

Information for applicants: Next step funding

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Parkinson's UK is the largest member-led charitable funder of Parkinson's research in Europe. So far, we've invested more than £80million in ground-breaking research.

Purpose and eligibility

- Next step funding is for Parkinson's UK [project grants](#) that would benefit from additional funding (up to six months and £20,000) when:
 - a new technique or test arose during the progress of the grant and additional funding is required to make use of it
 - an unexpected avenue opened up during the course of the grant which would be valuable to pursue
- Next step funding may not be used to 'top up' project grants due to changes in institutional salaries or to extend a grant where poor planning has resulted in a lack of funds or time. Funds will not be awarded for work detailed in the original project grant proposal.
- An application for funding must be made at least six months before the end of the original project grant.
- Next step funding is tenable only at the original host institution and is subject to the same [terms and conditions](#) as the original project grant.

Application procedure

- An application form for Next step funding may be requested from researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk.
- The application should be signed by the applicant, the Head of Department where the research is taking place, and a representative of the institution's Finance or Research Office.
- A scanned copy of the signed application should be emailed to researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk.

Costing the application

- Applicants must justify the funds requested.
- Applicants must apply for funding in British pounds sterling.
- Applicants must have the costs approved by their institution's Finance or Research Office.
- In line with the Association of Medical Research Charities guidelines, Parkinson's UK will only reimburse directly incurred research costs for awarded grants as per the application submitted. **Please read our [guidance on research costs](#).**
- **Staff costs:** Basic salary should be stated for each individual. Provision for London weighting, superannuation and National Insurance should be shown separately in the space provided. An appropriate grading and salary must be quoted even where a named assistant cannot be specified; both grading and salary should have the approval of the appropriate administrative officer of the institution where the assistant would be employed. If appropriate, applicants can apply for support costs for PhD students.
- **Research expenses:** Details must be given. Project grants do not cover administrative expenses, costs for attending conferences or publishing costs. Please see our guidance on [open access publishing](#).
- **Animals:** The species, number and unit cost of all animals must be shown.
- **Biological materials (such as human tissue or cell lines):** Please specify.
- **Equipment:** Please specify each piece of equipment requested.
- **Inflation:** Inflation will not be paid in year one; inflation in years two and three is allowable up to 3%.

Review procedure

- Next step funding applications will be reviewed by up to three members of the [Grant Assessment Panel](#) [GAP]. If available, these would usually be the reviewers who took responsibility for presenting the original project grant application to the panel meeting at the time of award. Applications recommended for funding by GAP go to the charity's Chief Executive for final approval.

If you have further questions about making an application, please contact the Research team.

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Call: 020 7932 1332 or 020 7963 3950 or 020 7963 9376