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### **Generous research grants available to BSPD members**

Two grants of up to £10,000 are available to members of BSPD looking for pump-priming funds for research projects focused on the oral health of children. The deadline for submission of an application for a joint FDS RCS Eng BSPD grant is January 29 next year.

In order to apply, you must be a member of BSPD and have developed a research project which relates to children's oral health in the broadest sense. Applicants do not have to be a member of the FDS RCS Eng but would be expected to join for the duration of the grant.

In 2020, Laura Timms, an academic clinical fellow based at the University of Sheffield School of Dentistry, was successful in her application for pump-priming funds. She was awarded £5460 to support background research into a video to be made by and for children, explaining the Silver Diamine Fluoride technique.

Chris Vernazza, BSPD's academic lead, commented: "Having good quality evidence is key to the Society's mission of improving the oral health of children in the UK and so we are delighted to be working with RCS England's Faculty of Dental Surgery to support research. The grants offer an ideal opportunity to undertake a small project, hopefully leading on to further research and so we would encourage anyone with great ideas to apply."

See here for more information:

<https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/dental-faculties/fds/research/fds-pump-priming-grants/#fdsbspd>

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