## **Sterling Dental Foundation**

## The Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Foundation Fellowship

The Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Foundation Fellowship (the Fellowship) will be established in memory and recognition of the exceptional contributions to oral and dental science and public good by Professor Aubrey Sheiham.

The Fellowship, available annually to the initial sum of £5,000.00, will be open to all dental professionals, in good standing, under 35 years of age for research, or measures to help address the existing and anticipated unmet oral health needs of disadvantaged individuals in deprived communities in the UK, or elsewhere in the world. Measures must be evidence-based, with proven efficacy in reducing oral health inequalities and sustainable in nature. The proposed research must be of international standing.

The purpose of a Fellowship award must be achieved within two years, preferably 12 months to 18 months, with opportunity being found to report and otherwise disseminate the outcome of the research or interventions supported by the award, over and above the provision of a report to the Sterling Dental Foundation no later than two years after the date of the award. The future standing and, in turn, funding of the Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Fellowship Award will be determined by the outcome and impact of preceding awards.

The award for the Fellowship will be a one-off, all-inclusive sum intended to pay for-, or contribute to the proposed research or interventions. There will be no 'top up' awards, and individuals may be the recipient of an Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Foundation Fellowship award once only.

Details of the open competition process to make application for the Aubrey Sheiham Fellowship may be found on the Sterling Dental Foundation website.

The intention is that Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Foundation Fellowships will be prestigious and, as such, applications for a Fellowship will be rigorously assessed. In the event of applications failing to satisfy the standards required, no award will be made.

It is hoped that individuals and organisations linked to Aubrey Sheiham-Sterling Dental Foundation Fellowship awardees will facilitate and, where appropriate, support the best possible outcome of the Fellowship.

The Sterling Dental Foundation will be free to recruit and convene a panel to adjudicate applications for the proposed award. The decisions of such panels will be final.