

## BAHT RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITES

BAHT has again been able to set aside a sum of money to help to further develop knowledge in the field of Hand therapy and to develop research capacity in Hand Therapists

This year we have £20,000 available. Any applications up to the full amount will be considered. One large project or a number of smaller projects may be funded depending on the quality of applications. We realise that it is difficult for clinicians to carry out research in the workplace so you may use the funding to buy yourself some time out.

This is your chance to do something for yourself but also something for the profession...read on for further details.

The process will be a two tier application where the initial outline proposal will first be submitted and then this will be followed by the full application form if the proposal is accepted.

The lead researcher must be a member of BAHT.

### Application Process:

1. Get application forms and guidance notes either by downloading them from the BAHT website [www.hand-therapy.co.uk](http://www.hand-therapy.co.uk) or from Eve Dunn by calling 01394 410083 or by emailing [everdunn@aol.com](mailto:everdunn@aol.com)
2. Determine a research question; BAHT member's priorities for research were recently updated by a survey of Regional groups. The list is available as a separate document under Research and Development/ Research Priorities on the web-site. These may help you in your choice of topic, however any topic relevant to hand therapy will be considered. Think about your practice and aspects of your practice that you might have always wanted to research but have had neither the time nor the money to do so.
3. Do a literature search. Get access to Athens through registering at [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk) if you have an NHS e-mail address. This will enable you to do a comprehensive literature search using appropriate databases and search engines.
4. Highlight and approach someone in a higher education institute or your local research and development department as you will need the support and guidance of an experienced researcher. They might be able to supervise you or suggest someone else who could. Supervision is essential in ensuring that the methodology is correct, assisting with ethics submissions and if successful project managing the study. Finally, two heads are always better than one.
5. Draw up a research proposal discuss this with your supervisor and aim to get it peer reviewed in order to give yourself the best possible chance.
6. Submit outline proposal to Baht RDSC by email only to [abirchbaht@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:abirchbaht@yahoo.co.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Late applications will not be considered
7. You will receive e-mail acknowledgement on its receipt.

8. Outline applications will be reviewed by RDSC working group including experts in the field.
9. If successful full application will be invited.
10. Submit full application **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**
11. Successful applicants will be notified.
12. Projects must be completed within 24 months.

**Act now!**

Why not download the forms today and achieve something you have always thought of...make a lasting contribution to hand therapy.

References:

Madden & Wiles (2003) Developing a successful application for research funding  
Physiotherapy 89, 9 p. 518-522