

- 3.1 Each applicant (“Applicant ”) must be an RSC member (at any level) at the time of the application deadline and for the duration of the Grant Period. This means that the Applicant’s RSC membership must have been conf modA

- 6.4 Recipients who are travelling or participating in in-person activities should follow relevant institutional and government guidelines and policies.
- 6.5 Recipients shall ensure that any subsistence costs do not exceed £30 a day.
- 6.6 RDTGs will not be awarded to fund:
 - a. direct or indirect research costs (for example, chemicals/equipment, computer hardware or article processing charges);
 - b. salary contributions, including consultant fees;
 - c. social excursions or attendance at social activities, except for official activities that are a part of a conference or event programme e.g. a conference dinner;
 - d. Dissemination or marketing costs associated with the activity;
 - e. Participation at “predatory conferences” (please see Appendix A); or
 - f. Language courses or qualifications.
7. Inviting people to provide their support for the application.
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11.2.2 the RSC shall have no responsibility for and no liability in respect of, the employment of the Recipient or for providing appropriate support or facilities for any activity undertaken by the Recipient with the Gw 0.772 0 Rh6.6 (i)Rh6.6ph Tc 0 Tw (0

Appendix A

A note about predatory conferences

The RSC advises all Applicants to be cautious when choosing conferences or meetings to attend. There are an increasing number of so-called “predatory conferences” which are expensive and provide little or no scientific benefit for the attendees. This [Chemistry World article](#) provides more information about “predatory conferences” and below is a list of potential warning signs to look out for when considering attendance at an unfamiliar conference or meeting (“Meeting”).

If Applicants have any concerns or doubts about a Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the RSC before applying for a Researcher Development and Travel Grant.

The RSC will also inform Applicants as soon as possible if the RSC spots an application for attendance at a suspected “predatory conference”. The RSC are unable to support grant applications for “predatory conferences”.

Potential signs of a “predatory conference” are:

- the conference organiser is holding multiple meetings on the same day(s) and in the same location;
- the conference venue does not reflect the supposed size of the meeting (e.g. a “World Congress” that is held in a hotel, rather than a conference centre);
- there is an unusual combination of words and phrases, or loosely related fields of study, in the conference name;
- photos of previous meetings on the organiser’s website only show meetings of about a dozen participants in a small meeting room;
- the Applicant has been invited to give a talk in a subject matter outside of their expertise;
- the invitation addresses the Applicant in superlative terms;
- the conference has an unusually broad subject matter or coverage;
- the language of the invitation is unusual for the Applicant’s professional practice or has grammatical errors;
- the editorial board or conference organisers are not well-known in the Applicant’s research field;
- the “business” address of the organiser is unusual (e.g. if Google Street View shows it to be a residential address);
- the registration fee is high or if invitations are repeatedly sent to the Applicant;
- the conference website does not include subject matter that is at the frontier of knowledge;
- the high-level speakers in the programme are listed as “subject to confirmation”; or
- the Applicant does not recognise the journal, conference or participants.