

## **Falk Foundation, BASL and British Liver Trust Innovation and Quality and Service Improvement Awards Guidance and Application – 2026**

### **Background**

Falk Foundation, BASL and British Liver Trust all agree in the power of shared understanding to improve patient outcomes. These awards recognise the need to share excellence in clinical service development and improvements that have clear benefit for people with liver disease. Such work is rarely that of one individual or discipline, thus these awards are designed to enable teams to develop an idea or continue their work.

Opening call

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Deadline for applications

5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Deadline for completion of judging and notification of winners

10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Award ceremony and presentations

BASL Annual Meeting in October being held in Newport, Wales

### **Guidance in completing**

- The lead applicants must be BASL members (including affiliated groups), and we welcome applications from all disciplines in the field of liver healthcare.
- The lead applicant and other BASL members within the application (including affiliated groups) must have completed the EDI fields in their membership profile.
- It is expected that the lead applicant will include all members of the team delivering the project in this form.
- The awards will be paid to the institution where the projects are being delivered.
- As the awards are institution based, it is expected that the institution will ensure the money is used for the purpose intended and thus the service manager (or equivalent) is required to provide assurance.

### **Award categories**

**Falk Foundation / BASL Innovation Award** – one award with a value of £2,000 for a project proposal in start-up, which would be completed prospectively over 12-24 months. The lead applicant will need a local mentor to support the project and will be supported to ensure the success of the project.

**Falk Foundation / BASL Quality and Service Improvement Awards** - two awards with a value of £1,000 each to recognise work and developments started and / or completed within the last 3 years for which evidence of benefit is shown.

Additionally, the Falk Foundation will provide a £300 bursary per award to contribute towards costs of attending the award ceremony.

### **Judging**

Judging will be by an expert panel with representatives from the BASL committee, the British Liver Trust and the Falk Foundation Faculty, and assessment will be informed by SMART criteria, innovation and BASL priority areas.

The judging panel decision will be final.

You are advised to put in objective measurements of success – how will you know if your project has achieved its aims? How do you know your project has been successful? Examples include patient experience and satisfaction measures, data, quality improvement methodology.

BASL's Priorities are; Our People, Our Patients, Our Planet and you can read more > [here](#) .

### **Contact**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [admin@basl.org.uk](mailto:admin@basl.org.uk)

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