Association of Physicians of Great Britain & Ireland  
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**Links with Developing Countries Guidelines**

The principles for the scheme, to support individual grants of up to £10,000 are as follows:

**Scope:**
1. The main basic aim of the scheme is to establish links with developing centres abroad, chiefly aiming at specific research projects. The links will be associated with education and training of staff, medical and/or non-medical.

2. Sponsorship of postgraduate teaching/symposia could be an alternative method of establishing links with centres abroad at the same time as providing important postgraduate education.

3. Whenever possible, it would be valuable if a visit could be made to coincide with a local medical meeting or symposium which would increase the impact of such a visit and simplify publicity for it.

4. In general, exchanges should be in two parts - the first being from the centre in the UK to a centre abroad, during which the appropriate person to travel to the UK would be identified. The second would be for the identified visitor to come to the UK.

5. Suitable visitors should, in general, be younger active research workers and selection should normally be made by personal knowledge of members of the Association.

6. Liaison with the British Council can be invaluable in planning the exchanges.

7. Links with any developing country are appropriate; Eastern European links are also encouraged.

8. The Tropical Health and Education Trust, London, Registration No: 800567 will offer advice regarding specific needs abroad.

9. A report will be expected on completion of the exchange.

10. The maximum amount of any one award has traditionally been £10,000. In exceptional circumstances, there is flexibility for the award to exceed this sum if sufficiently justified in the application.

**Applicants:**

Applicants for these schemes, who should be members of the Association of Physicians, should send their proposal to aopgbi@associationsltd.co.uk for selection by the Internal Affairs Committee. There are no specific application forms. Any proposal should consist of no more than four A4 sides and include likely costs, with their justification.

**When to apply:**

Awards can be submitted between 1 October and 1 November.

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