**BSHP Postdoctoral Fellowship**

As part of its response to the extraordinary hardship caused by Covid, the BSHP is offering **2 bursaries of £6000 each to Early Career Researchers of any nationality currently resident in the UK**. Each bursary is being offered as a one-off for a single academic year. Applications are especially encouraged from ECRs from underrepresented groups, including candidates with disabilities, candidates from BAME backgrounds, and women.

*Eligibility:*

* ECRs within three years of having successfully passed their PhD viva.
* ECRs without a full-time or part-time paid academic position involving research.
* Applicants holding higher education *teaching* positions are eligible, but priority may be given to applicants without any paid academic position.
* Applicants who are applying to other funding schemes are eligible to apply to this scheme. But if successful applicants to this scheme receive full funding from other sources or are appointed to a full-time or part-time paid academic position involving research after being awarded the BSHP fellowship, they should inform secretary@bshp.org.uk asap so that the BSHP fellowship can be allocated to the next ranked applicant.

*Application*:

* CV including:
* date of their viva; title of their PhD; institution which awarded their PhD
* which academic position, if any, the applicant is currently holding
* if applicable and *if they wish*, applicants should state in their CV to which underrepresented group they belong
* Summary of research project (MAX 500 words)
* Planned outcome of their research project (e.g. paper to be submitted to a refereed journal; monograph)
* Name and contact details of a referee. The referee should be someone well acquainted with the academic work of the candidate, who should comment on past performance as well as potential.

Applications will be assessed on the rigour, significance, originality, and feasibility of the research project, and on the academic record of the applicant.

**Deadline for applications and references: by the end of Wednesday 31 March 2021 (UK time).**

Applicants should send their application as a SINGLE FILE to secretary@bshp.org.uk by the deadline and ask their referee to send a confidential reference letter to the same address by the same deadline.

Incomplete applications (e.g. applications missing the reference letter by the deadline) will not be considered.

**Please note** that *successful* applicants who are not currently members of the BSHP will be required to join (to become a BSHP member visit <https://bshp.org.uk/>)

Due to the high number of expected applications, the BSHP will be unable to provide feedback. The decision of the BSHP assessment panel will be final.