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Project grants

We want to fund groundbreaking studies that tackle major Parkinson's research challenges and get right to the heart of



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We are looking to support projects designed to answer a single Parkinson's research question or a small group of related questions.

These may include research projects in the following areas: (this is not an exhaustive list)

- to better understand the causes of Parkinson's
- drug discovery at all stages of the drug discovery pipeline
- cohort studies
- early clinical investigations looking at biomarkers
- pilot clinical trials
- areas of unmet needs

We are also interested in pump priming early stage research and welcome smaller scale pilot projects in the above areas.

Deadlines and how to apply

The preproposal deadline for the next round will be **Wednesday 8 January 2025, by 4pm.**



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our [online application system](#). Applicants who are successful at the preproposal stage will then be invited to submit a full application via our online application system.

Duration and value

The duration of a grant is up to a maximum of 36 months.

There is no fixed minimum or maximum value for project grants.

The cost of applications is usually up to £400,000 and the average amount awarded is £260,000.

Workshop

[Sign up to our virtual workshop](#) on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 11.00am-12.30pm to hear more about how to apply for a project grant. This workshop will cover: patient and public involvement (PPI); the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in both research teams and research plans; allowable costs for research grants; and supporting documentation requirements.



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organisation or other UK 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 at pharmaceutical or biotech companies.

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

Preproposals will be independently reviewed by three scientific members of our [College of Experts](#) as outlined in the [information for applicants](#).

Full applications will be independently reviewed by three scientific members of our College of Experts and a group of [lay grant reviewers](#), who are people affected by Parkinson's.



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In 2023, the charity received 35 preproposal applications, 18 of these were invited to submit a full application, and 4 applications were recommended for funding.

You can [download the latest list of all our active research projects](#).

Patient and public involvement support



Equality, diversity and inclusion



Case study

Professor Kevin Mills' research team at University College London has developed a blood test that shows promise for identifying Parkinson's before movement symptoms begin. This research co-funded by a Parkinson's UK project grant has found a new way to



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