

## Notes of Guidance for Department of Pathology Hardship Award Scheme

### 1. Timetable

Applications for awards are considered by the committee twice a year, in December and in April/May.

### 2. General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be registered on a full-time basis
- have completed at least 4 terms of research and be formally registered for a research degree
- provide evidence of applications for other sources of funding
- be in demonstrable need of financial assistance, as a result of *unforeseen* changes in their financial circumstances

Particular attention is paid to the last of the above criteria.

Please note that:

- Candidates for the M.Phil. degree are **not** eligible to apply
- Candidates applying for 10<sup>th</sup> term funding must demonstrate either
  - a) that the need for work to be extended beyond nine terms was *unforeseeable*
  - or
  - b) that the unavailability of funding for the 10<sup>th</sup> term was *unforeseeable*.

*Please note that all students are advised at the start of their course to ensure sufficient funds are available for more than 9 terms if required (see 'An Explanation of Your offer and its Conditions')*

- Hardship Awards are not granted for the purpose of fieldwork, animal or travel costs
- Hardship Awards are granted for the use of the applicant and not their family
- Hardship Award payments are made via BACS to the College.

### 3. Other applications for support from other sources

You are required to inform the Department of other sources of funding you have applied for and/or been awarded, even where an award is made after submission of this application.