

Charitable Trust funding available for research via the
PHYSIOTHERAPY RESEARCH FOUNDATION (PRF)

The CSP Charitable Trust is an independent charitable organisation which supports the advancement of education and research in subjects relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.

For **2006** the CSP Charitable Trust has allocated a total of £150,000 to the **Physiotherapy Research Foundation (PRF)** for research grants on any topic relevant to physiotherapy.

CHANGES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE 2006 AWARDS PROGRAMME

THE GRANT AWARDS HAVE MOVED TO A 2-TIER APPLICATION PROCESS

Members are invited to submit applications in one of two schemes:

Scheme A (up to £90,000) is aimed at experienced researchers for full projects

Scheme B (up to £20,000) is aimed at novice researchers for full or pilot projects. To qualify as novice researchers, applicants must not have been a lead applicant on a previous project funded by the PRF; not have received previous research funding totalling more than £50,000 and not have a PhD. They must also have an agreed research supervisor to provide close supervision for their project.

Research undertaken as part of a study leading to a higher degree will be considered, but not research undertaken as part of a taught degree (e.g. MSc).

2-TIER APPLICATION PROCESS

The closing date for applications is 11TH APRIL 2006

All applicants should complete the two page outline form which includes a brief description of the project (maximum 500 words) to include the details of the benefits of the project; background and study design; and total cost.

All applicants should refer to the guidance notes for Scheme A or B, as appropriate, before completing the Outline Application to ensure they are aware of what is required for a full application: www.csp.org.uk/prf

The purpose of the preliminary proposal is to establish that your proposed work is relevant to physiotherapy and of suitable quality.

If the outline proposal is acceptable, an application form will be forwarded to you for completion and to be submitted by 1st September 2006.

Full applications are assessed by the Scientific Panel and by independent external referees.

Application packs, covering both Scheme A & Scheme B, are available on the CSP website (www.csp.org.uk/prf) or by email from Terry Grant at grantt@csp.org.uk