CSL Belgium has the pleasure to announce that it awards a

CSL Encouragement Grant in Hemostasis and Thrombosis

Aims

The goal of this **Encouragement Grant** is to provide support for physicians and basic research scientists active in the field of Hemostasis and Thrombosis to advance their expertise in this field via a training, course, scholarship, research project in a renowned national or international center. Project selection will be broad and includes support to all professionals working in the domain of hemostasis and thrombosis to increase their expertise:

1. Support to clinicians wishing to complete an internship in a specialized center in Belgium or abroad, under supervision of a renowned expert,
2. Clinical or biomedical scientists wishing to pursue and complete a well-defined educational project in Belgium or abroad
3. Laboratory research scientists wishing to carry out part of their research project in a specialized research center.
4. Educational courses, well defined projects, …

This list is non-exhaustive: education and expertise improving projects according to the goal of this grant can be applied for.

In all cases, it is the intention of the **Encouragement Grant** to allow clinicians and professionals in the designated domain to extend their expertise, achieve cutting-edge results and acquire national or international exposure in an (inter)nationally recognized research institute and/or hospital.

Field area

The focus will be on hemostasis and thrombosis.

Amount

After retention of a motivated proposal the selected project will receive a maximal support of

€10,000

At the end of the project, in addition to a scientific report to the BSTH, a financial report will justify the use of the expenses made.

Procedure

The **Encouragement Grant** has been announced by CSL Behring for the first time at Annual Meeting of the BSTH in Mechelen in 2015. Subsequent application modalities will be announced at the occasion of the next annual meetings of the BSTH in each year preceding the award. Application forms can be downloaded from the BSTH website. Applications can be submitted between January 1st and October 31st of the running calendar year.

Announcement of the grant winner, a brief presentation of the project by the selected applicant and grant payment will take place at the BSTH annual meeting in the application year.

Submission criteria

- Applicants are professionals in the field of **Haemostasis and Thrombosis**
- Proposals co-authorized by employees of CSL Behring are not considered. The application must motivate why financial support through the **Encouragement Grant** is sought.

Guidelines and eligibility

1) Who can apply?
    a. Any qualified BSTH member, active in a clinical or research institution in Belgium is eligible: clinicians, clinical scientists, clinical chemists, postdoctoral scientists, PhD students...The applicant must be a professional working in the domain of hemostasis and thrombosis.
    b. Re-application by a previously successful applicant is accepted in the following cases: a report of the previous funding was submitted to the BSTH prior to any new submission; a minimum of 2 years separating the present and previous application is respected.

2) Use of the grant
    a. The grant can only be used for the selected project. All costs and expenses must be related to the project.
    b. A confirmation letter by the head of department will confirm in writing that relevant resources of the department are made available to the applicant. In justified case,

the grant might be transferred to another institution, if the principal applicant changes his/her position to another institution. Transfer of the grant requires approval by the BSTH jury.

c. Work performance location: Collaborative studies or projects among different countries may be supported. In this case, it is necessary to receive approval letters from all the institutions participating in the study.

3) How to apply

a. Applicants must use the CSL Application Form on the BSTH website. See appendix 1 for CSL Application Form.
Fill it in using:

i. Font Arial, size 11
ii. 1.5-line spacing minimum
iii. Written in English
iv. Maximum 3 A4 pages for applicant expertise

Application forms must be received no later than October 31, 23:59h

When sending the complete Application Form:

- Include all requested information in 1 document preferably
- Avoid sending an application exceeding 1 Mb

According to the Law on the Protection of Privacy of 08/12/1992 you have the right to verify and remove your data at your first request. Your personal data will never be transferred to third parties.

b. If the application includes experimentation on human persons, it should include a statement of approval by the institutional committee reviewing human investigations, or a statement that approval has been requested. The written statement of institutional committee approval is required before grant funding.

c. Only electronic submissions received at info@bsth.be are accepted. Applications will be forwarded to all members of the BSTH board. The said committee will review the applications.

4) Review process

Each grant application is reviewed, evaluated and prioritized by the BSTH Board. Each completed application received by email is evaluated and ranked using a scoring system by the BSTH board.
For each grant evaluation, the BSTH board reaches a final joint decision. The winning project is determined between November 2nd and November 15th of the calendar year.

The retained and non-retained applicants will be notified by email by the BSTH board between November 15 and November 20 of the same year.
The boards' decision is final. The decision rests with the BSTH board as to whether the applications received are sufficiently qualified for the grant to be awarded and whether payment should be made full or in part.

5) Grant Ceremony: The Grant Ceremony takes place each year during the annual congress. The winner is expected to present his/her project/research.
6) The grant winner will submit a final report to the BSTH within 3 months after the end of his/her project, accompanied by a financial report. All publications and presentations resulting from the **Encouragement Grant** will acknowledge the support given by this grant.