

GRANTS

PROGRAMME AWARD

Grant amount:

Up to £1.5m

Grant deadline:

28 October 2026

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Alzheimer's Research UK Programme Award supports ambitious, integrated programmes of research that bring together diverse expertise across multiple workstreams to address a complex central theme in dementia research. It is designed for established research leaders to deliver sustained, long-term and potential renewable transformative impact in dementia research.

Overview

This scheme offers up to £1.5 million over a maximum of five years to support integrated programmes of work built around a central research theme. Programme Awards are expected to combine complementary approaches, disciplines, and expertise into a cohesive and collaborative team-science research effort.

Awards are structured in two stages: an initial Outline application, followed by invitation to submit a Full application. Successfully shortlisted Outline applications are invited to submit a Full application to a subsequent review meeting. Full applications include an interview stage, reflecting the scale and strategic importance of the Award.

We aim to fund programmes that:

- Tackle major challenges in dementia through ambitious, coordinated and multi-stranded research
- Integrate diverse expertise, methodologies, and technologies
- Deliver long-term impact with clear pathways to translation and patient benefit
- Build critical mass and leadership within the dementia research community

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Duration: Up to 5 years

Deadlines

-  **Outline applications open**
July 2026
-  **Outline application deadline**
28 October 2026
-  **Invitation to submit full application**
Spring 2027

Eligibility

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Lead Applicants must be based in a UK university, hospital or research institution. However, applications can include Co-applicants (i.e. Co-Investigators and Collaborators) from outside the UK. Co-Investigators and Collaborators from small and medium enterprises are also permitted.

The Lead Applicant is expected to have a contract (fixed term or tenure) which covers the proposed duration of the grant. Alzheimer's Research UK can support the salaries of Co-applicants that do not have tenure or fixed term contracts but not to Lead Applicants. If the Lead Applicant does not hold a tenure appointment, the application must include a Joint Lead Applicant that does.

In addition, Co-applicants can include:

- Joint Lead Applicant(s): Someone who will give equal intellectual input and time as the Lead Applicant to the project. Together with the Lead Applicant, any Joint Lead Applicants will be responsible for the success of the project. Any Joint Lead Applicant(s) and the Lead Applicant will be recognised with equal status
- Co-Investigator(s): Someone who will give substantial intellectual input and time to the project, for example by leading a specific aim or work package, and who is responsible alongside the Lead Applicant and any Joint Lead Applicant(s) for the success of the project
- Collaborator(s): Someone who is important for the completion of the project, for example by supplying specific expertise or special materials, but are not responsible for the success of the project

Administrative Support: One Administrative Support contact may be invited to your application to help provide your budget information.

Application form

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Review process

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Conditions and monitoring

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Policies

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