

**ANATOMY PHD PRIZE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS 2025/26**

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| **EARLY CAREER APPLICATION FORM 2025/26** |
| **Please read the eligibility requirements BEFORE completing the application form.**1. **Applicants**
2. Applicants must be Members of the Anatomical Society, who have been elected to membership by Council for at least a year by the application deadline date and whose annual subscriptions are fully paid. In the case of joint applications, at least one applicant must be a member.
3. If potential applicants (Lead Supervisor or Co-Supervisor) have previously held an Anatomical Society studentship, they cannot apply again until their previous student has been awarded a PhD by the appropriate Board of Studies (graduand status) and a subsequent period of one calendar year has elapsed. Documentary evidence will be required.
4. Applicants who have been previously awarded a studentship are not eligible to re-apply unless their student has submitted at least one original high-quality research article to the Journal of Anatomy or Aging Cell.
5. A Lead Supervisor or Co-Supervisor cannot hold concurrent AS Research Studentships and Undergraduate Summer Vacation Research Scholarships.
6. A Co-Supervisor does not have to be a member of the Society at the time of application. However, they are expected to become a member.
7. It is important that all lead applicants (supervisors) can confirm that their current posts are secure for the full term of the award (for both full-time and part-time studentships). For new investigator awards, it is appreciated that new lecturers may be serving a probationary period. Such lecturers should provide a letter of support from their Head of Department clarifying their status.
8. To qualify as an early Career Investigator the applicant must:
	1. Hold a lectureship or independent research fellowship.
	2. Be within 12 years of being awarded a PhD, exclusive of career breaks.
	3. Have guaranteed employment for the duration of the studentship.
	4. Have not held an AS PhD studentship.
9. A successful applicant will be expected to include the Anatomical Society publicity channels (i.e., Society social media, News Section of the Website, Anastomosis) when advertising for a student.
10. **Students**
11. Students appointed to Anatomical Society Research Studentships will normally be graduates in a biomedical or biological subject, or in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary sciences.
12. Students appointed by supervisors to studentships shall normally be UK, Irish, or European citizens\* who have spent at least three years at a UK or Irish institute of higher education and have obtained a degree with first class or upper second-class honours or an equivalent qualification. A non-EU student who meets one of the criteria below will be treated as a ‘home student’ according to the UKRI Eligibility for MRC/UKRI Studentships Funding <https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/esrc/funding-for-postgraduate-training-and-development-/eligibility-for-studentship-funding> and will therefore be entitled to be considered for a full Anatomical Society Studentships
13. be a UK national (meeting residency requirements)
14. have settled status
15. have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
16. have indefinite leave to remain or enter

\**Please note that European citizens include citizens of the European Economic Area, which comprises the member states of the European Union and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.*1. Queries about eligibility should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary in the first instance. As part of the award, students will be put forward for election to membership of the Society for the tenure of their studentship. During this time, membership fees will be paid by the Anatomical Society. It is hoped that students will continue their membership of the Society beyond the period of the studentship award.

**Other awards**Students in receipt of offers of other means of support, which in the opinion of the assessors is sufficient to cover a large part of the cost of maintenance and fees, will not normally be considered. Those who successfully applied the year before cannot apply again the following year for another AS-funded PhD (i.e., a gap of one financial year (1st Oct to 30th Sep) must elapse before an applicant is eligible to apply again). |
| **CHECK LIST** |
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| BEFORE submitting this form **E-MAILONLY by midnight Tuesday 19th August 2025** to: Dr Joanna Matthan, Honorary Secretary (c/o Mary-Anne Piggott at the Anatomical Society Office, Department of Anatomy and Human Sciences, King’s College (Guy’s Campus), Room HB4.2N Hodgkin Building, London SE1 1UL, you must:* Read the Information and Conditions Document
* Check that you are eligible to apply (Please refer to the Information and Conditions Document Section 1(a))
* Use an Arial Font size of 11 when completing the application form
* Adhere to the stated word limits in each section
* Ensure that any images and or diagrams included in the sections are legible
* Declare any conflicts of interest (e.g. Supervisor, Co-Supervisor or Collaborator (s) being current members of the Anatomical Society Council)
* Include all required supporting documentation (e.g. letters from collaborators).
* Obtain all required signatures

NB: Covering letters, appendices or additional information will **not** be considered.If you have any queries please contact maryanne.piggott@kcl.ac.uk in the first instance.

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| I consent to the data included in this submission being collected processed and stored by the Anatomical Society in accordance with The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and data protection legislation and best practice. | Yes |  | No |  | Please tick *one* box |

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| **TITLE OF THE PROJECT** |
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| Indicate if this is for a part-time or a full-time PhD position?   Part-time Full-time |
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| **SECTION 1 PERSONAL DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY OF THE LEAD APPLICANT (SUPERVISOR)** |
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| Name of lead applicant (supervisor):  |
| Title: |
| Surname: |
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| Current post and date of appointment:  |
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| Tenure: Please provide information on the duration and nature of your contract: |
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| AS Membership No: |
| *Please note that the lead applicant (supervisor) must be a fully paid up member of the Anatomical Society who has been elected to membership by Council for at least a year.* |
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| **SECTION 2 PERSONAL DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY OF THE CO-SUPERVISOR \*** |
| \* ***A senior, experienced co-supervisor is obligatory for Early Career Investigator applications*** |
| Name of the Co-Supervisor:  |
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| **SECTION 3 VALUE TO THE SOCIETY** |
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| Information provided in this section is evaluated by members of Council and marked out of 10. |
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| 1. Selected publications, of lead applicant (supervisor) up to a maximum of 5 published in the Journal of Anatomy or Aging Cell\*

*\* such a high number of publications in the Society journals is not expected of Early Career Investigators* |
| 2. Society Undergraduate Summer Vacation Research Scholarships supervised by the Lead Applicant *Please provide documentary evidence.* |
| 3. Attendance and presentations at Society meetings by the lead applicant (Supervisor)*(Please give details of Society meetings attended within the last three years and list any presentations or posters given by you or by any AS studentship or scholarship holder that you may have supervised in this period).* |
| 4. Please provide details of any other activities of the Society that you have been involved with in the last three years, for instance outreach activities, organising meetings, Society Committees etc |
| 5. Please provide a statement describing the significance of the research proposal in benefitting anatomical sciences research and promoting the interests of the Society (up to 200 words) |
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| **SECTION 4 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND DETAILS ABOUT ANY COLLABORATORS** |
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| Information provided in this section is evaluated by members of Council and marked out of 50. |
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| 1. Research objectives (up to 300 words) |
| 2. Background to the project (up to 500 words) |
| 3. Strategy and methods (up to 500 words)  |
| 4. References and supporting papers (if any papers are “in press” please enclose abstract in the first instance) Up to a maximum of 12 papers may be cited in support of the project. |
| 5. Research infrastructure available to support the project (up to 200 words) |
| 6. Collaboration (if the project requires involvement of a collaborator(s) who is (are) not a co-supervisor please provide supporting evidence in the form of a letter confirming willingness to collaborate throughout the duration of the project for each collaborator named. Provide brief details of the nature of the collaboration and how it will contribute to the project (up to 150 words). |
| 7. Where appropriate provide details of any ethical, Home Office Animal Licence or Human Tissue Act approvals required for this project. |
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| **SECTION 5 THE TRAINING THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE** |
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| Information provided in this section is evaluated by members of Council and marked out of 30. |
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| 1. General training, development and support available to the student (up to 200 words) |
| 2. Project specific training (up to 200 words) |
| 3. Training in teaching and demonstrating (up to 150 words) |
| 4. If this is a part-time studentship, please outline how the research study will be conducted to allow for part-time study (up to 500 words). |
| 5. If this is a part-time studentship, please indicate how long the studentship will take, indicating how many months the student will be studying for each year of study (up to 200 words) |
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| **SECTION 6 LEVEL OF SUPERVISION** |
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| 1. Previous (non-Anatomical Society) PhD studentships supervised by lead applicant (Supervisor)*(Please give details of any students supervised within the last five years with start date, date of PhD award and source of funding).* |
| 2. Previous PhD studentships supervised by co-supervisor*(Please give details of any students supervised within the last five years with start date, date of PhD award and source of funding).* |
| 3. Selected publications (other than JoA or Aging Cell) of lead applicant (supervisor) up to a maximum of 5 |
| 4. Research environment provided by the host Institution (up to 200 words) *But not including specifics research infrastructure outlined in section 4* |
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| **SECTION 7 DETAILS OF STUDENT NOMINATED** |
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| If you have identified a potential student to take up a studentship please complete the details below. Otherwise this section should only be completed once the studentship has been awarded and a student appointed). You must ensure that your student satisfies the student eligibility conditions as detailed in the *‘Information and Conditions’* document It is important that this section is returned to the Society once the student has been appointed so that the Society can initiate Society membership and can communicate directly with the student. |
| (You may also attach the student’s Curriculum Vitae). |
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| **SECTION 8 CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS** |
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| Signature of Lead Applicant (Supervisor):Date: |
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| Signature of Co-Supervisor (if any):Date: |
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| Declaration by Head of Department/School/Institute in which the studentship is to be hosted: |
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| *I confirm that if the studentship is awarded, laboratory accommodation and facilities and appropriate funding for research expenses incurred above the limit funded by the Society\* will be available to the student.* |
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| Signature of Head of Department/School/Institute |
| Name of Head of Department/School/Institute (please print): |
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| Date: |
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| **SECTION 9 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS** |
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| I confirm that any conflicts of interest arising in relation to this application have been detailed below (e.g. Supervisor and /or Co-Supervisor being current members of the Anatomical Society Council or connected in any way) |
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| Declaration of Co-Supervisor Conflict(s) of Interest: (if none please state none)Signature:Date: |
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| Declaration of Collaborator 1 (if any)Conflict(s) of Interest: (if none please state none)Signature:Date: |
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| Declaration of Collaborator 2 (if any)Conflict(s) of Interest: (if none please state none)Signature:Date: |

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