

Guide to scoring of AAGBI Undergraduate Elective Funding applications

Definition of medical student elective

'A placement undertaken as part of a medical degree with the content and setting of the placement largely decided by the student and approved by the medical school.'

The AAGBI recognises the benefits that the medical student elective can bring for a successful career in anaesthesia, pain, medicine and intensive care medicine. In particular students may become more flexible, resourceful, more resilient and more culturally aware through projects based in developing countries (a particular focus of the work of the AAGBI). Hence elective placements supporting work in developing countries are given priority. Grants will only be awarded to applicants who intend to spend time away from their base academic institution and whose travel, accommodation and subsistence costs are increased as a result.

The AAGBI is keen to support medical student elective placements which:

1. Prepare students for a successful career in anaesthesia, pain, peri-operative, and intensive care medicine.
2. Help to develop a student's interest or passion that can then make an impact on patient care both at the time and in the future.
3. Are well organised with consideration of personal safety, patient safety, appropriate supervision (both clinical and non clinical) and with support in place in the event of any difficulties.
4. Support projects in developing countries in an ethical and sustainable way bringing benefits to both the student and the developing country partners.

Applications will be scored using the following guide

Relevance to anaesthesia/pain/peri-operative medicine/ICM

- 1 No obvious relevance
- 2 Some relevance; but limited educational benefit
- 3 Likely exposure to specialty; unlikely to make full use of opportunities
- 4 Clear relevance; some useful experience will be gained
- 5 Offers excellent exposure to specialty; clear benefits

Defined project or learning objectives

- 1 No project or objectives; vague description only
- 2 An outline of project or objectives, but no clear plan
- 3 Clear project or objectives, but unrealistic
- 4 Clear project or objectives & will deliver some benefits; may not be completed
- 5 Clear project plan or objectives; defined outcome and benefits

Partnership working with Developing Country (DC)

- 0 Not a developing country elective
- 1 No evidence of engaging with DC partners in project plan
- 2 Some evidence of engagement limited to practical arrangements
- 3 Likely alignment of project with needs of the DC partners
- 4 Clear engagement of the DC partners in the proposed project
- 5 Clear engagement with obvious alignment with DC's local and national aims

Value for money/sustainability

- 1 No details provided; costs unclear
- 2 Unrealistic budget; no clear plan to fund
- 3 A plan to fund presented, but project or objectives may not be achievable within budget; poor 'value for money'
- 4 Sensible budget; clear plan to raise money; probability of contribution to a sustainable project
- 5 Excellent 'value for money'; likely incorporation into a larger or ongoing project

General quality of application

- 1 Very poor; confused presentation with important information missing
- 2 Some details missing or unclear; poorly laid out
- 3 Most details provided; untidy in parts
- 4 Clear and addresses most of questions asked; layout could be improved
- 5 Clear, comprehensive and concise; well presented