

2027 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Applicant Information & Conditions

Promoting veterinary pain management education and supporting access to advanced training

The Inspire U Pain Sciences Scholarship Programme invites veterinarians to prepare a concise, evidence-informed presentation in response to one of the two topics included in the 2027 scholarship call.

PRESENTATION

Recorded presentation, maximum 15 minutes

WINNER

100% reduction in the eligible course registration fee

HIGHLY COMMENDED

10% reduction for each of the next two highest-scoring submissions overall

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIES TO

Foundational Canine Regional Anaesthesia (CURA) Workshop in Bristol, UK – 26 June–03 July 2027

APPLICATION DEADLINE

20 January 2027

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Early February 2027, before the Early Bird registration deadline

1. Purpose of the programme

The Scholarship Programme aims to promote education in veterinary pain management while helping to make high-quality training more accessible. It provides financial support towards participation in selected Inspire U Pain Sciences courses for applicants whose submissions demonstrate strong academic and educational merit.

2. Scholarship awards

For this scholarship call, Inspire U Pain Sciences intends to recognise:

- One Scholarship Winner, who will receive a 100% reduction in the registration fee for the eligible Inspire U Pain Sciences course associated with the scholarship call.
- Two Highly Commended applicants, who will each receive a 10% reduction in the registration fee for the same course.

Awards will be determined according to the overall ranking of eligible submissions, irrespective of the scholarship topic selected.

3. Eligibility

The 2027 Scholarship Programme is open to veterinarians eligible to attend the associated course. Previous experience in regional anaesthesia is not required, and applications are welcomed from veterinarians at all stages of their careers.

The Scholarship Programme is not open to faculty members of Inspire U Pain Sciences or members of the Scholarship Academic Review Panel.

4. Scholarship topics

For this Scholarship call, applicants should select one of the following two topics for their presentation:

Topic 1: **The role of regional anaesthesia in improving perioperative care in veterinary patients**

Topic 2: **How ultrasound has changed veterinary regional anaesthesia**

Previous experience performing regional anaesthesia is not required, and submissions from veterinarians at all stages of their career are encouraged.

5. Submission requirements

Each applicant must submit the following materials by the application deadline:

- the final PowerPoint presentation, prepared using the Inspire U Pain Sciences template provided;
- a complete pre-recorded version of the presentation;
- a professional biography of no more than 60 words;
- a current high-resolution professional profile photograph

The PowerPoint presentation and pre-recorded presentation must correspond materially with one another. **The PowerPoint and pre-recorded presentation will form part of the material assessed by the Scholarship Academic Review Panel.**

Guidance on how to record a presentation in PowerPoint is available here:

[Microsoft – Record a presentation](#)

Presentation requirements

- Presentation duration: between 12 and 15 minutes. Presentations shorter than 12 minutes or longer than 15 minutes may be excluded from assessment.
- The presentation must be in English.
- The presentation should have a clear structure and directly address the selected scholarship topic.
- Scientific and clinical statements should be supported by appropriate evidence, with key references clearly acknowledged.
- Any third-party images, figures, video or other material must be used lawfully and appropriately attributed.
- No confidential client information, identifiable patient information or material that the applicant is not entitled to share may be included.
- The applicant must be the principal author of the submission and is responsible for the accuracy and integrity of all content.
- Plagiarism, fabricated references, material misrepresentation or other serious breaches of academic or professional integrity may result in exclusion.

6. How to submit

1. Select the scholarship topic you wish to address.
2. Prepare and record your presentation in accordance with the submission requirements above and the instructions stated on the Inspire U Pain Sciences PowerPoint template.
3. Complete the scholarship application form and provide the recording using the submission method specified below.
4. Ensure that the complete submission is received by the published deadline.

Deadline

The application deadline for the 2027 scholarship call is 20 January 2027. Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered.

Submit the completed application form and all required materials (as outlined in sections 5 and 6) to enquiries@inspireupainsciences.co.uk by the application deadline.

7. Assessment and selection

Submissions will be reviewed by the Scholarship Academic Review Panel appointed by Inspire U Pain Sciences. The Panel will assess each presentation according to the published assessment criteria. The decision of the Scholarship Academic Review Panel is final in relation to the assessment and ranking of submissions.

Assessment area	What reviewers will consider	Weight
Scientific quality & evidence	Accuracy, appropriate use of evidence and sound interpretation.	30%
Critical thinking	Depth of reasoning, balanced discussion and recognition of uncertainty or limitations.	20%
Clinical relevance	Relevance to veterinary practice and to the stated scholarship topic.	20%
Structure & clarity	Logical organisation, focus and ability to communicate complex material clearly.	15%
Educational value & delivery	Engagement, professionalism and usefulness to the intended audience.	15%

The **highest-scoring eligible submission across both scholarship topics** will normally be selected as the **Scholarship Winner** and will receive a **100% reduction in the eligible course registration fee**.

The **next two highest-scoring eligible submissions overall**, irrespective of the topic selected, will be recognised as **Highly Commended** and will each receive a **10% reduction in the eligible course registration fee**.

Inspire U Pain Sciences reserves the right not to make an award where submissions do not meet the expected academic or professional standard.

8. Award conditions

- The award applies to the eligible course registration fee only and is not a cash prize.
- The Scholarship Winner receives a 100% reduction in the applicable course registration fee.
- Each Highly Commended recipient receives a 10% reduction in the applicable course registration fee.
- Scholarship awards may be applied to either the Early Bird or Standard registration rate, as applicable.
- Travel, accommodation, meals outside the course package, visas, insurance and other personal expenses are not included unless expressly stated.
- Awards are personal to the recipient and may not be sold, transferred or exchanged for cash.
- Award recipients must accept the award and complete any required course registration within the timeframe specified in their award notification.
- If the associated course is cancelled or materially rescheduled, Inspire U Pain Sciences will determine an appropriate alternative, which may include transfer of the award to a rescheduled or comparable eligible course.

9. Course registration and place allocation

Registration for the associated course is not required in order to apply for the Scholarship Programme. However, submission of a scholarship application does not constitute course registration and does not reserve a course place or registration rate.

Course registration will remain open throughout the scholarship application and assessment period, subject to availability. Applicants who wish to secure a place on the course may register at any time and will remain fully eligible for consideration for the Scholarship Programme.

Applicants who choose to wait for the scholarship results before registering should be aware that course places may fill during the assessment period. Scholarship results will be announced before the Early Bird registration deadline so that applicants who have not received an award may still register at the Early Bird rate, subject to places remaining available. A course place will be reserved internally for the Scholarship Winner, ensuring that the winner is able to enrol even if the course is otherwise fully booked at the time the results are announced.

Where an applicant has already registered and is subsequently selected as the Scholarship Winner, the course registration fee paid will be refunded in full. Where an applicant who has already registered is subsequently recognised as Highly Commended, 10% of the registration fee paid will be refunded.

10. Notification of results

Applicants will be contacted using the details provided in their application. Results for the 2027 Scholarship Programme are expected to be announced in early February 2027, before the Early Bird registration deadline.

Public recognition of award recipients and publication of the winning presentation are addressed in Section 11.

11. Recognition and publication

An important aim of the Scholarship Programme is to support educational exchange within the veterinary community. The Scholarship Winner may be publicly recognised by Inspire U Pain Sciences, and the winning presentation may be featured on the Inspire U Pain Sciences website and related professional communication channels.

By accepting the Scholarship Winner award, the recipient agrees that Inspire U Pain Sciences may publish their name and professional affiliation and may host, reproduce and communicate the submitted recording for educational and promotional purposes, with appropriate attribution to the presenter. Copyright in the applicant's original work remains with the applicant.

Inspire U Pain Sciences may request reasonable amendments before publication, for example to correct an error, remove material for which publication rights are unclear, improve accessibility or add introductory/outro branding. The substantive academic content will not be materially altered without consultation with the presenter.

Highly Commended recipients may also be publicly recognised by Inspire U Pain Sciences. Their presentations will not be published unless they are separately invited to do so and agree to publication.

12. Applicant responsibilities

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms that:

- the information provided in the application is accurate;
- the submission is their own work, except where sources or collaborators are appropriately acknowledged;
- they have the necessary rights or permissions for material included in the presentation;
- the presentation does not knowingly contain confidential, defamatory, unlawful or professionally inappropriate material; and
- they accept responsibility for the scientific and clinical accuracy of the content presented.

13. Data protection

Personal information submitted as part of the application will be used to administer the Scholarship Programme, assess submissions, communicate with applicants and manage any award. Information will be handled in accordance with the applicable Inspire U Pain Sciences privacy information and UK data-protection requirements.

14. Programme administration

Inspire U Pain Sciences reserves the right to verify eligibility, reject submissions that do not comply with these conditions, manage unforeseen circumstances, and make reasonable changes to the scholarship process where necessary. Any material change affecting applicants will be communicated through the scholarship webpage or directly to affected applicants. Where an administrative error is identified, Inspire U Pain Sciences may correct it.

15. Scholarship Academic Review Panel

Submissions will be reviewed by the **Scholarship Academic Review Panel**, appointed by Inspire U Pain Sciences.

For the 2027 Scholarship Programme, the Panel comprises:

- **Alfonso Rodríguez Mulet**
- **Eliseo Belda Mellado**
- **Álvaro Gutiérrez-Bautista**
- **Elena Ríos-Álvarez**

The Panel is responsible for assessing eligible submissions in accordance with the published assessment criteria and determining the overall ranking of applicants.

16. Questions

For questions about the Scholarship Programme or the submission process, please contact Inspire U Pain Sciences before the application deadline.

Send applications or enquiries to
enquiries@inspireupainsciences.co.uk

