

THE BRITISH PHOTODERMATOLOGY GROUP



The British Photodermatology Group (BPG) is pleased to announce the availability of the 2026 La Roche-Posay Photodermatology Awards. Fellowships of between £500 and £10,000 will be awarded through open competition and are available to photodermatology nurses, medical students, UV medical physicists, photobiologists, dermatology trainees and consultant dermatologists with an interest in photodermatology. Awards are usually given in advance of projects but can be retrospective in some circumstances.

Fellowships may be used towards an individual's attendance at one or more photodermatology conferences in the UK or abroad; attendance at a designated photodermatology unit to expand knowledge and experience in photodermatology; or financial support during a period of research into an aspect of photodermatology.

Applications should include a two-page curriculum vitae and a personal statement of no more than 400 words, which should include:

1. The reason behind the application.
2. What the benefit of the fellowship would be to the individual or their centre.
3. What the money would be used for, with anticipated costs.
4. A supporting letter from a line manager or educational supervisor to ensure ability to attend.

Successful applicants will be expected to write a short piece on their experience for the BPG newsletter and may be asked to give a short presentation on their experience at the annual BPG meeting.

Any published work arising from support provided through the fellowship should acknowledge the contribution of the La Roche-Posay Photodermatology Award. Recipients are also asked to provide links to any resulting publications so that these can be included on the BPG website.

Examples of previously successful candidates include:

- Supporting research into drug-induced photosensitivity, idiopathic photodermatoses, vitamin D and melanoma
- Supporting training linked to the development of a regional porphyria service
- Supporting visits to leading photophysics units

Applicants must be based in the UK and be members of the British Photodermatology Group (information on membership applications can be found on the BPG website: www.bpg.org.uk).

Applications should be emailed to Dr John Ferguson (john.ferguson@kcl.ac.uk). Deadline for applications: 30 September 2026. Applications should be judged by the end of November 2026.

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