

# Membership of the College of Experts

## Terms of reference and roles

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The charity is focused on finding new and better treatments for Parkinson's, and one day a cure. The charity focuses on funding projects that will speed up the research process and deliver treatments to the people who need them faster.
- 1.2 The College of Experts is formed of scientific experts from all areas of Parkinson's research and people affected by Parkinson's with lived experience of Parkinson's.
- 1.3 The College of Experts makes recommendations for funding for Parkinson's UK's project grant, non-drug approaches and fellowship schemes.
- 1.4 These Terms of reference should be read alongside the [College of Experts Code of conduct](#).

### 2. Definitions

- 2.1 [Board of Trustees](#) - group who establish the strategy and policies of the charity and ensure the effective and equitable use of the charity's resources in pursuit of its objectives.
- 2.2 Charity - Parkinson's UK which is the operating name of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom. A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (00948776) with registered office at 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1EJ. Parkinson's UK is a charity registered in England and Wales (258197) and in Scotland (SC037554).
- 2.3 College of Experts Code of conduct - sets out the standards and proper practices for members, including expectations and a framework for addressing performance issues.
- 2.4 College of Experts lay member - person affected by Parkinson's who performs the lay review co-ordinator role, working with the lay grant reviewers.
- 2.5 College of Experts scientific member - scientific expert in Parkinson's research or a related area with scientific technical expertise who reviews research grant applications.
- 2.6 Conflict of interest - potential or perceived bias that may impact on an individual's judgement or decision making (this is explored in section 8).
- 2.7 Full application - this stage is by invitation only for those research grant applicants who have been shortlisted following the review of their preproposal application.
- 2.8 Grant assessment panel - meeting attended by College of Expert scientific members and lay review co-ordinators (or lay grant reviewers) to discuss and score shortlisted full applications.
- 2.9 Lay grant reviewer - person affected by Parkinson's who provides reviews of research grant applications based on their lived experience of the condition.
- 2.10 Preproposal - initial application stage for research grant applications that uses a shortened version of the application form.
- 2.11 Related party transactions - business transactions between two parties which have a pre-existing connection, such as a transfer of resources, services or obligations.

- 2.12 Right to reply - principal applicants of full applications shortlisted for discussion at a grant assessment panel meeting are given one week to reply to the queries raised by the lay and scientific reviewers before the meeting.
- 2.13 Unconscious bias - unintentional thought that a person is unaware of which is based on an involuntary implicit attitude or assumption.

### 3. Purpose

- 3.1 The College of Expert scientific members and lay grant reviewers (represented on the College of Experts by the lay review co-ordinators), provide advice to Parkinson's UK as to whether individual research grant applications merit charity funding and are inline with the charity's strategy.
- 3.2 Parkinson's UK has a College of Expert panel: The College provides recommendations on grants in the region of £100,000 to £400,000.
- 3.3 There is a Chair for the College of Experts. The Chair will attend the annual project grant assessment panel meeting to be held virtually online (in rare instances the charity may arrange for this panel to be an in-person meeting if deemed necessary). They may be asked to join virtual online grant assessment panel meetings for other schemes on an ad hoc basis.
- 3.4 The College of Experts is expected to ensure its recommendations have a direct benefit to people affected by Parkinson's and make effective use of charitable funds.
- 3.5 The College of Experts will work within Parkinson's UK policies, plans and budgets, including the charity's [equality, diversity and inclusion strategy](#).
- 3.6 From time to time, Parkinson's UK may convene separate grant assessment panels to review large or strategically important grant applications or in the instance where the majority of the College of Experts members have conflicts of interest.
- 3.7 Parkinson's UK may co-opt additional College of Expert members for specialist grant applications which lie outside the remit of the existing College of Experts or where the number of conflicts with existing members would preclude obtaining sufficient scientific reviews.
- 3.8 College of Expert members must at all times observe the highest standards of propriety involving impartiality, integrity and objectivity within the context of the 'Seven principles of public life' set out by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (see Appendix A).
- 3.9 College of Expert members have a duty to bring an independent judgement when reviewing grant applications at every stage of submission and on all issues considered at virtual and in-person grant assessment panel meetings. On appointment, they must comply at all times with these Terms of reference, and act in good faith and in the best interests of the charity.
- 3.10 Unless specifically stated otherwise, College of Expert members are appointed as individuals to fulfil the duties of the College, not as representatives of their profession, employer or interest group, and have a duty to act in the interests of Parkinson's UK. Where members declare an organisation's views rather than a personal view, they should make that clear at the time of declaring that view.
- 3.11 The College of Experts role should not be circumscribed by the expertise or perspective they were asked to bring to the grants review process. Members should regard themselves as free to question and comment on the information provided or the views expressed by any of the other members, notwithstanding that the views or information do not relate to their own area of expertise. If members believe the College's method of working is not rigorous or thorough enough they have the right to ask that any remaining concerns they have be put on the record.

- 3.12 All College of Experts members should regard it as part of their role to:
- examine and challenge, if necessary, the assumptions on which scientific advice is formulated and ask for explanations of any scientific terms and concepts which are not clear
  - ensure that the panels have the opportunity to consider contrary scientific views and where appropriate the concerns and values of stakeholders before a decision is taken
  - identify and take action to mitigate the impact of their own and other College of Experts members' unconscious / implicit bias when evaluating applications
  - share in the general responsibility to consider the wider relevance of their decisions to the field of Parkinson's research
- 3.13 College of Expert members are required to complete an annual declaration on related party transactions. This allows the charity to comply with the financial reporting standard FRS102 section 33.
- 3.14 It is a requirement of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) that the names of grant assessment panel members are shared. Therefore the names of College of Expert scientific members and a link to their details on their institution webpage will be present on the charity website.
- 3.15 College of Expert members are expected to complete a survey in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion as requested by the charity.

#### 4. Periods for grant application review, panel meetings, and interviews

- 4.1 Dates for the periods in which College of Expert members may be requested to review grant applications or attend in-person meetings, virtual online meetings and interviews will be set at least four months in advance by the Research grants team in consultation with the Chair.
- 4.2 The agenda for each meeting or interview will consist of the shortlisted applications and will be circulated by the Research grants team. Preproposal and full grant applications that College of Expert member have been requested to review will be available to download from the charity's online grants application system (<https://research.parkinsons.org.uk>). All shortlisted applications, along with completed lay and scientific reviews and other supporting documents will be available to all College of Experts members attending either in-person or virtual online grant assessment panel meetings at least two weeks in advance (right to reply responses from shortlisted applicants may be circulated one week in advance).
- 4.3 College of Experts members invited to attend a grant assessment panel meeting are expected to attend for the whole meeting.
- 4.4 **Project grants:** College of Expert members will provide independent scientific review on preliminary and full project grant applications electronically within a pre-defined time period using the charity's online grants application system. One all-day grants assessment panel meeting is held per year to review project grant full applications which have been shortlisted utilising both the lay and scientific review scores, this will normally be a virtual online meeting. It is expected that the College of Experts members who have provided the review on the shortlisted full applications (including lay review co-ordinators) will attend for the grants assessment panel meeting in full. At the grants assessment panel meeting, lay review co-ordinators will provide a summary of the lay review group's review of the shortlisted application; a primary College of Experts scientific member will be nominated to present a fair and concise overview of the scientific reviews of a shortlisted grant application; any secondary College of Experts scientific reviewers will then be requested to provide additional comments prior to opening up the application to wider discussion by the attendees. Attending College of Experts members will be requested to score

each application on the grants assessment panel meeting agenda once the panel meeting discussion on that application has ended.

- 4.5 **Our fellowships:** One set of fellowship interviews per year is held using virtual online meetings (this scheme may not always run each year). Interviews are normally attended by the College of Experts scientific members who reviewed the fellowship applications, plus additional scientific members of the College of Experts nominated by Parkinson's UK to provide a broader perspective and up to two lay review co-ordinators.
- 4.6 **Non-drug approaches:** College of Expert members will review applications electronically at set times during the year and when required attend virtual online grants assessment panel meetings to review shortlisted applications in each call. A similar review process will take place as for the project grants but lay grant reviewers will attend to represent their own views at the grant assessment panel meetings
- 4.7 Recommendations for funding are based on the combined mean score for each application (from both the lay and scientific scores), which have been submitted online using the 10 point scoring system. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote (they should take into account the lay score for the application when doing so).
- 4.8 In the absence of the appointed Chair or Deputy Chair, an alternate Chair will be elected for the duration of the meeting.
- 4.9 Project grant assessment panel meetings will be minuted and notes will be taken for all other grant assessment panel meetings and interviews.
- 4.10 The final funding decisions from each grant round will be circulated by email to all College of Experts members and lay grant reviewers.
- 4.11 Meetings will be attended by staff and other representatives of Parkinson's UK, at the discretion of the charity.

### 3. Recruitment of the Chair and the Deputy Chair

- 3.1 When the position of Chair becomes vacant, Parkinson's UK will invite applications from suitable candidates. Applications will be assessed by the Director of Research and the Chief Executive Officer, and the appointment will be made by the Director of Research.
- 3.2 The Chair is precluded from applying to Parkinson's UK for research funding for the duration of their term of office.
- 3.3 A Deputy Chair may be appointed by the Director of Research and the Chair from the membership of the College of Experts. They will not be eligible to apply for Parkinson's UK funding, either as a principal, co-applicant or collaborator.
- 3.4 The Chair and Deputy Chair will be invited for a term of three years, which can be extended for up to three years by mutual agreement between Parkinson's UK and the individual.

### 4. Role of the Chair

#### 4.1 Responsibilities of the Chair

- 4.1.1 The Chair has responsibility for ensuring that the College of Experts is an effective and accountable body, and for providing effective strategic leadership in matters such as:
  - encouraging high standards of propriety
  - ensuring that each College of Expert member requested to attend grant assessment panel meetings has the opportunity to be heard and that no view is ignored or overlooked, using,

where appropriate, a structured process which ensures that all views are captured and explored

- ensuring that the full range of scientific opinion, including unconventional and contrary scientific views are appropriately considered
- ensuring that any significant diversity of opinion among panel members is fully explored and discussed and if it cannot be reconciled is accurately reflected in the minutes
- ensure that any their own and other College of Expert members' unconscious / implicit bias is identified and action is taken to mitigate the impact of this when evaluating applications
- ensuring that where a decision cannot be reached between applications of comparable scientific merit (which cannot both be funded due to budget constraints), the panel refer back to the average lay review scores
- ensuring that panel members act in accordance with these Terms of reference

4.1.2 The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the views of people affected by Parkinson's, as reported by the lay review co-ordinators or the lay grant reviewers themselves, are considered in all discussions about research grant applications.

## 4.2 Qualities, skills and experience of the Chair

4.2.1 The Chair will be expected to fulfil the following criteria:

- commitment to the aims and values of Parkinson's UK
- extensive research experience either in clinical practice (including the allied health professions) or in a university / research institute, where they have gained an in depth knowledge in their specific research field
- at least a 10-year publication record in Parkinson's research, or a closely related field, and can demonstrate their research has made an impact in their field of research
- success in obtaining and running research grants / awards
- experience of leading research programs
- experience in reviewing funding applications and research manuscripts which have been submitted for publication in medical journals or on-line open access publication portals
- experience of chairing groups
- ideally have experience of involving lay people with lived experience of health conditions in research
- experience of issues relating to equality, diversity and inclusion in research processes
- good leadership skills
- good communication and interpersonal skills
- willingness to devote the necessary time and effort

## 5. Recruitment and role of lay review co-ordinators<sup>1</sup>

### 5.1 Recruitment of lay review co-ordinators

5.1.1 When lay review co-ordinator positions become vacant, Parkinson's UK will issue a call for applications from existing lay grant reviewers and other audiences with suitable experience. Parkinson's UK staff will assess applications and invite successful applicants to become members of the College of Experts.

5.1.2 Parkinson's UK will invite recently appointed lay review co-ordinators to attend a training event which may occur via a virtual online meeting. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the role and meet Research grant team members, other lay review co-ordinators and scientific

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<sup>1</sup> For further information, please see the Lay review co-ordinator role description.

members of the College of Experts. Lay review co-ordinators will also receive a copy of the training resource for the role.

## **5.2 Responsibilities of lay review co-ordinators**

- 5.2.1 Lay review co-ordinators are responsible for helping the College of Experts to assess applications from the point of view of people affected by Parkinson's.
- 5.2.2 In advance of grant assessment panel meetings or interviews, the lay review co-ordinators are responsible for collating the views of a group of up to six lay grant reviewers into a report (a report template will be supplied by the Research grants team).
- 5.2.3 Lay review co-ordinators are required to give a fair and concise representation of the full range of their group's opinions on the application at the meeting or interview.

## **5.3 Qualities, skills and experience of lay review co-ordinators**

- 5.3.1 Lay review co-ordinators will be expected to fulfil the following criteria:
  - experience of carrying out a lay grant reviewer role, or similar (such as acting as a Research Champion for a Parkinson's UK local group; serving on a steering group for a research project or clinical trial; taken part in a Parkinson's UK research interest group; or serving as a committee member in a scientific, health or research context)
  - an understanding of Parkinson's with lived experience of the day-to-day challenges of Parkinson's
  - confidence in public speaking with ability to represent a variety of views in a balanced and impartial manner
  - an appreciation of the need for confidentiality in the review process

## **6. Recruitment and role of College of Experts scientific members**

### **6.1 Recruitment of College of Experts scientific members**

- 6.1.1 When positions become vacant on the College of Experts for scientific members, Parkinson's UK will issue an open call for applications through its website and newsletter, and any other appropriate channels.
- 6.1.2 Parkinson's UK will assess applications and invite selected applicants to become members of the College of Experts.
- 6.1.3 Where gaps in specific research skill sets on the College of Experts are identified, Parkinson's UK may specifically approach relevant individuals for recruitment into the College of Experts.

### **6.2 Responsibilities of College of Experts scientific members**

- 6.2.1 College of Experts scientific members will be expected to review individual grant applications (preproposal and/or full applications), to attend meetings, or interviews and to take an active role in discussions on each application and provide written comments and feedback for applicants.
- 6.2.2 College of Expert scientific members must consider the views of people affected by Parkinson's, as reported by the lay review co-ordinators or lay grant reviewers, in all discussions about research grant applications.
- 6.2.3 In project grant rounds, College of Experts scientific members are responsible for identifying non-shortlisted applications that should be re-considered for the shortlist. The College of Experts scientific member should inform the Research grants team of the application(s) to be reconsidered and reasons for their concern ([researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk)). The Research grants team will consider all requests and make the final decision on the shortlist.



## 6.3 Qualities, skills and experience of College of Experts scientific members

- 6.3.1 College of Expert scientific members will be expected to fulfil the following criteria:
- commitment to the aims and values of Parkinson's UK
  - willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
  - extensive research experience either in clinical practice (including the allied health professions) or in a university where they have gained an in depth knowledge in their specific research field
  - a broader understanding of where their research fits into our understanding of what causes Parkinson's, how it is treated and the development of effective therapies
  - at least a five-year publication record and can demonstrate their research has made an impact in their field of research
  - should have prior experience in reviewing funding applications and research manuscripts which have been submitted for publication in medical journals or online open access publication portals
  - success in obtaining and running effective research grants / awards

## 7. Length of role of College of Experts members

- 7.1 Individuals will be invited to be members of the College of Experts for a term of three years. This can be extended for a further three years by agreement between the charity, the Chair and the individual concerned, to ensure a rolling turnover of College of Experts members.
- 7.2 Following resignation from the College of Experts after two consecutive terms, individuals are eligible to re-apply for College of Experts membership after a period of absence of three years.
- 7.3 A College of Experts member may resign at any time, without requirement for advance notice, by informing the charity in writing.
- 7.4 Individuals who fail to perform the duties required of a College of Experts member to the standards expected will be removed from the College of Experts. Such decisions will be made by the Chair and the Director of Research.

## 8. Conflicts of interest

- 8.1 The high standards of integrity expected by the members of the charity and the wider public require College of Experts members to avoid situations in which their duties and other interests conflict or where there could be a suspicion of conflict. When asked to review a grant application, College of Expert members need to consider whether there are any potential conflicts of interest and if so inform Parkinson's UK as soon as possible. Those involved in assessment must not only avoid conflict of interest between reviewers and applicants, but also avoid circumstances that might give the impression there is a conflict of interest. There is nothing inherently unethical in finding oneself in a position of conflict of interest; what is required is to recognise the fact and deal with it accordingly.
- 8.2 It is impossible to prescribe a comprehensive set of rules on interests. Individuals are best placed to know their duties with other bodies and where these might conflict. The question one should ask is: 'Will I benefit either directly or indirectly if this grant is awarded or is not awarded?' If in doubt, individuals should discuss their concerns with the Chair or Research grants team staff at Parkinson's UK.
- 8.3 Before each meeting, or when asked to review an application, Research grants team staff will ask panel members to declare conflicts of interest.

- 8.4 Where a conflict of interest exists, a College of Experts member will not take part in the review process of the application, will not receive the scientific or lay reviews, and will leave the meeting or interview during any discussion relating to the application.
- 8.5 If the Chair has a conflict of interest on an identified application they will leave the meeting or interview whilst that application is being discussed and the Director of Research or Deputy chairperson will chair.
- 8.6 When the Chair is unable to attend a meeting and the Deputy Chair has a conflict of interest with an application submitted in that round, or in the absence of a Deputy Chair, an interim Chair will be appointed by Parkinson's UK.
- 8.7 Conflicted College of Experts members will not contribute to recommendations or decisions affecting the application when the applications are ranked for potential funding.
- 8.8 The minutes of a meeting will record decisions about conflicts of interests and any withdrawals for particular items. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that this procedure is followed.
- 8.9 An individual who is concerned about another's potential or actual conflicts of interest should raise the issues with the Chair (in private, if possible); this includes issues concerning Parkinson's UK staff. Conflicts of interest may arise from:
- close links with, or interest in, an institution from which a grant or other funding proposal is being considered (for example, employment or academic collaborations)
  - a commercial or pecuniary interest (for example, where a member or an organisation with which an individual is involved may benefit financially, directly or indirectly, from a decision made)
  - a non-pecuniary interest where a member has other interests that might be thought to influence them, either wittingly or unwittingly
  - personal or family interest with regard to both pecuniary (for example, from connections with bodies which have a direct financial interest, or from being a business partner, or being employed by a person with such an interest) and non-pecuniary interests (for example, any benefit or favour in kind including arising from membership of clubs or other organisations)
- 8.10 An absolute conflict of interest, where the individual should decline to comment, is when the College of Experts member is:
- a close friend or related to the principal applicant(s) or co-applicant(s)
  - directly involved in the work the applicants propose to carry out
  - located at the same department as the principal applicant(s), co-applicant(s) or collaborator(s) in the proposed research team for the project
  - working closely with the principal applicant(s) or co-applicant(s) (for example as a co-author or PhD supervisor) or has done so within the last five years

## 9. Confidentiality

- 9.1 The College of Experts application reviews, deliberations and decision-making are confidential to allow free and frank expression of opinions and individuals and to avoid premature disclosure of intentions. College of Experts members must agree to treat as confidential all correspondence and documents sent by Parkinson's UK in both electronic and printed format. This may result in members receiving pre-publication or confidential information, or proprietary information owned by the applicants. Information contained in confidential documents and applications will be made available on the terms and conditions below.
- 9.2 'Confidential information' means any information contained in the documents and applications that do not fall within the exclusions in paragraph 9.6 below.



- 9.3 Confidential information should be used solely for assessing and making recommendations for research funding on behalf of Parkinson's UK.
- 9.4 College of Experts members will not, without written consent from both Parkinson's UK and the applicant, disclose the fact that an applicant has applied to the charity for support.
- 9.5 College of Experts members will not, without written consent from both Parkinson's UK and the applicant, either disclose confidential information to any third party or use confidential information for any purpose other than the purpose described in paragraph 9.3 above. For the purposes of this paragraph, third party means any party other than a Parkinson's UK employee or a fellow College of Experts member and specifically includes others in a College of Experts member's place of work.
- 9.6 It is understood that the foregoing restrictions on use and disclosure shall not apply to information which:
- was in the public domain or which subsequently becomes part of the public domain by publication or otherwise, except by your wrongful act
  - was in a College of Experts member's possession and was not acquired directly or indirectly from Parkinson's UK or the applicant
  - was received by a College of Experts member from a third party who did not acquire the same directly or indirectly from Parkinson's UK or the applicant and who did not require you to hold the same in confidence
- 9.7 Grant applications, reviews and meeting minutes in any media format must not be disseminated or discussed outside of the review process and should be kept secure and appropriately disposed of immediately after the review process is complete (electronic files should be deleted securely and paper copies shredded).
- 9.8 Parkinson's UK will not use comments provided by College of Experts members for any purpose other than is necessary for the review / funding process and will not disclose them to any person except as is required for the review / funding process or as is required under the [General Data and Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR) (or any other law or regulation to which Parkinson's UK is or may become subject).
- 9.9 Parkinson's UK will only release anonymised College of Experts comments to applicants. Parkinson's UK will not release College of Experts members' names in connection with any specific comments that are released under the [General Data and Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR) without first obtaining permission to do so.
- 9.10 A list of College of Experts members and professional affiliations (where applicable) is publicly available on the charity's website. Further details of College of Experts members will only be provided following permission from the member.

## 10. Communication of funding decisions

- 10.1 Only the Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Research, or those members of Parkinson's UK staff authorised to act on their behalf, may communicate funding decisions.
- 10.2 In reporting the outcome of funding rounds special care will be taken to keep confidential any part played in discussion by individual College of Experts members, to maintain the convention that any decision is the collective responsibility of the whole panel and to safeguard the anonymity of any reviewers. College of Experts members should resist any request for information or for explanation of how a decision was reached.

## **11. Expenses**

- 11.1 All reasonable travel and subsistence costs incurred by the College of Experts members in the completion of their duties shall be reimbursed by the charity in accordance with its [volunteer expense policy](#).
- 11.2 The charity's policy does not allow for reimbursement of first or business class travel.

## **12. College of Experts member support**

- 12.1 The Research grants team can assist with enquiries - please contact on [researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk)

## **13. Review**

- 13.1 The charity will revise these Terms of reference on a regular basis and notify College of Experts members of amendments.

# Appendix A

## The seven principles of public life (Nolan principles)<sup>2</sup>

### **Selflessness**

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

### **Integrity**

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

### **Objectivity**

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

### **Accountability**

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

### **Openness**

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

### **Honesty**

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

### **Leadership**

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

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<sup>2</sup> First Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Cm 2850-I (London: The Stationary Office, October 2001).

# Appendix B

## Parkinson's UK grant schemes reviewed by the College of Experts

For all schemes, funding recommendations made by the grant assessment and interview panels are approved/rejected by the Chief Executive Officer (for individual research grant applications under £500k) or by the Board of Trustees (for individual research grant applications over £500k).

### Project grant scheme

- 1 funding round per year
- No upper funding limit
- Maximum 3-year duration
- Preproposal stage reviewed by: College of Experts scientific members
- Full application stage reviewed by: lay grant reviewers (led by lay review co-ordinators) and College of Experts scientific members
- Shortlisted applications considered at grant assessment panel meetings by: lay review co-ordinators (representing the lay grant reviewers) and College of Experts scientific members

<https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/research/project-grants>

### Non-drug approaches award scheme

- 1 funding round per year
- £200k funding limit
- Maximum 2-year duration
- Preproposal stage reviewed by: lay grant reviewers and College of Experts scientific members
- Full application stage reviewed by: lay grant reviewers and College of Experts scientific members
- Shortlisted applications considered at grant assessment panel meetings by: lay grant reviewers and College of Experts scientific members

<https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/research/grants-non-drug-approaches>

### Fellowship scheme

- 1 funding round per year (scheme may not always run each year)
- £300k funding limit
- Maximum 3-year duration
- Expression of interest stage reviewed by: College of Experts scientific members
- Full application stage reviewed by: lay grant reviewers and College of Experts scientific members
- Shortlisted applications considered at interviews and grant assessment panel meetings by: lay grant reviewers and College of Experts scientific members