



The BJSM Global Research Grant Program

Sports and Exercise Medicine (SEM) is a growing multidisciplinary field. However, SEM as a discipline is still developing in marginalised communities* which may lack resources such as trained SEM personnel, necessary funding, and institutional support to implement robust clinical programs or conduct research. Funding SEM research also may not be a high priority among other more immediate concerns experienced by resource-limited communities. In such environments, persons of colour, Indigenous communities, women, youth, those with disabilities, those who are displaced, and those from the LGBTQIA+ communities may be further marginalised and bear the brunt of scarce resources.

Therefore, to drive global equity in SEM and foster diverse and inclusive research and data, it is critical to provide funding opportunities for SEM researchers from marginalised groups to conduct research relevant to SEM in marginalised communities.

*Marginalised communities include, but are not limited to, low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Colour (BIPOC); women; youth; people with disabilities; LGBTQIA+; those in conflict zones; and migrant, refugee, and internally displaced communities.

Purpose of the grants

The purpose of these grants is to facilitate and enhance SEM-oriented research on the health and welfare of marginalised communities by researchers from marginalised groups. The award also provides recipients with opportunities to be mentored by fellow international SEM researchers through the [BJSM Global Mentoring Program](#).

Number and value of awards

Up to six (6) grants each worth £2,000. The award funds may be used for research activities and/or living expenses by the recipient when conducting the research project and/or travel to the research destination/necessary for the research. Payments for successful applicants will be made in 2023.

Term

The term of the award is one year, so must be used within one year from receipt of the funding. If BMJ offers grants in 2024, recipients of a 2023 grant may reapply, but to be competitive must demonstrate progress in their research from a prior award and explain how more funding will build upon work already completed.

Eligibility criteria

This award is given to researchers from marginalised groups conducting research relevant to SEM in marginalised communities. The applicant should be the principal or co-principal investigator of the study.

Selection criteria

- i. Novelty of the research project to SEM and equity deserving groups.
- ii. Appropriateness of the study design and scientific rigor of the research project.
- iii. Value and clinical relevance of the research project to marginalised communities.
- iv. Feasibility of the proposed research project.
- v. Quality of the application.

Application process

Applications should consist of a cover letter and a grant proposal.

Cover letters are limited to one (1) page and should explain the background of the applicant and the context of the research relative to marginalised communities. Additionally, applicants who have career breaks for childcare, care giving, health/wellbeing, career transition, or similar circumstances, may state this in the cover letter.

The grant proposal is limited to three (3) pages (single spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins) and should include the following sections:

- Title of study - Name and institutional affiliation (if applicable) of the principal investigator/applicant
- Background and rationale of the study
- Objective(s)
- Hypothesis
- Study design and methodology
- Significance and expected clinical, research, or policy impact
- Timeline (when research will commence and expected date of completion)
- Budget and justification of how study funding will be allocated
- Qualifications of the research team/applicant

Applications and any questions about the BJSJ Global Research Grant Program should be sent to:
bjssresearchgrants@bmj.com

Opening date for applications: 28 April 2023 (GMT).

The closing date for applications: 31 July 2023 (11:59pm, GMT) .

The submission of the application shall be deemed to be acceptance of the below terms. All applicants will be notified whether they have been successful or not by: 15 October 2023. BMJ's decision (via the BJSJ editors) shall be final and at its absolute discretion.

Terms

I agree, (including on behalf of any research project team) that:

1. If this application is successful, I will use the funds for research and living for the stated individuals undertaking the named research project set out in this form;
2. I understand that should my application be successful, I must supply bank details, by specified dates so BMJ may make the payment of the grant;
3. If the research project is cancelled or substantially changed, or I/we are unable to do the research project within the time period covered by the funding round, I must inform the BMJ in writing as soon as reasonably practicable and that I may be required to reimburse the grant funds;
4. In submitting an application, I accept the requirements of the research grant;
5. All information supplied in my application will be true and accurate and not misleading;
6. I agree to inform the BMJ in writing if anything I have stated in the application form materially changes;
7. I will be responsible for obtaining any necessary written consents (or verbal if not possible) from individuals whose identifiable information, images, film or recordings are included in the research project.
8. Subject to adherence to the requirements stated herein, the BMJ is free to make any decision regarding which applicants it wishes to grant funding to and is not obliged to make any funding available should it so decide;
9. BMJ will only notify applicants whether or not they have been successful in their application of their funding and is not required to give feedback to unsuccessful applicants;
10. BMJ reserves all rights to withdraw funding if your conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the fund or harmful to BMJ's reputation.
11. I agree to adhere to BMJ's [Anti Bribery and Corruption Policy](#) and [Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy](#).
12. I am responsible for obtaining all insurances, registration and licensing required to undertake the research project generally and for any health, travel, accommodation and expenses other than where grant funds are agreed for use of these;
13. To the fullest extent permitted by law (and subject to the second sentence of this clause), BMJ will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to you or any project team for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of your application or any funds so allocated or howsoever relates to the travel and accommodation expenses or project and/or trip, except where it is caused by the negligence of BMJ, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. If BMJ breaches any legal obligations to you in relation to this fund application and/or any award, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the BMJ's maximum liability howsoever arising, shall be limited to £2000 (two thousand pounds sterling);
14. BMJ will process any personal data it receives in accordance with [BMJ's Privacy Notice](#); and
15. **BMJ may contact you to inform you about future rounds of the BJSJ Global Research Grants, and other relevant BMJ grants and competitions which we believe will be of interest to you. You can opt out of receiving this information at any time by emailing bjsjresearchgrants@bjsj.com**