

**Unlocking Potential Grant Application Form**

***Supporting early and mid-career microbiologists to deal with circumstances that may hold them back from achieving their full potential.***

* To apply for the **Unlocking Potential Grant**, please complete all sections of the form below and attach the requested supporting documentation as required by the rules of the grant – see the Microbiology Society website for details: <https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/unlocking-potential-grant.html>
* The Unlocking Potential Grant will support early and mid-career microbiologists. As a guide, we consider you an early career microbiologist if you are within five years of appointment to your first position after your highest degree earned. You would be considered mid-career if more than five years have passed after earning your highest degree, but you are not yet in a leadership position. Years may be added to this total in respect to substantive reasons. These could include maternity/paternity leave, long-term sickness, or similar reasons. If you are unsure of how to proceed, please contact the office at grants@microbiologysociety.org.
* The Society is committed to creating an inclusive culture that supports [equality and diversity](https://microbiologysociety.org/why-microbiology-matters/equality-diversity.html) and fully reflects both its membership and the global microbiology community across all protected characteristics. The Society seeks to actively encourage all practices that reflect a diverse society.
* If you have any queries about the scheme or your application, please contact the office at grants@microbiologysociety.org.

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| **1. Applicant details** |
| Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Membership No. |  |
| Email |  |
| The Unlocking Potential Grant will support early- and mid-career members of the Microbiology Society. Please describe how you fit into this group. *Max 100 words.* |
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| **2. Personal Statement** |
| a) Please outline why you are applying for the Unlocking Potential Grant. This section could include your interests within microbiology, any challenges you have faced in your career to date and how you have overcome them. Max 500 words. |
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| b) Please describe your plans for your career and how the Unlocking Potential Grant could help you achieve them. Please describe your professional goals within microbiology. The outline of the components of the Unlocking Potential Grant can be found on the [website](https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/unlocking-potential-grant.html), how do you hope the grant will support your goals? Max 500 words.  |
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| **3. Previous professional development**  |
| c)Please outline if you have received any other funding or training to support your career development. *Examples might be funding to attend a short course, training for laboratory leadership, or similar.* |
| **Course/funding** | **Date obtained/course taken** |
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| **4. Concise CV** |
| Please provide a CV using the *pro forma* provided on the [Unlocking Potential Grant page](https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/unlocking-potential-grant.html), and a letter of support from someone currently involved in your career (this does not need to be your current manager). |
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|  | CV included  |
|  | Letter of support included |
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| **5. Declaration** |
| I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules of the scheme (available on the page related to each grant) and guarantee that any award made by the Microbiology Society will be used for the specific purposes for which it is granted. I also confirm that all information provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. |
| Name |  | Email |  |
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| Membership No. |  | Date |  |
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Please submit the completed form, together with your completed CV *pro forma* to grants@microbiologysociety.org by **the date advertised on the website**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their nomination within two months of the closing date.

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| **5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Survey 2022** |
| The Microbiology Society is committed to making you feel more welcomed and included in all our activities. As a grant applicant, we invite you to share your thoughts and experiences regarding equality, diversity and inclusion to help us improve our plans to include our entire community in our initiatives. Find out more and provide your details [here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PFVVGVN).  |
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