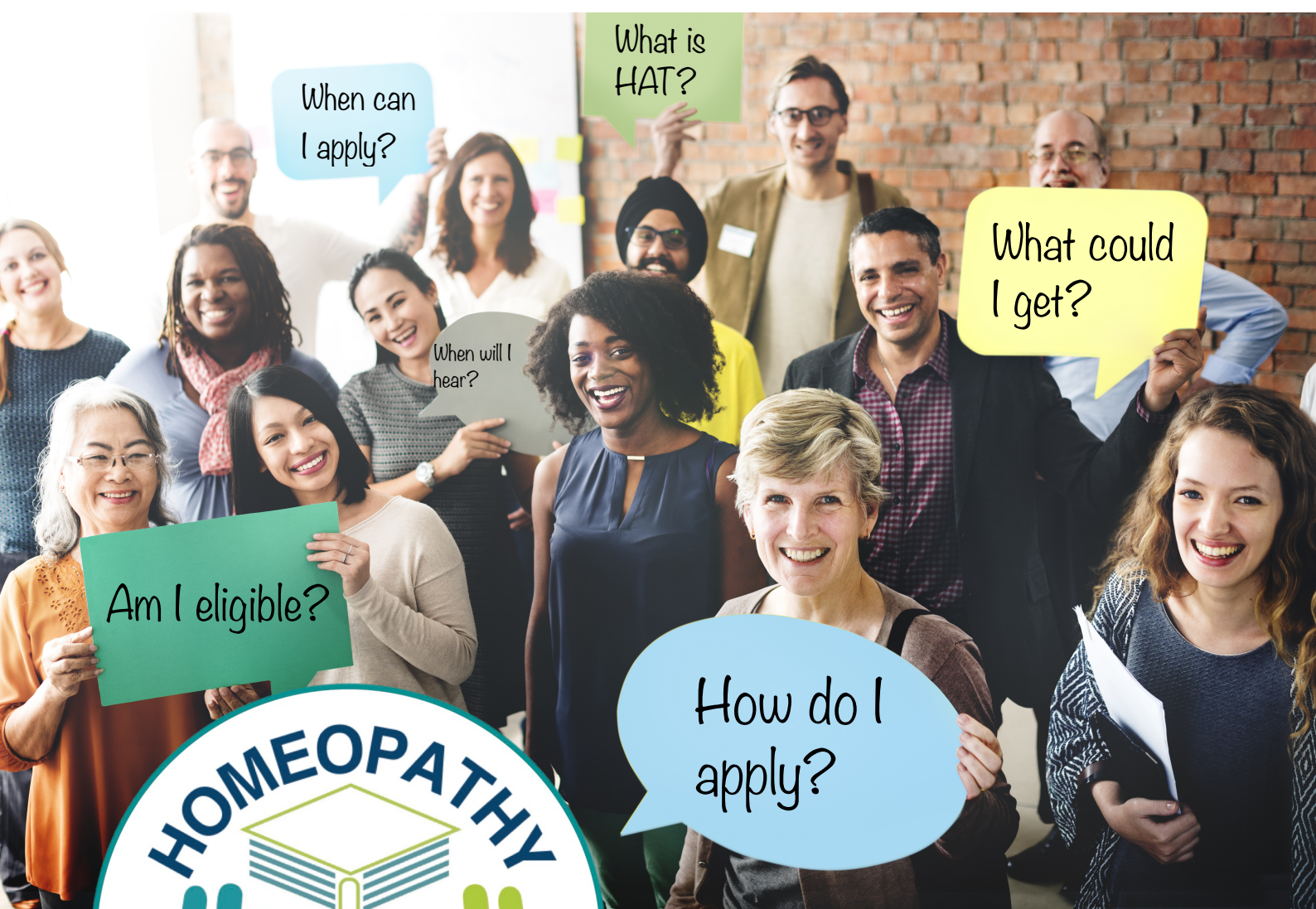


NEW GRADUATE BUSINESS SET-UP GRANTS

Guidance 2026





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What is HAT?

HAT is the leading UK membership-based charity for the advancement of the homeopathy profession. Wherever you are on your career journey, HAT offers a range of financial, practical and developmental support.

Our trustees have widespread knowledge and experience of all aspects of homeopathy, and across complementary, traditional and integrated healthcare more widely. We understand where you are, and the challenges you may be facing.

Our members are part of a unique professional community committed to supporting you to achieve professional success.

As a registered charity, HAT exists to support, promote and strengthen the profession for the benefit of both practitioners and the public. Every membership subscription, donation and legacy entrusted to HAT enables us to invest back into homeopathy and support the next generation of practitioners.

These New Graduate Business Set-Up Awards are one of the ways in which we fulfil that charitable purpose.

HAT New Graduate Business Set-Up Grants

Starting a homeopathy practice is an exciting milestone, but the practical aspects of setting up in business can also be a daunting proposition. Whilst your training has equipped you with the clinical knowledge and skills to become an excellent practitioner, building a successful business requires additional skills, as well as confidence, planning, investment and ongoing support. We want to help our members at this challenging and transformative time, because we believe that the future of homeopathy depends on helping talented new practitioners establish thriving, sustainable practices.

Our New Graduate Business Set-Up Grants are designed, therefore, to provide new graduates in homeopathy with all the tools and support they need to successfully set up in business.

The awards are not simply financial grants though. They represent an investment by HAT's members in the future of the profession.

For this year's New Graduate Business Set-Up Awards scheme, HAT trustees can offer any of the following awards (maximum of 2 winners in each of Gold, Silver and Bronze categories) to worthy candidates who meet the required standard of application:

- Gold Award(s) (approximately £2,000)
- Silver Award(s) (approximately £1,500)
- Bronze Award(s) (approximately £900)
- Runner-up Awards

We do not give cash payments. Instead, trustees work with successful applicants to put together bespoke packages of business support tailored to their individual needs from a carefully curated list developed by experienced practitioners and business advisers.

Support may include items such as:

- Business coaching and mentoring
- Practice management software
- A tablet or essential technology
- A remedy kit or remedy maker
- Practice equipment
- Essential business start-up products supplied by the Homeopathic Supply Company

Our aim is to provide practical support that gives graduates the best possible opportunity to build a successful, sustainable practice.

Am I eligible to apply for a grant?

Applications for HAT New Graduate Business Set-Up Grants are open to HAT members who:

- Graduated during the current academic year (2026) or within the previous two years (graduates from 2024 onwards).
- Graduated from a college or school that is both a participating member of Homeopathy Training (HT) and accredited by the Independent Homeopathic Association (IHA).
- Have maintained continuous paid membership of HAT in an eligible category for a minimum of 12 months prior to application and agree to continue membership for a minimum of a year after.

What do we look for?

Competition is high for HAT New Graduate Business Set-Up Grants. Our rigorous and challenging process is designed to stretch your mind in order to ensure that the future generation of homeopaths are not only well-trained, but creative thinking, patient focused, and committed to building a successful business as a homeopath.

Our bursary and grants awards team will be looking for you to clearly demonstrate:

- A real passion for homeopathy
- An intention to become a valuable member of the homeopathic community
- A vision for developing your future homeopathy business
- A practical plan and ideas about how you want to make it happen
- A genuine need of a grant, and that receiving one will make a significant difference to your ability to establish your practice

You must also be willing to play an active and ambassadorial role in our community and work moving forward, and agree to fulfil the terms and conditions of the grant award which are sent following any successful application.

HAT trustees want to be inspired by your application, and see a thoughtful, honest, and well-prepared personal statement.

HAT will run AI checks on your application to ensure that you have written the text yourself. If these checks indicate that AI has been used it may affect the outcome of your application.

Our awards will be granted to applicants who, in the opinion of the awards team and trustees, put forward the most convincing and deserving case for an award.

How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be assessed by our bursary and grants awards team, which comprises HAT trustees and occasionally third party individuals where additional independent expertise is required.

All applicants will be asked to take part in a video call with one or more of our trustees in order to fully assess your application. During the interview you may be asked about any aspect of your application, your understanding of homeopathy, and your plans for the future. The aim is to get a better understanding of you to ensure that we allocate help to those most in need.

If you are personally known to any member of the assessment panel then that individual will not take part in the assessment of your application.

When can I apply?

Applications for 2026 open on 25th August, and close on 30th September. Applications received outside of this period will not be considered, nor will applications from applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria.

When will I hear?

Successful applicants will be informed in November, with arrangements made for us to put together your set-up package as soon after that as is reasonably practicable. Our Trust Administrator will write to you once a decision has been reached. Unsuccessful applicants will also receive notification from us, but the decision of the assessment panel is final and is not open to appeal. Please feel free to contact us to obtain feedback if you wish.

How do I apply?

Complete all sections of the application form, and write a personal statement (800-1200 words) telling us about yourself and why we should use our charitable funds to help you set up in business.

This is your opportunity to give us an insight into you, your aspirations and plans.

You may wish to include some or all of the following:

- An insight into you, your journey, and why you are passionate about a career as a homeopath.
- What made you want to train as a homeopath?
- What is it about homeopathy that you feel fits you as a person?
- What have you learnt from your studies?
- What skills/attributes do you possess that will make you a good homeopath?
- What is it about you that you believe will make you a good practitioner and an asset to the profession?
- What is your vision for your future business?
- How do you envision it working?
- What are the barriers you face to success as a homeopath?
- What are the opportunities which excite you?

- What planning have you done so far to put in place measures and structures?
- If you have already graduated and tried to set up in business, what have you found difficult, or what is making it hard to get it off the ground?
- If you were awarded a grant how could you help HAT to assist others in future?
- Why do you need this grant?
- How do you intend to become an active HAT member and supporter of the wider homeopathic community?

Your personal statement should be a maximum of 1200 words, putting forward your case for being awarded a New Graduate Business Set-Up Grant.

All applicants who meet the required standard from their personal statement will be expected to attend and successfully pass a video interview before any decision on a grant award is made. This is a competitive process in which the number of available awards are limited as previously outlined.

Please ensure that you fully complete the application form with all required information such as your name, email address and phone number. Remember also to provide the contact email of a reference to support your application, preferably the principal from your college or school, but this can also be someone who knows you and your aspirations to become a homeopath well.

What is expected of me if I am successful?

If you are fortunate enough to be awarded a HAT New Graduate Business Set-Up Grant we request that you do the following to support us and our ongoing work:

- Write a short statement saying what the grant means to you and supply a photo. This may be used in future publicity material to encourage other graduates to apply for a grant, and to inspire the next generation of homeopaths.
- Take part in HAT initiatives designed to engage with, and help others in a similar situation to yourself as they navigate their training to become a homeopath and then set up in business.
- Act as an ambassador for HAT, engage with us and our community, and share your thoughts and experiences to help support and inspire others who want to become a homeopath.

- Play an active part in strengthening the profession and give something back.

Repayments

You are not expected to repay the awarded funding. It is an award, not a loan.

HAT will only consider recouping grant funds if you do not make reasonable efforts to set up and maintain a business as a homeopath. If you seek to sell equipment supplied to yourself through this grant then HAT will request that you return it to ourselves to re-allocate to another suitable practising homeopath.

We may also request from you the reimbursement of all or part of value of the goods and services awarded if you cancel your membership of HAT within a year of you being given the grant, or if you fail to fulfil the obligations of the grant outlined above.

Further information

If you are unsure about any aspect of the process then please contact HAT and we will endeavour to provide additional information and guidance.