The John Vane Academy in association with the William Harvey Research Foundation founded this brand-new scheme of fellowhips in 2025 and hopes to continue annually, with the aim to foster scientific collaboration between Polish and British research labs in the area of endothelial research and vascular pharmacology. The second round held in 2026 will support an early career Polish researcher's trip to the UK and early career researcher's trip from UK to Poland in **2026 with the deadline of applications 15 November 2026.**
The **Polish Pharmacological Society** will hold an application process to select the winning candidate from Poland to go to UK. The successful applicant will spend **three months** gaining experience and learning techniques from researchers at the **William Harvey Research Institute**.

The candidates can apply to one of the following the William Harvey Research Institute`s labs:

Centre of Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging: Prof Steffen Petersen
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/people/academic-staff/items/petersensteffen.html

Centre of Microvascular Research; Dr Neil Dufton
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/people/academic-staff/items/duftonneil.html

Centre of Cardiovascular Medicine and Devices: Dr Cristina Pérez-Ternero

Dr Cristina Perez-Ternero, a recent addition to the lab as a lecturer, is interested in the relationship between metabolic disease and cardiovascular health. Another area that Cristina is exploring is vascular function and the regulation of blood pressure in Down's Syndrome.

Centre of Cardiovascular Medicine and Devices: Dr Vahitha Abdul Salam
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/people/academic-staff/items/abdulsalamvahitha.html

Centre of Experimental Medicine and Rheumatology : Prof Shafaq Sikandar
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/people/academic-staff/items/sikandarshafaq.html

Centre of Microvascular Research; Dr Tom Nightingale
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/people/academic-staff/items/nightingaletom.html

Candidates can also chose another lab at WHRI and provide in the attachment to the application the letter of support from a head of the other lab not listed above with a promise of accepting the candidate if fellowship is funded.

Who is eligible?

To enter this competition, you must:

- be a resident of Poland
- be an early-career researcher* **AND**
- be primarily involved in research within the area of endothelial biomedicine and vascular pharmacology.

** The JVA defines 'early-career researchers' as PhD students or postdoctoral scientists within five years of the award of their PhD or within eight years of their primary medical degree (exclusive of significant career breaks). Please note that PhD students will need to provide a statement of support from their supervisor confirming that this would not interfere with their completion and submission of their thesis. Candidates with longer academic track maximum 10 years after PhD can also apply, but the priority is given to* early-career researcher

How to apply?

- To apply, please send your application by email to: info@ptf.info.pl
- Cover letter with motivation to apply for a fellowship
- Short description of the planned research/training during the fellowship (max 2 pages)
- CV
- Copy of two best papers published by a candidate
- Contact details for 1 reference (supervisor, or collaborator)
- Letter of support from a head of the host lab

Budgetary matters – Total £10,050

What is included?

Travel

Return airfare and travel to and from the airport will be reimbursed, up to £400. Working visa, if required £150.

Accommodation

Accommodation at the university's Academic Flats will be fully paid for during three-month stay. The flats are near the Mile End campus, approximately 35 minutes from the WHRI via bus or tube. Cost of accommodation for 3 months £7,500

Lab consumables

A grant of £2,000 will be provided to Principal Investigator(s) to support work in labs during visit. *Please note that additional costs during your stay, e.g. meals and commuting, are not covered by this grant. We advise that you discuss your plans with your institute to determine whether your current stipend or salary will continue to be paid whilst you are away and that you will be able to afford these types of expenses.*