

# Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Scholarships Main Call for Applications Academic Year 2023/24



COLLEGE of MEDICINE and VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Closing date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 23:59 GMT.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## Introduction

The Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund supports a thriving scholarship programme that enables successful applicants to undertake a period of further study or research at The University of Edinburgh Medical School and related institutions.

The scholarship application page on the University of Edinburgh scholarships page is now live and accepting applications:

[Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund | The University of Edinburgh](#)

**In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants MUST have applied for an academic course leading to the award of a postgraduate Masters degree. This will generate a student number, which is required for the scholarship application.**

## The Scholarship

For scholars undertaking research or postgraduate degree courses in Edinburgh, the award normally consists of a **subsistence** allowance payable for periods of 1-12 months, depending on the length of their course/research programme. It does **not** cover research costs or travel to and from Poland. Assistance with tuition fees is likely to be available for a limited number of successful applicants. In the case of applicants undertaking distance learning degree programmes the award **will normally** cover the tuition fees, subject to satisfactory progress, but **no subsistence** allowance is payable. **Potential applicants wishing to undertake short study visits or non-degree programme related research** should contact one of the coordinators below **at the earliest opportunity** to discuss their ideas.

## Eligibility

The programme is open to Polish medical scientists

- in their early career (*usually* within 10 years of their medical graduation - MB ChB equivalent)
- working in Polish Medical Academies/Universities and Research Institutes
- with excellent mastery of English and
- committed to the further development of medical research expertise **in Poland**.

Applicants must agree *in writing* to provide the Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Committee with a scholarship report within 1 month of completing their programme of study/ research.

Note: The expectation and intention of the founders of the Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Scholarship Programme is that successful applicants:

- should return to their units/ departments in Poland on completion of their attachment/studies,
- use their new-found skills to further enhance and develop Polish medicine and thereby
- foster academic links between Polish Medical Universities and Research Institutes and The University of Edinburgh.

**Applications for the academic year 2023-2024:** Eligible candidates should **have the full support of their Head of Department and Polish Medical University authorities.**

Eligible applicants may apply for a scholarship for the courses listed on Page 2.

## Courses for which a Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund Scholarship may be applied

Key to abbreviations used to describe courses

### Distance learning courses M Sc (Masters of Science Degrees)

**ODL - on-line distance learning.**                      **Duration of course - years**                      **PT - part time**

Cancer Biology and Precision Oncology – ODL 3years PT MSc  
Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Clinical Education - ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Clinical Ophthalmology -ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Clinical Trials -MS- ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Critical Care - ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Family Medicine - ODL 2 years PT MSc  
Family Medicine - ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Global Health and Infectious Diseases -ODL3 years PT MSc  
Global Health: Non-Communicable Diseases -ODL3 years PT MSc  
Internal Medicine -ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Paediatric Emergency Medicine -ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Primary Care Ophthalmology -ODL 3 years PT MSc  
Surgical Sciences -ODL 3 years PT MSc

### Distance learning courses ChM (Master of Surgery by surgical sub-specialty)

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery -ODL 2 years PT ChM  
Trauma and Orthopaedics - ODL 2 years PT ChM  
General Surgery - ODL 2 years PT ChM

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### 1-year Full- time Edinburgh based MSc (Master of Sciences) courses

Cardiovascular Science – (MSc by Research)  
Genetics and Genomics (MSc by Research)  
Genomics and Experimental Medicine (MSc by Research)  
Infection and Immunity (MSc by Research)  
  
Medical Sciences (M Med Sci by Research) (including oncology)  
Molecular and Clinical Medicine (ECRC) (MSc by Research)  
Orthopaedic and Trauma Medicine (MSc by Research)  
  
Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Repair (MSc by Research)  
Respiratory Medicine (MSc by Research)  
Reproductive Sciences (MSc by Research)  
Surgery (MSc by Research)

**Further information can be found at:** [Polish School of Medicine Memorial Fund | The University of Edinburgh](#)

Potential applicants may if they wish contact either of the Scholarship Coordinators listed below:

<p>Dr Maria Długolecka-Graham MBE Polish School of Medicine Coordinator for The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:PSMScourse@ed.ac.uk">PSMScourse@ed.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Prof. Blazej Męczekalski Poznan Polish School of Medicine Coordinator</p> <p>email: <a href="mailto:blazejmeczekalski@yahoo.com">blazejmeczekalski@yahoo.com</a></p>
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**Further Information for Applicants wishing to undertake short visits or research not related to a degree programme:**

Applicants who wish to apply for short visits or research scholarships not relating to a degree programme are not able to apply for a scholarship via the University website. They must submit their applications electronically to the **Polish School of Medicine Coordinator in Edinburgh by the closing date for applications i.e. 23:59 GMT 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**In addition to submitting their proposed study programme/ research programme, applicants will be required to submit the following documents:**

- an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae in English giving sufficient information about their achievements and experience to date so that an informed decision about their suitability can be made. A list merely giving dates, hospital names and job titles is not acceptable
- verified\* copy of the diploma issued by the University or other body granting the applicant's medical qualification.
- verified\* copy of the IELTS certificate or other certificate being submitted as evidence of satisfactory mastery of the English language as required for the type of scholarship for which they wish to apply
- verified\* copy of any other relevant documentation e.g., confirmation of their stage of specialty training, appropriate registration status and licensing with the GMC, etc.
- a copy of one scientific publication in which the applicant was a main author
- letters of support written in English from the Rector of the applicant's Medical University in Poland AND the applicant's Head of Department in Poland
- a letter from the Head of Department in the host academic unit at the University of Edinburgh supporting their application.

**\* Verified by a Notary Public or other responsible person or body as a true copy of the original. In this context 'responsible person' means e.g., Dean or Associate Dean of the Medical Academy, Administrative Head of the International Office or other senior officer empowered to do this.**

**Please note:** A separate Call for Scholarship Applications will be issued for short courses. These may be either taught face-to face in Edinburgh (when the scholarship will cover the course fee and the cost of accommodation in University of Edinburgh accommodation) or on-line when the scholarship will

**cover the cost of the course fee only. Candidates who wish to arrange alternative accommodation in Edinburgh for these short courses, do so at their own expense.**