**The Welsh Intensive Care Society Research Awards**

Research projects in either basic science or clinical research in a field relevant to intensive care may be supported. Research intended to allow acquisition of data to support a larger scale research grant application is encouraged. Research awards will usually be a maximum of £2,000, with a separate award for those from medical and from non-medical (e.g. nursing or AHP) backgrounds.

**Applicants**

The lead applicant must be a WICS member of good standing prior to application, and for the duration of the award (ordinarily up to maximum 2 years). Applications must include at least one healthcare professional currently working in intensive care in Wales**.**

**The Project**

Must be relevant to the practice of intensive care medicine, and should be novel in scope or represent a significant development in clinical or scientific research.

**Application for grants**

Applications for grants should be up to a maximum of £2,000, awarded for a two-year period.

The grant will be awarded through the hospital or institution sponsoring the research.

The grant will be advertised on the WICS website, through social media, direct mailing to each Health Boards’ Clinical Lead for dissemination and at the WICS annual conference.

The grants will be announced and open for application in March each year.

Application forms can be obtained from the WICSARG Lead or downloaded from the WICS website and should be sent to the WICSARG Lead by the date indicated on the WICS website.

Applications will be administered by WICSARG and reviewed by a panel composed of at least two independent reviewers.

The applicant will be informed of the outcome of their application by the end of June at the WICS Summer Meeting.

The project must be commenced within 6 months of the award date (or monies must be refunded).

A final report must be submitted to the WICSARG within 12 months of the end date of the award and presented at the WICS Summer Scientific Meeting.

**Evaluation of the project**

Applications are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

* Originality of the project
* Importance of the work
* Methodology
* Quality of application

Priority will be given to pilot clinical work intended as a preliminary step towards a research training fellowship application or a larger clinical study.