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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT - RESEARCH

### ACTIVE CALLS AND DEADLINES FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

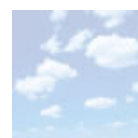
We aim to make the final decision at our Trustees' meeting around five months after the deadlines below. Please ensure you visit our [research page](#) and [information for applicants page](#) to get a good feel for the type of research in which we are interested.

Please note there are no strict deadlines for dissemination or intervention projects: applications will be accepted throughout the year. If you are interested in applying to these programmes please visit our [dissemination and intervention projects page](#) for more information.

We like to keep our research calls as open as possible to ensure we are keeping on top of the most relevant research happening in each area, but we also have specific funding priorities as indicated below. Please visit our ['Should I Apply?'](#) page for more information regarding the type of applications we hope to fund.

Please note that our Rolandic Epilepsy call is now open all year round – we encourage anyone interested in this call to email or call us for a chat. Our specific interests in this call are detailed in the table below.

Topic	Deadline	Trustees' meeting / Decision (mid-month)
<p><b>We will be accepting applications for one topic in this call.</b></p> <p><b>Sleep</b></p> <p>We are particularly interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanistic or longitudinal impacts of sleep on neurodevelopmental disorders</li> <li>Interventional sleep studies</li> <li>Memory consolidation, particularly interdisciplinary approaches</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, we are interested in policy/practical support for projects that support schools transitioning to later class start times.</p>	Call closed for 2023 (anticipated Spring 2024)	
<p><b>We will be accepting applications for one topic in this call.</b></p> <p><b>Physical Activity</b></p> <p>Studies will be particularly welcomed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the effect of physical activity (or lack of it) on neurodevelopmental disorders</li> <li>Consider the effect of physical activity (or lack of it) on child psychological outcomes (behavioural, emotional or cognitive)</li> </ol>	<p>Deadline for short initial applications: <b>Midnight July 2nd 2023</b></p> <p>Successful applications informed by <b>July 14th 2023</b></p> <p>Full applications due: <b>Midnight August 6th 2023</b></p> <p>Final decision: <b>November 2023</b></p>	



<p>3. Explore underlying mechanisms of the benefits of physical activity in childhood in general</p>	
<p><b>Motor Impairments</b></p> <p>Studies will be particularly welcomed that cover one of two areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. improving our understanding of the aetiology of the disorder (this could include brain imaging, improved phenotyping, genetic or epigenetic studies). Inclusion of EEG measures and consideration of possible co-occurrence with Rolandic Epilepsy is particularly desirable and, as always, studies that consider co-occurrence with other neurodevelopmental disorders; or</li> <li>2. explore effective interventions (those that also include links to our other research interests would be particularly sought after for example sleep, diet, exercise/movement).</li> </ol> <p><b>The Neurodiverse Brain</b> – in this call we are generally interested in improving our understanding of the neurodiverse brain and encouraging more transdiagnostic research. Studies will be particularly welcomed that cover one of three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Studies that aim to improve our understanding of the aetiology and development of co-occurring neurodevelopment disorders</li> <li>2. Studies interested in specific interventions for improving school attainment and quality of life outcomes for neurodiverse children (whilst we have a specific interest in sleep, diet and exercise we suggest interventions specific to these would be best located within these specific research calls)</li> <li>3. Studies looking at the impact of chemical exposure on or implicated in the development of neurodevelopmental disorders</li> </ol> <p>Whilst we continue to support and encourage researchers to embrace the complexity of neurodiversity through transdiagnostic research, where appropriate, studies looking at a specific neurodevelopmental disorder will be considered.</p>	<p>Deadline for short initial applications: <b>Midnight October 29th 2023</b></p> <p>Successful applications informed by <b>November 10th 2023</b></p> <p>Full applications due: <b>Midnight December 3rd 2023</b></p> <p>Final decision: <b>March 2024</b></p>
<p><b>We will be accepting applications for two separate topics for this grant call:</b></p> <p><b>Diet and/or Microbiome</b></p> <p>Studies will be particularly welcomed that consider the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Microbiome and neurodevelopment in children (gut-brain axis and childhood)</li> <li>2. Neurodevelopmental Disorders and the gut: Studies using high-quality databases or supporting large collaborative or longitudinal studies are highly sought after, Possible tie-ins with PUFAs or sleep deprivation also of interest</li> <li>3. The impacts of micronutrients and fatty acids during Pregnancy and the effect on infant gut or neurodevelopment</li> <li>4. The impacts of breastmilk on infant microbiome and brain development in</li> </ol>	<p>Deadline for short initial applications: <b>Spring 2024</b></p>

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