



# Grants for non-drug approaches

We want to fund creative, innovative research into non-drug approaches that will play a vital part in helping people living with Parkinson's manage their daily challenges and take control of life with Parkinson's.

## Chapters

We want to focus on what matters most to people living with Parkinson's and provide solutions and deliver outcomes to improve quality of life as soon as possible.

There are lots of ways to manage the ongoing issues and challenges of life with Parkinson's. Non-drug approaches are important to people affected by Parkinson's. At some stages of the condition, these approaches are of equal or greater importance than pharmacological treatment.

These may include:

- Speech and language, physiotherapy and occupational therapies
- Approaches to managing mental health
- Lifestyle changes including exercise, dance and nutrition
- Aids and devices
- Complementary therapies.

## Deadlines

The preproposal deadline will be **Tuesday 5 May 2026, by 4pm**. The non-drug approaches preproposal form will be available on our **online application system** three months before the deadline. Applicants who are successful at the preproposal stage will then be invited to submit a full application via our online application system.

The full application deadline will be **Thursday 3 September 2026, by 4pm** for applicants who are successful at the preproposal stage.

## Workshop

**Sign up to our virtual workshop** on **Friday 30 January 2026 at 10am to 12pm** to hear from people living with Parkinson's and their daily challenges, our lay and scientific reviewers and how to apply for a non-drug approaches grant.

## Duration and value

The duration of a grant is up to a maximum of 24 months.

There is no minimum award amount and the maximum award amount is £200,000.

# Eligibility

Grants are tenable only at a UK university, NHS Trust, statutory social care organisation or other research institution.

Principal applicants should hold employment contracts that extend beyond the period of the grant.

Co-applicants and collaborators may be based at institutions outside the UK or biotech companies.

Applications related to improving healthcare services will not be considered in this scheme.

We will only accept one resubmission of an application. Please refer to the information for applicants for more details.

**We actively encourage people from all sections of the community to apply for grants, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.**

# Review process

Preproposal and full applications will be independently reviewed by three scientific members of our **College of Experts** a group of **lay grant reviewers**, who are people affected by Parkinson's. For more detail please refer to our **information for applicants**.

# Involving people with Parkinson's in your research

We worked with people affected by Parkinson's, their families and professionals to come up with **key priorities for improving**

**everyday life in the shorter term**. Applicants may wish to consider the priorities identified by people with Parkinson's when preparing applications.

It's important that research is shaped by people with Parkinson's and the people who love and care for them every step of the way. We're here to support researchers to involve patients and the public in their work in a meaningful way. Find out more about **patient and public involvement**.

# Parkinson's UK Excellence Network

Find out more about the **Parkinson's UK Excellence Network** and its network of professionals to develop, test and implement initiatives and new practices that will enhance the quality of health and care services for people with Parkinson's within the UK.

For more information on **Excellence Network funding**, including grants for service improvement and pump priming for specialist posts, contact **excellence@parkinsons.org.uk**.

## Success rates

In 2024, the charity received 24 preproposal applications, 10 of these were invited to submit a full application, and 3 applications were recommended for funding.

You can **download the latest list of all our active research projects**.

Equity, diversity and inclusion



Being a working mum with Parkinson's



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## Living with Parkinson's

Watch videos on the Parkinson's UK YouTube channel from people with Parkinson's, scientists and supporters, fundraisers and families, carers and clinicians. Impatient for change. We're taking a stand, speaking out, chipping in, and playing our part.

Find out more about how people can manage the ongoing issues and challenges of **life with Parkinson's.**

# Apply for a non-drug approaches grant

1. Read our Information for applicants (PDF, 690KB)

2. Read our policies affecting your application

Project grants  
**ASAP (Aligning Science Against Parkinson's) funding initiative**

## Helpline

### Talk to us

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hello@parkinsons.org.uk

## Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am to 6pm

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

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