closing date. In some circumstances, decisions may take longer due to the volume of applications, availability of reviewers, or other unforeseen factors. Applicants are therefore advised to consider these timelines when planning proposed activities and should ensure that project start dates and key milestones allow sufficient time for the application review and decision-making process.

Grant funding will normally only be released once applicants can provide appropriate evidence that the proposed activity has been approved, accepted, commissioned, booked or is otherwise ready to proceed.

The grant must only be used for the purpose outlined within the approved application and subsequent grant offer letter.

The decision of the review panel is final. SST reserves the right not to enter into correspondence regarding funding decisions.

Grants will only be awarded where applications demonstrate sufficient merit, relevance and potential impact. SST reserves the right to withdraw funding, in whole or in part, should grant conditions not be met or funding be used for purposes other than those approved. In such circumstances, recipients may be required to repay all or part of the grant.

Dissemination and Acknowledgement

Successful applicants will be expected to share the outcomes and impact of the funded activity with SST members through an agreed dissemination mechanism. This may include a short impact report, newsletter article, website case study, webinar, podcast, presentation, video summary, professional resource, social media feature or another format agreed with SST.

Recipients must acknowledge support from the Society of Sports Therapists in any publications, presentations, educational resources, digital content, reports or other outputs arising from the funded activity.

SST may use information provided through reports, case studies and dissemination outputs to promote the grant scheme and demonstrate its value to members and external stakeholders.