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To all Academy Fellows

Dear Fellows,

Thank you for supporting our grant schemes through the provision of peer reviews. Delivering these important schemes would not be possible without your continued support. Your reviews not only assist our award Panels but also provide invaluable feedback to applicants.

In partnership with other funders, the Academy has so far awarded grants totalling over £22.5 million to support the careers of 440 researchers through our Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers, Clinician Scientist Fellows and Daniel Turnberg UK/Middle East Travel Fellowships schemes. We are also beginning to support aspiring researchers through the Newton International and Advanced Fellowship programme. This programme of activity is key to our strategic objective of nurturing the next generation of medical researchers. To showcase the work of our award holders, we have recently published a <u>case studies booklet</u>, which will be distributed at Academy events. You can read about the experiences of some of our grant awardees that were included in this booklet <u>here</u>.

I strongly encourage you to accept a request to peer review applications to our schemes. I am aware that the office will soon be seeking peer reviews for the Starter Grants scheme, the light-touch nature of this scheme means that a peer review will only take up a modest amount of time.

Thank you for your support; it is most appreciated by the Officers, Council and trainees.

Yours sincerely

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