

# NEW GRADUATE BUSINESS SET-UP GRANTS

## Guidance 2025





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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.

### **HAT New Graduate Grants**

We understand that setting up in business as a homeopath can be a daunting proposition. Despite learning about it during your studies, the task and process of building a business from scratch on your own can be overwhelming. We want to change that for our members.

HAT's 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 as a practising homeopath.

For this first year of the new grant, HAT will offer:

- 1 x gold award (total value approximately £2000)
- 1 x silver award (total value approximately £1500)
- 1 x bronze award (total value approximately £900)
- 20 x runner-up awards

Successful applicants will be able to choose bespoke packages of help to suit their own requirements from a carefully prepared list put together by our experts. The list includes items such as a remedy maker, software, a tablet, business coaching sessions, as well as essential set-up items from the Homeopathic Supply Company. It is designed to give you all the support and tools you need to set up your business.

## **Am I eligible to apply for a grant?**

HAT new graduate business set-up grants are available to HAT members who have just graduated this year (2025), or who have graduated in the past 2 years (2023 onwards). They must also have graduated from a course at a college or school which is a participating member of Homeopathy Training (HT) and has IHA accreditation. Applicants must be a current member of HAT, and have been so continuously for 12 months prior to the date of application.

## **What do we look for?**

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 that:

- You have a real passion for homeopathy
- You intend to become a valuable member of the homeopathic community
- You have a vision and ideas for your future homeopathy business
- You have a plan of how you want to make it happen
- You are genuinely in need, and will benefit from being granted an award

You must also be a paid up member of HAT and willing to play an active role in our community moving forward, and willing to fulfil the terms and conditions of the grant award which are sent with any successful application.

HAT trustees want to be inspired by your application. Our awards will be granted to applicants who, in the opinion of the awards team and trustees, offer the most convincing and inspiring responses to the questions.

## **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. Should we require further information to assess your application, or where applications are close in terms of their standard, you may be asked to take part in a video call with one or more of our trustees in order to better assess your application. 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 2025 open on 1st 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 by the end of October, with arrangements made for you to choose your preferred 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, answering the following questions.

### **What have been the driving factors and motivation in your journey towards becoming a practising homeopath?**

(Give us an insight into you and why you are passionate about a career as a homeopath. What made you want to train as a homeopath, and what is it about homeopathy that you feel fits you as a person?)

### **Why will you make a good homeopath?**

(What have you learnt from your studies, what skills/attributes do you possess, and what is it about you that you believe will make you a good practitioner and an asset to the profession?)

### **How do you picture your future homeopathy practice?**

(When you think about your future business, how do you envision it working? Tell us your vision.)

### **What do you think are the main challenges and opportunities in establishing a successful homeopathic practice?**

(Tell us what you think are the barriers to success as a homeopath, what are the opportunities, and in which areas do you feel most worried. What planning have you done so far to put in place measures and structures to help? 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?)

### **How would a HAT graduate set-up grant help you?**

(There are many graduates in homeopathy every year, and HAT wants to help those most in need. Why do you need this grant?)



Your answers should be a maximum of 500 words per question, clearly answering each question. If you prefer, you can apply by producing a video, which encapsulates your responses. Your video doesn't have to be professional, just an honest portrayal of you. Any video should not exceed 3 minutes in length.

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.

### **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.