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The MND Association is a world leader in funding cutting-edge MND research and facilitating international research collaboration. Find out about the research grants we offer and how these are selected below.

Types of grants

The MND Association offers a variety of grants. Find out more about each scheme and how and when you can apply for funding below.

[PhD Studentships \(Biomedical and Healthcare\)](#)

[Biomedical Research Projects](#)

We are committed to playing a key role in ending MND. Our biomedical research programme is delivering significant and measurable advances in understanding and treating the disease. We only fund research of the highest scientific excellence and greatest relevance to MND.

[Application Process and Deadlines](#)

We hope to accept further grant applications in 2025, please see planned details below.

Please read our [Guidelines](#), [Terms and Conditions](#) and our [Guide to Completing the Online Summary Application Form](#). It is also recommend that you read the [MND Association Research Strategy](#) and [Research Governance Overview](#).

If you need further information please email research.grants@mdaassociation.org.

Duration

Grants will be offered for up to three years duration. Applications for less than two years should include a named researcher with the relevant expertise, familiar with the laboratory.

Eligibility

Applicants can be based outside the UK and Ireland, provided the project is unique in concept or design (i.e. no similar research is being performed in the UK) and involves a significant aspect of collaboration with a UK institute.

Assessment and Budget

Please see our guidelines for more information on assessment criteria and budget information.

Clinical Research Fellowships

Non-Clinical Research Fellowships

NIHR Doctoral and Advanced Fellowships

Healthcare Research

Programme Grant Funding Theme of Interest 2025: Patient Disease Registry

Grant deadlines

See below for upcoming grant opening and deadline dates.

<u>Grant type</u>	<u>Applications accepted</u>	<u>Deadline for applications</u>
Biomedical Research projects	mid-September 2025	31 October 2025
Biomedical PhD Studentships	mid-March 2026	1 May 2026
Non-Clinical Research Fellowships	mid-March 2026	1 May 2026
Healthcare Project Grants and Studentships	mid-March 2026	1 May 2026
NIHR Doctoral Fellowships	TBC	TBC
NIHR Advanced Fellowships	TBC	TBC
MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowships	14 October 2023	See MRC Website
MRC Clinical Scientist Fellowships	14 October 2023	See MRC Website
MRC Senior Clinical Fellowships	February 2024	See MRC Website



How do we fund research?

Funding for **biomedical research** is awarded by way of three types of grant: Biomedical project grants, PhD studentships and Non-Clinical Fellowships. All interested applicants are first required to submit a **summary application**, and successful candidates are then invited to submit a **full application**. This is reviewed by external peer reviewers (see [guidance](#)) and internally by the Biomedical Research Advisory Panel ([BRAP](#)). The highest scoring applications are then recommended to the Board of Trustees for a final decision. For a more detailed explanation of the process read our [Biomedical Research Governance Overview](#).

Applications for Healthcare Project Grants are also subject to external peer review (see [guidance](#)) and discussion by the Healthcare Research Advisory Panel ([HRAP](#)) and Board of Trustees. Please also see the [Healthcare Governance Overview](#) and [Supporting Document](#) for more information.

Statements and policies on research

Research funded by the MND Association is guided by our terms and conditions. Terms and conditions of each type of grant can be found within their dedicated section.

We also have a number of statements on research including research involving animals, stem cells, unproven treatments and our research knowledge strategy.

[Find out more about our research policies](#)

Open access

Grantees of awards are mandated to make their peer reviewed papers directly arising from the grant available through open access. We work with [Europe PMC](#) in making our research papers available open-access. To apply for open-access funding, please see below.

[Read more about open access](#)

For more information please email us at research.grants@mndassociation.org or phone on **01604 611873**.

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