**Small Grants Call**

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**Medical Education Leaders UK, invites members to submit a bid for a small grant to support our** **Theme: ‘****Creating the space to thrive: Empowering Educational Supervisors to Deliver Exceptional Training’**

Educational supervisors are pivotal in shaping the development of doctors in training. Supervising well requires not only skill and commitment but also the right conditions.

This research call seeks to explore the idea of "time to train"—understanding **when** and **how** supervisors are best able to deliver meaningful, high-quality supervision.

We welcome applications that delve into the factors that influence a supervisor's ability to provide effective support, and explore how timing, emotional bandwidth, and workplace culture impact the quality of interactions between supervisors and trainees.

Through this initiative, Medical Education Leaders UK hope to generate insights that will inform strategies to optimize the supervision process, ensuring both trainees and supervisors can thrive within a supportive and effective learning environment.

***Medical Education Leaders UK welcomes submissions from new as well as established scholars*.**

The grants are not intended to supplement the natural support that institutions should give to individuals and therefore cannot be used to pay course fees, computing equipment, overheads, research assistants/associates or conference attendance and similar.

All recipients of the Small Grants award will be contractually obligated to produce an end-of-project report to the Medical Education Leaders UK executive and to make, via open licence, any teaching/learning resource produced, available via Medical Education Leaders UK website to its membership.

The maximum award per individual or project under the scheme will be £5,000 or equivalent (bids for smaller amounts of funding are welcomed and encouraged).

Successful applicants will be invited to present at the Med Ed Leaders UK annual conference after their project has been completed and are expected to present their results at DEMEC or an equivalent conference with use of the Medical Education Leaders logo and recognition as the funder. Please note that registration, travel and accommodation for the Annual Conference or other conferences are NOT covered by this award.

Applications

Applications should be made via the submission form and include a 1-page research CV. Your submission should be no more than 500 words (excluding references) and **clearly** outline:

1. Brief critique of background literature and justified need for the project
2. Description of project including:
   1. Aim and/or research question(s)
   2. Justification for the choice of methodology
   3. Projected outcomes
   4. Timetable should start by mid-2025 and ideally to finish within 6-month timescale
3. Costed justification of funding required

If the above criteria are not met, then Medical Education Leaders UK reserve the right to reject the submission. The Medical Education Leaders UK Education Research Committee may ask for a more detailed proposal from those short-listed. **All submissions must be from** a **current member of Medical Education Leaders UK.**

Applications from experienced and novice researchers are welcome, but novices must describe mentoring arrangements to ensure project delivery.

**Closing Date: 30th April 2025**

- We reserve the right not to make an award if the applications are not of sufficient merit? -

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**Submission Form**

**Deadline: 30th April 2025**

Please email your submission form to [office@mededleaders.co.uk](mailto:office@mededleaders.co.uk) Representatives from Medical Education Leaders UK will review and contact applicants with a decision after the closing date.

**Format**: Arial, 11 pt font, single line spacing, in the space below. Remember to include a 1-page research CV.

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| Proposals will be assessed on the following areas: | |
| * Evidence of need for study/project | * Relevance/Importance of the outcomes to Medical Education Leader UK membership |
| * Articulation of aims/research question | * Detailed justification of costs |
| * Justification for methodology chosen | * Timelines and deliverability |
| Applicants should state if ethical approval will be required | |

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