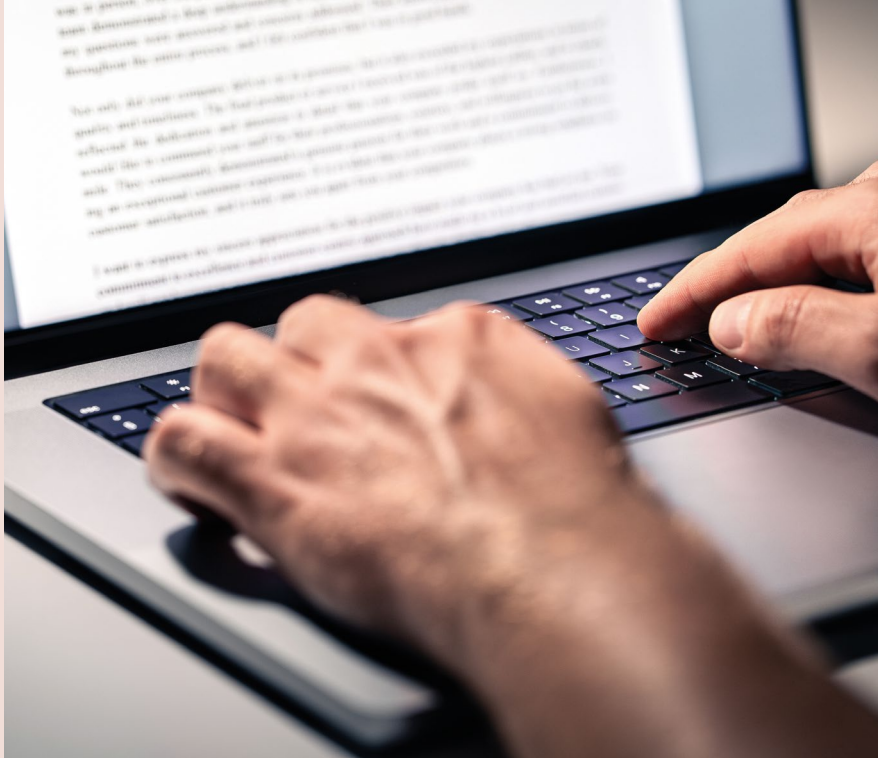


## BFS opens applications for its Career Development Fellowship



The British Fluoridation Society (BFS), supported by The Borrow Foundation, is seeking to recruit a second candidate to its Career Development Fellowship.

Overall, £30,000 has been allocated for the provision of two British Fluoridation Society Career Development Fellowships. The first was awarded to principal dental surgeon Patrick Quinn in November 2023.

The BFS intends to appoint its second fellowship by March 2024 to start in June 2024, and is seeking applications from dental professionals at the beginning of their career with an interest in water fluoridation.

Dr Ray Lowry, BFS secretary, explains: 'This is an exciting career development opportunity for someone at the start of their professional career. Water fluoridation plays a significant role in preventing dental caries and securing good dental health for all.'

'Despite its long history as a successful oral health intervention, only 10% of the UK population drinks fluoridated water, and these people are benefitting from schemes that were introduced decades ago. Globally, more than four hundred million people have access to fluoridated water,

and we are seeing an increase in political enthusiasm, including here in the UK, for more community water fluoridation schemes.

'Together with The Borrow Foundation, we have identified a need to bolster the professional foundation for fluoridation to keep research relevant, and to encourage our younger colleagues to pursue the issue as a viable career interest.

'Through our fellowship programme, we aim to help build a modern UK database of evidence and to encourage up and coming colleagues to engage in the subject. The BFS is the obvious organisation to initiate this sort of intervention as we work to support the next generation of fluoridation advocates.'

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to meet leaders in the field and work to develop a unique insight into water fluoridation and the issues surrounding it, using the fellowship funding and BFS international partnership networks.

The closing date for applications is 31 March, 2024. Applications and the information on the process is available at <https://bfsweb.org/career-development/>.

## Date for the diary

The BDA South West Dental Conference is back in Bristol for 2024!

Open to all ages and experience levels this is one of our most exciting line-ups to date with industry leaders Chris Orr, The Cornish Dentist, Tamer Theodosy and a panel discussion on the future of the NHS with the acting CDO, BDA and BAPD and at a heavily subsidised price thanks to all our sponsors.

Taking place on Saturday 17 February from 9-5pm, with the Western Counties Branch AGM following from 5-7pm, topics include:

- Panel discussion on 'The future of NHS dentistry', featuring Jason Wong MBE, Interim Chief Dental Officer England, Eddie Crouch, Chair, BDA Board and Simon Thackeray, GDP, Nottinghamshire and member, BAPD Board
- Safe management of the medically compromised patients in dental practice
- Onlays vs crowns: Let's clear up any confusion
- No risk smile makeovers – myth or reality?

The conference will take place at Engineers' House, Clifton, Bristol, and you can find out more information, including how to book, at [www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/south-west-ydg-bda-south-west-dental-conference/](http://www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/south-west-ydg-bda-south-west-dental-conference/).

