



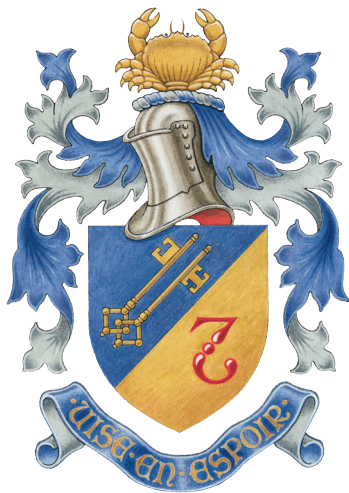
BASO 2021 Annual Scientific (virtual) Meeting

20th November 2021: BASO Skills Day & BASOt AGM
21st-22nd November 2021: BASO Annual Scientific Meeting:
21st November 2021: BASO AGM

Final Programme

Meeting Theme: Innovation

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Dear delegates,

I would like to welcome you to our 50th anniversary years meeting. This virtual meeting focuses on innovation and technology. This has been a challenging year and as a society we have been active in supporting the ongoing education needs in these difficult times and in view of this we have developed an exciting conference program that is free to view for all our members. We have brought together an excellent panel of national and international speakers, which I'm sure will make this years meeting memorable.

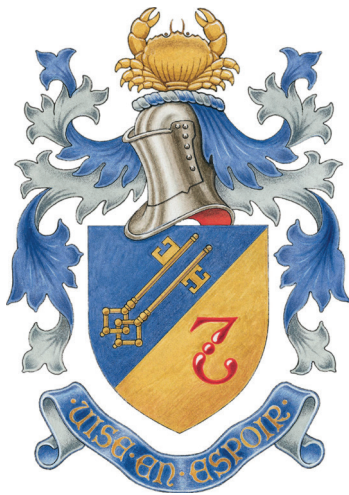
To celebrate our anniversary, we are proud to announce the launch of the BASO/Rosetrees Research Grants in Cancer Surgery, which over the next 5-years will support surgical cancer research by the tune of £150k.

Finally, we will be holding a 50th anniversary face to face celebration on the 25th of May 2022, further details of this will be announced in due course.

Hassan Malik
President BASO~ACS

The Association of Surgeons of GB&I has awarded 7 CPD points are awarded to each day of the Meeting





Dear members, delegates and friends

Welcome to the BASO 2021 annual congress. We all had a challenging year and in spite of our efforts to bring in an in person meeting we had to resort to another virtual event due to the uncertainties around the COVID 19 risks.

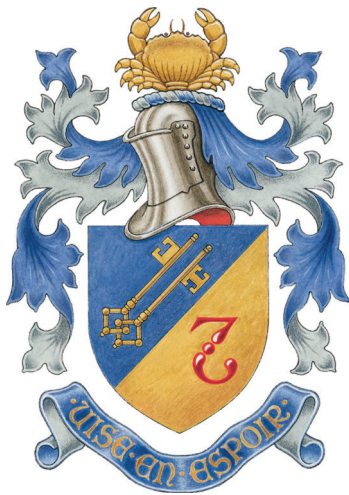
Nevertheless a meeting is based on theme of "innovation in cancer surgery" and the program is packed with some stellar speakers and exciting sessions, hot debates, specialty updates, in conversation with and latest news on surgical education from around the world, to name a few.

BASO Trainees/Skills Day is focused on the themes of simulation, innovation and artificial intelligence and oral and poster prize presentations. Robotics feature big time in the conference program with focus on training, resources and fellowships. This years meeting will see the BASO Raven lifetime Award to Professor Robert Mansel, Geoff Oates Award to Professor Robert Steele and Uccio Querci della Rovere Award to Professor Jiong Wu.

Key note lecture by Professor Marescaux on Innovations and developments in cancer surgery and the round table discussion on the future of cancer surgery in view of emerging technologies are certainly not to be missed.

We look forward to you joining in for all these exciting sessions and taking an active part in discussions. Enjoy the conference and we hope that next year we will have the pleasure of your company in person.

Jim Khan
BASO Meetings Secretary



On behalf of the BASO Trainees Council it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the BASO Skills/Trainees Day. This is the second year we have held a virtual event and I hope that you enjoy it as much from a distance as you would by meeting in person.

The theme of our meeting this year is 'Innovation'. We have several speakers both at consultant and trainee level who will give us an insight into a full range of topics. These include Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Cancer Surgery, Telemedicine and Hospital Service Innovation and Surgical Simulation and Training. We also have a tips for trainees session which will help those who have an innovative idea but are unsure how to develop it.

As well as our annual trainee prizes, we are pleased to launch a new prize session specifically for medical students. We hope this will encourage those at the beginning of their medical careers to have an active role in BASO trainees in the future.

The main BASO organisation celebrates its 50th birthday this year. Innovation has driven cancer surgery forward over this last half century. As your trainee organisation we look forward to what the next 50 years brings as we continue to advance cancer surgery care. I hope you enjoy the trainees day and the main conference, and I look forward to interacting with you during this time.

Best Wishes

David Hunter
BASO Trainees President

BASO Annual Scientific **virtual** Meeting

20th - 22nd November 2021

BASO Skills Day - Saturday, 20th November

08.30 - 08.45	REGISTRATION/ LOGIN OPEN FOR VIRTUAL MEETING
08.45 – 09.00	Welcome and BASOt Presidential Address Chair: Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees
09.00 - 09.30	BASO Trainees Audit/QiP Prize Presentations Chair: Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees and Mr Adam Chambers, BASO Trainees Council Member
	09.05 – 09.12 Abstract 6. Magnetic resonance imaging in accurate TNM staging of rectal cancer - can we live up to the Royal Marsden standard? Presenter: Miss Jasmine King, Trainee, Taranaki District Health Board, New Zealand
	09.13 – 09.20 Abstract 9. Resilience of elective cancer surgery systems during COVID-19 lockdowns: international, prospective cohort study of planned surgery for 15 tumour types in 61 countries Presenter: Mr James Glasbey, NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow in Global Surgery, University of Birmingham, UK
	09.21 – 09.28 Abstract 78. Audit of the adequacy of recording of metastatic and local breast cancer recurrence from breast cancer in a single UK hospital Presenter: Dr Min Hyung (Sophie) Lee, Trainee, University of Sheffield, UK
09.35 - 10.35	INNOVATION 1
	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Cancer Surgery Chair: Mr Adam Chambers, BASO Trainees Council Member and Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees
	09.40 - 09.55 Talk1: Pros and Cons of Machine Learning Algorithms in Surgical Decision Making Speaker: Mr Stephen Knight, NIHR Clinical Research Fellow, The University of Edinburgh
	09.55 - 10.10 Talk2: Use of AI in 3D Modelling of Colorectal Cancer Speaker: Mr Jordan Fletcher, Research Fellow, St Marks Hospital
	10.10 – 10.25 Talk3: Use of AI in ICG Fluorescence Endoscopic Assessment of Intraluminal Colonic Lesions Speaker: Professor Ronan Cahill, Professor of Surgery, University College Dublin
	10.25 – 10.35 Q&A
10.35 – 11.00	Tiffin Break + Poster Viewing
11.50 – 11.30	Tips for Trainees session - so what next? How to develop an innovative idea into reality Chair: Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees and Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Council Member Speaker: Mr Will Bolton, NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Neurosurgery, NIHR Surgical MedTech Cooperative, Leeds, UK
11.30 – 12.30	BASO Trainees AGM – open to BASO Trainees Members only (Members to join the meeting via Zoom link emailed to them)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch + Poster Viewing

13.30 - 14.30	<p>INNOVATION 2</p> <p><i>Telemedicine and Hospital Service Innovation</i> Chair: Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees and Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Trainees Council Member Panellist: Mr Raymond Oliphant, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Raigmore Hospital, NHS Highland, Scotland, UK</p> <p>13.30 – 13.45 <i>Talk 1: Video Consultations in Remote and Rural Settings – Lessons pre-COVID</i> Speaker: Miss Hannah Sellars, General Surgical Trainee, North of Scotland Deanery, UK</p> <p>13.45 – 14.00 <i>Talk 2: Colon Capsule Endoscopy</i> Speaker: Mr Campbell MacLeod, Clinical Research Fellow, NHS Highland, UK</p> <p>14.00 – 14.15 <i>Talk 3: Partnership, Development and rollout of eMeds within an NHS Trust – steps towards an eHospital</i> Speaker: Dr Tim Bourne, Chief Medical Information Officer and Associate Medical Director & Consultant Anaesthetist, University Hospitals of Leicester</p> <p>14.15 – 14.30 Q&A</p>
14.35 – 15.00	<p>BASO Medical Student Prize Presentations Chair: Mr David Hunter, President BASO Trainees and Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Trainees Council Member</p> <p>14.36 – 14.43 <i>Abstract 01. Robotic versus open pancreaticoduodenectomy: a systematic review and meta-analysis</i> Presenter: Mr Christopher Kudehinbu, Medical Student, University of Southampton, UK</p> <p>14.44 – 14.51 <i>Abstract 41. What happens if focal therapy fails? A comparative effectiveness study of salvage treatment for recurrent prostate cancer</i> Presenter: Miss Sonam Patel, Medical Student, University College London, UK</p> <p>14.52 – 14.59 <i>Abstract 67. Comparing clinical outcomes in prostate cancer patients receiving radiotherapy vs prostatectomy as primary treatment: A Systematic Review</i> Presenter: Miss Abeer Zahid, Medical Student, Cardiff University School of Medicine, UK</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Tiffin Break + Poster Viewing
15.15 – 16.15	<p>INNOVATION 3</p> <p><i>Surgical Simulation and Training</i> Chair: Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Trainees Council Member and Dr Afsana Elanko, Director of Education, BASO~ACS</p> <p>15.15 – 15.30 <i>Talk 1: AR and Surgical Simulation</i> Speaker: Mr Philip Pucher, Consultant UGI Robotic Surgeon, Portsmouth, UK</p> <p>15.30 - 15.45 <i>Talk 2: I want to be a Robotic Surgeon – where do I start?</i> Speaker: Miss Katherine Baker, Consultant Robotic and Colorectal Surgeon, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK</p> <p>15.45 – 16.00 <i>Talk 3: Implementing Simulation in HST (measuring outcomes) – Current and Future</i> Speaker: Christine Blane, Simulation & Post-graduate Education Fellow South West School of Surgery</p> <p>15.50 – 16.05 Q&A</p>
16.15 – 16.20	ANNOUNCING OF PRIZES AND CLOSE OF MEETING

BASO Annual Scientific **virtual** Meeting & AGM

Day 1: Sunday, 21st November 2021

08.30 – 08.45	REGISTRATION/ LOGIN OPEN FOR VIRTUAL MEETING
08.45 – 09.00	Welcome BASO Presidential Address Chair: Mr Hassan Malik, President BASO~ACS
09.00 – 09.30	BASO Trainees Oral Prize presentations Chair: Mr David Hunter, BASO Trainees President and Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Council Member and Dr Afsana Elanko, Director of Education, BASO~ACS 09.02 – 09.10 Abstract 14. Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy (NET) in breast cancer – COVID setting Presenter: Mr Antonio Bardoli, CT-2, Bedfordshire Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust, UK 09.11 – 09.19 Abstract 40. Fluorescence guided resection of Glioblastoma using 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA): Does it improve survival? Presenter: Mr Jing Xian Lee, Trainee, James Cook University Hospital, UK 09.20 – 09.28 Abstract 80. Correlation of clinicopathological features of breast cancer with Molecular Subtypes taking Ki-67 into consideration: Single institution experience over 5 years Presenter: Mr Chirag Pereira, Speciality Doctor, Lancaster Royal Infirmary, UK
09.35 – 10.35	Robotics Chair: Professor Jim Khan, BASO~ACS Trustee, Mr Zaed Hamady, BASO~ACS Trustees, and Mr Samuel Stefan, BASO Trainees Council Member 09.35 – 09.45 Talk 1 : Avenues of robotic basic skills training for surgical trainees in the UK: centralisation of fellowships Speaker: Professor Jim Khan, Professor of Surgery, University of Portsmouth and BASO~ACS Trustee 09.45 – 10.00 Talk 2 : Robotic surgery for cancer: past, present and future of Robotic Surgery Speaker: Miss Neena Randhawa, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospital NHS Trust 10.00 – 10.10 Talk 3: The Training pathway in Robotic Urology Cancer Surgery within the UK Speaker: Mr Anthony Koupparis, Consultant Urology Surgeon, North Bristol NHS Trust and Lead for BAUS Fellowship 10.10 – 10.20 Talk 4: (Surgical Implication) Training & Robotics Speaker: Mr Daniel Wilby, Consultant Urological and Robotic Surgeon, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth 10.20 – 10.35 Q&A
10.35 – 10.45	Refreshment Break / Poster Viewing
10.45 – 11.45	Ronald Raven Proffered Papers Chair: Mr Edmund Leung, BASO~ACS Trustee and Professor Jayant Vaidya, BASO~ACS Trustee 10.46 – 10.55 Abstract 02. A systematic review and meta-analysis comparing axillary dissection to axillary observation in clinically node-negative invasive breast cancer and assessing relevance to axillary de-escalation trials Presenter: Mr Mahaveer Sangha, Medical Student, University College London, UK 11.56 – 11.05 Abstract 57. Long-term outcome after portal vein resection during pancreaticoduodenectomy for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma: a propensity score matched analysis Presenter: Dr James Russell, CT-1, Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals, UK 11.06 – 11.15 Abstract 65. Savi Scout Radar Localisation in Breast Cancer Surgery: The First UK National Health Service Experience Presenter: Mr Mohammad Zian Khan, FY-2, Princess Royal University Hospital, King's College Hospital NHS Trust, UK 11.16 – 11.25 Abstract 69. Preclinical safety and feasibility of in situ Isolated Normothermic Liver Chemoperfusion (INLiC) Presenter: Miss Tamsyn Clark, Clinical Research Fellow, University of Oxford, UK 11.26 – 11.35 Abstract 75. Patient-Derived Fibroblasts (PDF) Display Differential Responses to Drug Inhibition Presenter: Mr Foivos Irakleidis, Clinical Fellow, University College London, UK 11.36 – 11.45 Abstract 94. Early iDEntification of Pancreatic cancer: a study to evaluate the utility of pancreatic exocrine insufficiency as a scrEening tool in high-risk iNDiviDuals (The DEPEND study) Presenter: Mr Declan McDonnell, University of Southampton, UK

11.50 -12.15	Ernest Miles Presentation/Award Chair: Mr Hassan Malik, President BASO~ACS and Mr Edmund Leung, BASO~ACS Trustee <i>What is the Role for Radicalism in Soft Tissue Sarcoma Surgery?</i> Speaker: Mr Andrew Hayes, Surgical Oncologist, Royal Marsden Hospital, Past BASO~ACS Trustee	
12.20 -13.05	DEBATE In favour and Against Centralisation of Cancer Services Chair: Mr Mike Shackcloth, BASO~ACS Trustee and Mr John Whiting, BASO~ACS Trustee Host: Dr Afsana Elanko, Director of Education, BASO~ACS For: Mr Andrew Miles, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Against: Miss Rachel Hargest, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Cardiff	
13.05 – 13.30	COVID-19 is not the only infection affecting cancer outcome: how PICO can help Speakers: Mr Edmund Leung, BASO Trustee, Miss Amber Grys, Smith-Nephew Q&A	
13.35 – 15.05	BASO~ACS Plenary Awards and Orations : In-Conversation with the prestigious award recipients Chair: Mr Hassan Malik, President - BASO~ACS and Mr Zaed Hamady, Vice President - BASO~ACS Host: Dr Afsana Elanko, Director of Education, BASO~ACS BASO Raven lifetime Achievement Award Professor Robert Mansel, Emeritus Professor of Surgery, Cardiff University Past President, BASO~ACS Geoff Oates Award Professor Robert Steele, Professor of Surgical Oncology, University of Dundee Uccio Querci della Rovere Award Professor Jiong Wu, Vice President, Fudan University Shanghai Centre, China, President of Chinese Society of Breast Cancer	
15.10 – 16.10	Specialty Updates Chair: Professor Derek Manas, BASO~ACS Trustee and Aaron Quyn, Trustee BASO~ACS	
	15.10 – 15.20 Breast Specialty Speaker: Professor Jayant Vaidya, Professor of Surgery and Oncology, UCL	
	15.20 – 15.40 Colorectal Specialty Speaker: Professor Peter Sagar, President ACPGBI, Professor of Colorectal Surgery, University of Leeds	
	15.40 – 16.00 Upper GI /HPB Speaker: Professor Tim Underwood, Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Specialty Lead Oesophageal Cancer, University Hospital Southampton	
	16.00 – 16.10 Urology Specialty Professor Alexandre Mottrie, Head of the Urological Department, OLV Hospital, Belgium, CEO of ORSI Academy	
16.30 – 17:30	BASO AGM (for BASO members only) <i>(Members to join the meeting via Zoom link emailed to them)</i>	

Day 2: Monday, 22nd November 2021

09.00 – 09.15	REGISTRATION/ LOGIN OPEN FOR VIRTUAL MEETING
09.15 - 09.30	Cryoablation in the Treatment of Breast Cancer Chair: Mr Zaed Hamady, President BASO~ACS and Mr Edmund Leung BASO~ACS Trustee Speaker: Mr Muneer Ahmed, Associate Professor, University College London, UK
09.35 - 10.10	New Remit and Strategy for the next 5 years Chair: Professor Michael Douek, BASO~ACS Trustee + Professor Jim Khan, BASO~ACS Trustee NIHR Speaker: Mr Dale Vimalachandran, NIHR National Specialty Lead Cancer (Surgery), Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Countess of Chester NHS Trust, UK
10.15 – 10.55	Future of Cancer surgery in view of emerging technologies Chair: Mr John Whiting, BASO~ACS Trustee and Mr Hassan Malik, Immediate Past-President BASO~ACS Panel: Professor Neil Mortenson, Professor Jim Khan, and Mr Richard Kerr RCS perspective Speaker: Mr Peter Brennan, Consultant Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Future of surgery conference summary Mr Richard Kerr, Consultant Skull Base Surgeon, Oxford University Hospital, UK
10.55 – 11.10	Refreshment Break / Poster Viewing
11.10 – 12.10	BASO~ACS Proffered Paper Oral Presentation Prize Chair: Professor Michael Douek, BASO~ACS Trustee and Mr Mike Shackcloth, BASO~ACS Trustee 11.11 – 11.20 Abstract 22. Transformative imaging of the extracranial facial nerve by MRI and Microsoft HoloLens2 Presenter: Miss Ahmad Saadya, Clinical Fellow, University College London, UK 11.21 – 11.30 Abstract 33. The feasibility and effects of a telehealth-delivered prehabilitation programme for cancer patients shielding during the pandemic Presenter: Miss Fiona Wu, Trainee, East Kent Hospitals United NHS Trust, UK 11.31 – 11.40 Abstract 44. Myoferlin: A predictive marker of response to radiotherapy and survival in patients with locally advanced rectal cancer and a potential therapeutic target Presenter: Miss Hayley Fowler, Trainee, The University of Liverpool, UK 11.41 – 11.50 Abstract 95. Rivaroxaban targets procoagulant fibroblasts in the tumour microenvironment to reduce breast cancer cell migration and stem cell activity Presenter: Miss Emma Blower, Trainee, The University of Manchester, UK 11.51 – 12.00 Abstract 15. Submandibular gland excision: a redundant component of neck dissection? a 20 year experience from a tertiary referral centre Presenter: Miss Rachel Ho, clinical development fellow, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, UK 12.01 – 12.10 Abstract 113. Robotic rectal cancer surgery: the impact of a modular surgical training program on the oncological outcomes Presenter: Mr Samuel Stefan, Surgical Registrar, Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
12.10 – 12.40	Lunch and poster viewing
12.40 – 13.10	Key Note Lecture: Innovations and Developments in Cancer Surgery Chair: Mr Zaed Hamady, President BASO~ACS and Professor Jim Khan, BASO~ACS Trustee Speaker: Professor Jacques Marescaux, Professor of Surgery, Founding President of the Research Institute against Digestive Cancer (IRCAD), University of Strasbourg, France

13.15 – 14.30	<p>Technology and Innovation in Cancer Services Chair: Mr Anant Desai, BASO~ACS Trustee and Professor Jayant Vaidya, BASO~ACS Trustee</p> <p>13.15 – 13.30 Colorectal Cancer Speaker: Mr Alessandro Fichera, Division Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Baylor University Medical Centre, Texas USA</p> <p>13.30 – 13.45 Breast Cancer Speaker: Mr Stuart McIntosh, Consultant Breast Surgeon, Belfast City Hospital, UK</p> <p>13.45 – 14.00 Transplant Oncology Speaker: Mr Raj Prasad, Consultant Hepatobiliary and Transplant Surgeon, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, UK</p> <p>14.00 – 14.15 (Endocrine Surgery) Robotic Adrenalectomy: State of the Art Speaker: Dr Eren Berber, Director of Cleveland Clinic's Surgical Liver Ablation Program, General Surgery Specialist, Cleveland, Ohio USA</p> <p>14.15 – 14.30 Q&A - written Q from the audience</p>
14.35 – 15.35	<p>Future of Surgical Oncology Training: Overseas Approach Education and Training in view of Pandemic Chair: Professor Derek Manas BASO~ACS Trustee + Mr Mike Shackcloth BASO~ACS Trustee</p> <p>14.40 - 14.50 Europe Speaker: Mr Alessandro Gronchi, Surgical Oncologist, Chair Sarcoma Service – Department of Surgery, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Italy; President of the Italian Society of Surgical Oncology (SICO)</p> <p>14.50-15.00 Egypt Speaker: Mr Wale Gawad, Egyptian Society of Surgical Oncology</p> <p>15.00 - 15.10 Asia Speaker: Professor Ahmad Uzair Qureshi, Professor of Surgery, King Edward Medical College, Lahore</p> <p>Australian - Andrew Stevenson (Sydney) tbc</p>
15.40 – 16.10	<p>In conversation on NHS-Galleri (the screening trial) Chair: Mr Zaed Hamady, President BASO~ACS + Mr Jim Khan, BASO Trustee + Mr Dale Vimalachandran, NIHR National Specialty Lead Cancer (Surgery) Host: Dr Afsana Elanko, Director of Education, BASO~ACS Speaker: Speaker: Miss Sara Hiom, Director of Cancer Intelligence, Grail UK</p>
16.10 – 16.30	<p>President's Announcement of Prizes and Closing of the meeting Chair: Mr Zaed Hamady, President BASO~ACS</p>

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BASO/ROSETREES RESEARCH GRANTS IN CANCER SURGERY

The British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. We are pleased to announce a call for BASO / Rosetrees Research Grants in Cancer Surgery.

This research grant call will run for three years and the first round will be opening on 22nd November 2021 with a deadline for submissions of 11pm on 4th February 2022. A total of £50,000 per annum will be awarded to one or more applicants depending on the quality of applications received. **Research grants are aimed at supporting innovative research projects in surgical oncology that will develop further towards clinical translation. We particularly welcome multidisciplinary applications and ones that demonstrate an important improvement in delivery of cancer care or improvement in surgical treatment.** Successful applications will be eligible for inclusion in the NIHR portfolio and are encouraged to gain support from a Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Interventional Trials Unit (SITU).

KEY FEATURES

Research grants are for up to £50,000 over 1-3 years.

Priority will be given to the best-scoring project applications with matched funding in place towards directly incurred costs and those applications with clearly justified costs which have been reduced to the minimum amount necessary to deliver the project, where applicable. If you are considering applying for a research grant, please send an expression of interest to the BASO Office, including a brief summary of the proposed research, number of patients that could benefit, how your research will address the unmet clinical need in surgical oncology and what co-funding opportunities exist to support your project. Applicants or teams with a proven track record in research / publications and with original research ideas, are favoured.

FUNDING

- **Staff salaries.** Funding can be used to fund salaries for post-doctoral research associates, research technicians and research assistants. In special cases, we may consider funding PhD stipends. In these cases, the prospective PhD student must be embedded within a larger programme of research (e.g. a clinical trial or a programme grant) and there must be a clear case that BASO / Rosetrees support will provide additional impact.
- **Data management, statistical support.**
- **Research consumables and other running costs directly attributable to the project.**

ELIGIBILITY

The lead applicant will usually be a substantive UK consultant surgeon or a UK trainee on a rotation with guaranteed employment for the duration of the grant. We will favour principle applicants who are cancer surgeons (members of BASO), holding a PhD (or equivalent) and or a team with a track record of managing grants, delivering research studies and a strong publication record. Applications should recognise the multidisciplinary nature of cancer care and encourage associate PIs to participate, when applicable.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Research grants will be selected for funding based on their scientific quality as determined by external review, track record of the research team and potential to deliver patient benefit. We will prioritise applications that can provide some element of co-funding to the directly incurred costs. Applications should potentially benefit a cancer patient population and show that their research could have broader applicability in the future to a wider patient population.

All applications will be initially checked for eligibility. An initial triage by an internal scientific panel will select the best applications that will be taken forward for external review. Triage will be based on the scientific quality, clinical need, track record of research team and potential for further development and clinical translation. Selected applications will then be sent for external review. The best scored applications will be shortlisted and considered by a scientific panel who will make funding recommendations.

Panel feedback will also be offered to the applicants upon request.

For general enquiries regarding eligibility and the application process, please contact the BASO Office by email: rattandeejpjhita@baso.org.uk



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Association, the President and the National Committee of the Association felt it appropriate to recognise the role of individual surgeons or teams in the advancement of cancer care. It was, therefore, decided to create the British Association of Surgical Oncology Medal to acknowledge excellence within the field of surgical oncology.

This award will be inaugurated at our 2021 Annual Scientific Conference, and will be presented to a professional or a team in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the field of cancer surgery: excellence in research, clinical practice, education, and innovation.

The BASO Medal for Excellence will be awarded on a 5 years basis. This international award will be open to all members and non-members of the Association for their contribution to UK cancer surgery.

The BASO Membership will be invited to nominate a potential recipient. The call for 'expressions of interest' will be announced to the BASO members soon after the 2021 BASO Annual Scientific Conference.

MAKING A NOMINATION

The Nominator should provide to BASO Office in writing:

- Sent in writing from the proposer nominating the candidate/team.
- Completed application/ nomination form
- Any other supporting documents

AIM:

To recognise the outstanding achievements of an individual in the field of cancer surgery: excellence in research, clinical practice, education, and innovation. The recipient of this honour must exhibit evidence of outstanding contributions to the present and future care of cancer patients, exemplify leadership in areas such as academic, scholarship, research, administration, policy development, education and practice.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The nominee have been or are in a practicing cancer clinician, scientists, educationalists, etc.
2. The candidate for the award should have a reputation as an outstanding clinician and innovator.
3. The areas of outstanding clinical practice, research and innovation to be considered could include:
 - Innovative approaches to diagnosis, treatment, or care of cancer patients.
 - Application of technology to cancer-related care; and/or developing models of cancer care delivery.
 - Developing treatment protocols, practice guidelines, educational materials, or policies that influence the standard of care of cancer patients.
 - Have an outstanding academic/ research portfolio.
 - Evidence of visiting professorships or invitations to speak nationally or internationally on issues related to the clinical care of cancer patients.
 - Advocacy on public policy issues impacting cancer surgery & care, potentially including participation in advisory panels to governmental organizations such as NHSE+I, NICE and parliamentary select committees.
 - Leadership roles in regional, national or international professional organisations related to cancer surgery and care.
 - Innovative approaches to teaching and education of professionals, patient groups and communities.
 - Exhibited selfless dedication and commitment to the cancer community at large – including patient support groups and patient families.
 - Shown exceptional commitment to supporting and improving cancer surgery and care.
4. Nominee's service to, standing within and commitment to the BASO be will be given serious consideration during the review process.
5. Nominator must be an active member of the BASO by the submission deadline with the expectation that membership will be active before the award review occurs.