# **Research Involvement Award**

**Application form**

The Research Involvement Award offers the time and expertise of members of the Parkinson’s UK research team to support researchers who want to involve people affected by Parkinson’s in their work. The award is particularly aimed at researchers who have limited experience of involving people, or are looking to try out new methods of involvement. It aims to help researchers overcome some of the common barriers to involvement, including not having the resources or ‘know-how’.

Before completing this form, we recommend reading our [PPI Guidance for Researchers](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-11/PPI%20Guidance%20for%20Researchers.pdf) which gives practical advice on involving people affected by Parkinson’s in research.

In assessing your application, we will consider both the quality of the research and the

information provided in this application. Please be specific about your motivations and justification for support. Use the questions below each heading to guide your answers.

Please return your completed form toresearchinvolvement@parkinsons.org.uk

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| **Contact details** |
| **Principal applicant** |  |
| **Job Title** |  |
| **Research Institution** |  | **Department** |  |
| **Telephone** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Co-applicants (if any)** |   |

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| **Background to your research** |
| **Plain English title** |  |
| **A plain English description of the study and its aims** (~250 words, including research area, projected study length and any links to online information about the research). |
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| **How will your research help people affected by Parkinson’s in the future?** (~2/3 sentences). |
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| **Have you secured funding for your research?** If yes, who is the funder?If no, when and where are you applying for funding? |
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| **Do you have ethical approval for your study at this stage?** If yes, please send this to us as an attachment. |  |
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| **PPI in your research** |
| **At what stage of your research would you like to involve people affected by Parkinson’s?** (tick all that apply). |
| * Identifying and prioritizing your research question
* Writing your plain English summary
* Designing your study
* Evaluating study documents (information sheets, consent forms etc.)
* Managing the research (as part of a steering group or advisory committee)
* Undertaking the research
* Disseminating the research
* Evaluating impact
* Other (please specify):
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| **How would you like to involve people affected by Parkinson’s in your project?** (such as completing a survey, attending focus/steering groups, reviewing documentation). |
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| What will you be asking the PPI contributors to do? |
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| **Are you looking for people with specific characteristics or experience?** (such as early-onset, experience of participating in research). |
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| **What will be the expected time commitment for PPI volunteers?** | **How many people fitting the criteria are you looking for?** |
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| **Are you looking for people who live in a specific location?** (e.g. city/region or UK-wide). | **When is the deadline for recruiting PPI contributors?** |
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| **Does this PPI role require ethical approval?** If yes, please provide a copy. Please see the [INVOLVE/HRA statement](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/documents/2016/05/hra-involve-updated-statement-2016.pdf) for advice on when PPI activities may need ethical approval. | * Yes
* No
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| **Do you have funding for PPI activities?** If required, e.g., for focus groups, face-to-face meetings. | * Yes
* No
* Not required
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| **Will PPI expenses be reimbursed?** We recommend using the INVOLVE [Involvement Cost Calculator](http://www.invo.org.uk/resource-centre/payment-and-recognition-for-public-involvement/involvement-cost-calculator/) to budget for PPI activities. | * Yes
* No
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| **Feedback and acknowledgement** |
| **How do you plan to feedback to the PPI contributors on the impact they have had?** |
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| **How will you inform those taking on the PPI role of the research outcomes once the study is complete?** |
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| **How do you plan to acknowledge the PPI contributors?** As a contributor, co-applicant, authorship?  |
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| **Motivations for involvement**  |
| **What are your motivations for involving people affected by Parkinson’s in your research?** (~250 words)Why would you like to involve people affected by Parkinson’s in this project? What specific areas of the project would you like input on? What initial ideas do you have for involving people affected by Parkinson’s in this project? |
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| **What impact do you think involvement could have?** (~250 words)How will the involvement of people affected by Parkinson’s be beneficial to the project? What impact would you like to see? Please be specific. |
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| **What is your previous experience of involvement?** (~250 words)Have you involved patients and the public in previous work or earlier stages of this project? If so, what was your experience of this? Did any problems arise? Is your experience in the context of Parkinson’s or another condition? Do other colleagues involved in this project have experience of involvement? |
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| **Justifications for support requested**  |
| **Award duration** Please define the approximate duration that you would require help planning and carrying out PPI activities in your research, and what deadlines (if applicable) you have for those activities to take place. |
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| **Funding**Do you require funding support to cover the costs of the initial meeting? If yes, please give details of the approximate funding required with a breakdown of costs (e.g., room hire, refreshments, travel expenses).  |
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| **Time Commitment** This award will grant you a unique opportunity to partner with the Parkinson’s UK research team to support involvement in your research. Please detail how much time you have available to support these activities over the duration of the award. |
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