

### **Summary paragraph of A&T committee report for inclusion in the BPS Council meeting/AGM minutes – January 2020**

Gill Malin, Immediate Past president, Chaired the Awards and Training Committee 2018-2019 and Graham Underwood takes over this position as of the January 2020 AGM. The BPS Ordinary Members of Council are now involved in judging the applications and are thanked for their work this past year. In 2019 the nominal budget was £30,000, 28 applications for a total of £58,733 were received and funding of £21,988 was allocated.

There are now 3 funding rounds per year instead of 4: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The BPS Funding Guidelines were revised in Oct 2019 and the Membership advised by email.

The aim was to increase clarity to reduce the number of queries and ineligible applications. Summer Undergraduate Project have been renamed Summer Undergraduate Internships and academic and corporate members are eligible for these. A new Early Career research Bursary for up to £500 for attendance at the BPS Annual Meeting was introduced.

For all schemes the applicants must have been a member of the BPS for at least 3 months before the application date and successful applicants should be prepared to renew their membership where the project or meeting falls in the following calendar year. Applicants for Internships and Project Award from members who do not have an independent position (e.g. a short-term postdoctoral scientist) need to provide a letter from their line manager to assure the BPS Council that the applicant has the time and access to the general facilities and materials required for the project. PhD student