



# Bowel Disease Research Foundation

of the Association of Coloproctology of  
Great Britain and Ireland



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## Bowel Disease Research Foundation in partnership with IA (The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Association) and The Kingston Trust CIO

### 2019 Research Grant Awards

IA and the Kingston Trust CIO are two charitable organisations who are jointly funding this grant round with the aim of improving the quality of life of people with an ileostomy.

#### Overview

Grant applications are now open for research on how to improve the quality of life of people with an ileostomy.

Grant awards up to **£75k** will be considered for funding although exceptional projects requiring more finance will be considered.

#### Research

Bowel Disease Research Foundation will act as brokers for the mutual benefit of the partnership and will be responsible for overseeing the whole process of advertising for and screening suitable projects, recruiting potential research teams, assessing applications and using its Research and Audit procedures to peer review and authorise funding. By using this process, successful applications will be eligible for NIHR portfolio status.

#### Topic for Research question consideration:

#### Main theme:

Applications are invited around the theme of:

“Improving quality of life for people with an ileostomy”.



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At a research sandpit event attended by patients and medical professionals, the following common or recurring priorities were identified:

- Psychosocial impact /support
- Expectations
- Shared decision making
- Information – communication and sources
- Exercise particularly in relation to the risk of developing a parastomal hernia
- Counselling before surgery and the value of being ‘visited’ by people with an established ileostomy.
- Post-operative experience
- Lifestyle impact including sexual function & diet
- The effect of nutrition on health and ileostomy function.
- Parastomal hernia; incidence, cause, effect on the quality of life and whether it is preventable.

Applications outside of the above list will be considered also - so not to exclude possible applications from people who were unable to attend the sandpit event (held in November 2018)

## **Grant round timetable:**

Call for Applications: Tuesday 19 February  
Closing Date: 12pm Wednesday 27 March  
Grant Approval: w/c Monday 6 May



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## Policy statement

The Research and Audit Committee of ACPGBI and the Bowel Disease Research Foundation are committed to providing equality of opportunity and fairness in distribution of research support from the Foundation.

## Policy

1. Applications will be externally reviewed. They will be considered by conference call, after circulation by email to all members of ACPGBI's Research and Audit Committee, who will score the applications. Additional external peer review will be sought prior to final decision. The Committee will make funding recommendations to the BDRF Trustees.
2. BDRF's Trustees will then award grants at their May 2019 Trustee meeting. The allocation or otherwise of all available monies will be at the discretion of Trustees depending on the number and scores of the applications. The Trustees reserve the right not to fund any applications for funding if none of sufficient quality is received. IA and the Kingston Trust CIO may potentially refuse an application in the unlikely event that it does not meet with their charitable aims.
3. Correspondence with or appeals against the Trustees' decision by unsuccessful applicants will not be permitted. BDRF is not able to give feedback on why applicants have been unsuccessful or guidance for future applications.

## Regulations for project grants:

1. Grants of up to £75,000 will be available for successful applicants. Larger grants will be considered for larger projects.
2. At least one of the applicants must be an ordinary or affiliate member of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland.
3. The research application must comply with the following rules for eligibility and arrive in the BDRF's office electronically before the closing date for submission to be eligible for funding.
4. Projects may be considered unsuitable for funding at the discretion of the Research & Audit committee. Demonstration of patient and public involvement in study development and design is considered highly desirable.



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5. Research funds awarded must be paid to the institution for whom the applicant works or a charitable fund thereof. In the event of the recipient's moving location, the award will not ordinarily follow the recipient.

If this institution is likely to "top slice" a grant, the fact that this will occur and the amount of overheads charged must be made clear in the application. Applicants are advised to seek exemption from overheads by their institution prior to submission – most Universities will not charge overheads on charitable donations, if pushed. BDRF may, on occasion, consider directly bank-rolling an accepted study in order to avoid paying unnecessary overheads. This should not be presumed, and broadly-speaking, a lack of exemption from institutional overheads is viewed as a detractor. Exemption from institutional overheads should be sought in advance of application submission.

6. Successful applicants must submit a written report of their work to the BDRF as well as IA and KT annually and also within 12 months of completion of the funded work. BDRF/IA/KT will usually, at their sole discretion, withhold funding for the subsequent year's work until a satisfactory report has been received. All reports should include a lay summary and an update of the budget with confirmation of expenditure to date.
7. Further applications for funding will not be considered until all previously funded work by an applicant has been fully reported on. In some cases the Foundation may ask the applicant to make an oral presentation of their work at a seminar or Association meeting.
8. Only one project will be funded per applicant in each funding round. A lead applicant may be a co-applicant on other applications.
9. The BDRF will assign a Trustee to any funded application to ensure progression of the project, adherence to BDRF Awards Governance regulations, and oversight of the award.
10. Bowel Disease Research Foundation reserve the right to reclaim monies not spent in pursuit of the funded project more than 12 months after the award was made.
11. BDRF, IA & Kingston Trust CIO must be acknowledged in all publications arising out of work supported by these grants and evidence of this practice should be supplied with every annual and final report. Failure to acknowledge funding may lead to grant withdrawal.
12. BDRF, IA & Kingston Trust CIO reserve the right to feature successful application forms on their websites, in order to provide a template for future applicants to follow.



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## Format for applications

**All Applications must be made on the official application form**

**Maximum length 4 sides of A4 in 12 pt. typeface + one-sided CV per applicant. Please submit applications electronically as a single Word document using the Application Form.**

Please send applications to:	For further enquiries please contact:
<b>Glen Saffery, BDRF's Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:gsaffery@bdrf.org.uk">gsaffery@bdrf.org.uk</a> by the closing date</b>	<b>Glen Saffery at <a href="mailto:gsaffery@bdrf.org.uk">gsaffery@bdrf.org.uk</a>, Tel: 020 7869 6946.</b> As required, Glen will consult with <b>Miss Asha Senapati</b> - Chairman BDRF, and <b>Mr Austin Acheson</b> - Chairman Research and Audit Committee of ACPGBI and representatives from IA and Kingston Trust CIO