**BRITISH THORACIC SOCIETY / PAN AFRICAN THORACIC SOCIETY TRAVEL PLACEMENTS**

**APPLICATION FOR A TRAVEL PLACEMENT FOR 2025**

**NOTES TO APPLICANTS**

**Eligibility criteria**

BTS will offer up to 3 placements to support training and development linked to the Pan-African Thoracic Society Congress, being held in Cairo, Egypt 3 – 5 December 2025.

We strongly encourage applications from all members of the respiratory multi-professional team, based in adult or paediatric care.

We expect applicants to be a member of BTS and be either:

* In a training post (respiratory resident doctor), or
* A nurse, allied health professional, healthcare scientist or other member of the respiratory team.

**Placement outline**

BTS/PATS will arrange for successful applicants to undertake a 2-week clinical placement in Africa, plus attendance at the PATS Congress. You will need to be available to attend the Congress, plus undertake a 2-week clinical placement before the Congress.

BTS will assign successful applicants to host institutions.

Please note, this is not a paid opportunity and BTS will cover the following:

* Costs to secure your visa
* Reasonable travel cost to and from airports
* Flights from the UK to your host institution, and return flight to the UK following the PATS Congress
* Cost of travel to the PATS Congress
* Delegate fee for PATS Congress
* Cost of accommodation for the duration of the placement and Congress
* Daily subsistence for the duration of the placement and Congress (this covers meals, local travel and incidentals)

Applicants will be expected to:

* Apply for the correct visas in a timely manner
* Arrange travel taking advantage of cheaper fares, where possible
* Provide BTS Head Office with all relevant information to hold on file
* Produce a written report (using a BTS template) following successful completion of the placement

**Awarding the placement**

Timelines for the placement are tight and we therefore recommend that you seek outline permission from your manager / education supervisor before you submit your application.

All applications will be considered by the Co-chairs of the Global Lung Health Task and Finish Group.

Successful applicants will be required to apply for the relevant travel visas.

**Application process**

Please complete this form in full.

Once complete, return the form to Bernice Bruce-Vanderpuije ([Bernice.Bruce@brit-thoracic.org.uk](mailto:Bernice.Bruce@brit-thoracic.org.uk)).

Your application must reach us by **12 noon, Monday 23 June 2025.**

**Section 1: About you**

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| **Your full name** |  |
| **Your current role / position** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Date of your most recent qualification / current training** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |

**Section 2: Case for support**

Please use this space to outline your reasons for applying for the placement. We are looking for applicants to:

1. Demonstrate a strong interest in global lung health. This can be academic study, voluntary work (in the UK or abroad), publications or other evidence.
2. Highlight the perceived benefits of attending the placement and what you hope to achieve.
3. Outline your main areas of interest (e.g. adult/paediatric, and an indication of any particular sub-speciality interests). Please note, we will match applicants to host sites as best as we can, but we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate your interests.

This section should be no more than 500 words.

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**Section 3: Short CV**

Please attach a copy of your most recent “short” CV (max 2 sides of A4).