**David Laws BIPOSA Travel Fellowship**

**2025/27**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the David Laws BIPOSA Travel Fellowship is to enable early career orthoptists and ophthalmologists, based in the UK or Ireland, to undertake further training in Paediatric Ophthalmology and/or Strabismus. The fellowship can be used to study, research or acquire skills, knowledge, or experience at a suitable location in the UK or abroad, in the field of paediatric ophthalmology and or strabismus.

The award will assist the David Laws BIPOSA Fellow, for the subsequent benefit of Paediatric Ophthalmology or Orthoptics in the UK or Ireland, where the applicant is expected to pursue their subsequent career.

The Fellowship is named after Dave Laws (1960 - 2020), Paediatric Ophthalmologist at Singleton Hospital in Swansea and Llywydd (President) of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in Wales, who was a notable ophthalmology trainer.

### VALUE

Up to £10,000

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be orthoptists or paediatric ophthalmology trainees in good standing. Applications from consultants early in their careers will also be considered.

The Trustees expect applicants to be committed to pursuing a career in Orthoptics or Paediatric Ophthalmology / Strabismus in the United Kingdom or Ireland, in line with BIPOSA’s charitable aims. BIPOSA cannot not make the award to anyone who is planning to pursue a career overseas on completing the fellowship. The Trustees reserve the right to claim the funds back if the awardee departs substantially from the plans indicated in the application.

BIPOSA membership is mandatory

Applicants may apply retrospectively but should not be more than 12 months into the fellowship for which they are applying for support by 28th February 2025 (application closing date).

The project or fellowship *must* start between 01st March 2024 and 28th February 2026, and the intended start date must be stated on the application form. Applicants may apply before they have confirmation of acceptance from their proposed training institution, but funds will not be released until this is acquired. If the proposed start date is postponed, the Trustees must be informed immediately and, depending on the reason for the postponement, they reserve the right to withdraw the Fellowship in this situation.

**NUMBER & FREQUENCY**

There is one award this round. The Fellowship may be awarded every two years subject to suitable candidates.

**BIPOSA’S COMMITMENT**

BIPOSA will announce if any awards are made within three months of the closing date and announce results at the Annual Meeting

**FELLOW’S COMMITMENT**

A fellow must, within three months of the end of the Fellowship, submit a written report to the Trustees outlining how they met their stated objectives put forward in their application.

If the Fellow has engaged in research, he or she will be expected to submit the results as a paper or poster for the possible inclusion in the scientific programme of the BIPOSA Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Legal and charitable governance**

BIPOSA may withdraw the offer of the Fellowship grant, or reclaim all or part of it paid, in any of the following situations:

1. You do not comply with our terms or fail to tell us of any change in circumstances
2. You knowingly withhold information or give false information
3. You depart substantially from the training and future career intentions as set out in your application
4. If, in our opinion, your actions conflict with our charitable aims or damage BIPOSA’s reputation

Please email an electronic version of your completed application form and CV to executive@biposa.org

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: *28th February 2025***

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**Application form**

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| **Last name:** |  |
| **First name (s):** |  |
| **Address for Correspondence:** |  |
| **Telephone no:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Present Post:** |  |
| **Please confirm you intend to make your career in Orthoptics or Paediatric Ophthalmology in the United Kingdom or Ireland, in line with the BIPOSA charitable objectives.  Y/N** |  |
| **I understand my legal obligations, as outlined above** |  |
| **Dated** |  |
| **Electronic Signature** |  |

**Qualifications, Diplomas, etc. (please state where obtained and dates):**

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**Contact details of two referees that may be contacted by the awards committee** *(N.B. This reference will be taken up for short-listed candidates only.)***:**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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**Expense to be incurred *(please estimate as accurately as possible, this can include, for example, fees to be incurred, research costs not already covered, travel & living expenses, childcare, unavoidable on-going costs in the UK, etc.):***

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**Does the training come with a salary or other means of financial support, and if so how much?**

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**Other grants or fellowships being sought to support the proposed training:**

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**Please state when the fellowship is due to start:**

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**Please outline the training to be received and the subsequent benefit to the practice of Paediatric Ophthalmology and/or Strabismus in the UK and Ireland**

***Please limit to 3 A4 pages as an attachment***

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