

Audit of Research Grants awarded during 2019-2022

The Clinical Radiology Academic Committee has recently conducted an audit of the research grants awarded by the College during 2019-2022. This was undertaken to identify if the research project had been completed, if any publications had arisen from the award, if the projects led to any further grants and further information on the outcome for the recipient.

Impact on the careers of the award holders

Nearly **23%** (four recipients) of the recipients who led the completed and ongoing projects are in academic posts since obtaining the awards.

Examples of some of the academic posts that the respondents have subsequently been appointed to include Senior Lecturer, Post-Doctoral Academic and Consultant Academic in Interventional Radiology.

Respondents also reported a wide range of overall benefits to their careers as a result of the grants. These include helping to commence their publication track record, multiple opportunities to publish and speak on their research (both nationally and internationally), increasing their reputation and improving their profile to successfully obtain other grants and funding.

Problems encountered by the award holders during projects

78% of the projects did not encounter any problems. The problems detailed by the rest are as follows:

Patient recruitment

- Difficulty in recruiting the study population
- Repeat attendance such as for follow up scans, was a deterrent
- Loss of interest after the initial screening stage
- Inaccurate information provided by the volunteer at screening stage

Resources not available

- Delay in setting up pathology analysis
- Delay in securing radiotracer

Other

- Delays to R&D set up
- Extremely slow set up of the Service Level Agreement
- Delay in obtaining ethics approval