

## **DOWAGER COUNTESS ELEANOR PEEL TRUST**

### **NEW TRUSTEE WITH MEDICAL RESEARCH EXPERTISE**

#### **ROLE DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION**

##### **SUMMARY**

The Trustees of the Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust [DCEPT] are seeking to appoint a new Trustee with current or recent medical research expertise, preferably in the North West of England. Colleagues recently retired from full time practice would be welcome to apply.

As set out in its deed, DCEPT supports:

- i. charities which support older people and people who have 'fallen on evil days through no fault of their own'; and
- ii. medical research and training.

Funding for medical research and training is currently distributed through three streams:

- i. **minor medical grants** of up to £25k which provide pump priming for medical/health research projects and are allocated twice per year;
- ii. **occasional large grants** which fund major medical/health research projects;
- iii. **travelling fellowships** which enable registered medical and health professionals to obtain new skills, usually outside the UK. Applicants are normally, but not exclusively, doctors in training. Fellowships are awarded annually.

The remuneration/honorarium for Trustees is currently £4,500 per annum. Trustees can expect to spend an average of up to four hours per week on Trust matters.

We would particularly welcome applications for this position from women and/or people of colour. Colleagues recently retired from full time clinical practice and/or research would be welcome to apply.

Applications, comprising a letter of application and a *curriculum vitae* should be sent to the Secretary, Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust, at [secretary@peeltrust.com](mailto:secretary@peeltrust.com) by **December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**.

For informal enquiries about the position, please contact Professor Colin Sibley, DCEPT Trustee at [colin.sibley@peeltrust.com](mailto:colin.sibley@peeltrust.com), who would be happy to hear from potential candidates and discuss the position.

## BACKGROUND

The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust [DCEPT] was funded through an endowment from the Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel in 1951 which is currently valued at around £20m. The Trust distributes approximately £500,000 pa grants, split evenly between 'general' and 'medical' grants. Further information about the Trust can be found at <https://peeltrust.com>.

The Trust's funding activities are managed through online applications which are reviewed by DCEPT Trustees before final decisions are made at regular Trustees' meetings, currently four times per year [two via video conference; two in person in the North West of England]. There are currently five Trustees with an appropriate mix of expertise to review and assess the different types of applications.

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One of our Trustees with medical and research expertise has indicated that he wishes to retire from the position. DCEPT therefore seeks a new Trustee with this expertise, who may be recently retired from professional and/or academic practice.

## ROLE AND DUTIES OF DCEPT TRUSTEE WITH MEDICAL EXPERTISE

- i. Attend and contribute to all Trustees' meetings, normally 4 times a year [in person or by alternate means, normally video conference].
- ii. Act as a member of the Travelling Fellowship Selection Committee and Interview Panel.
- iii. Act as one of two Trustees reviewing 'medical' applications, currently twice per year.
- iv. Contribute to preparation of reports on all medical grant applications for consideration at a full Trustees' meeting
- v. Contribute to preparation of summaries of interim and final reports on funded medical grant applications.
- vi. To review relevant publications/guidance such as:
  - a. Charity Commission News
  - b. Relevant Charity Commission Guidance including that of the "Essential Trustee"
  - c. Charity briefings
- vii. Visit charities and/or researchers as and when appropriate.

- viii. To attend conferences/training on governance and other related matters as required.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

We seek a person with the following background:

- i. Medical professional with current or recent GMC registration or equivalent [essential]
- ii. Experienced clinical or health related researcher, currently or until recently active [essential],
- iii. Previous experience of reviewing and funding of clinical/health related research grants [essential].
- iv. Expertise in genetics/molecular biology/ bioinformatics [highly desirable].
- v. Currently or recently practicing in the North West of England [highly desirable].

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## **REMUNERATION**

The remuneration/honorarium for Trustees is currently £4,500 per annum.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRUSTEE POSITION**

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Please address any informal enquiries about this Trustee position to Professor Colin Sibley, DCEPT Trustee at [colin.sibley@peeltrust.com](mailto:colin.sibley@peeltrust.com), who would be happy to hear from potential candidates and discuss the position further.

## **Professor Maggie Pearson**

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