

Guidance for research grant applications to the Diabetes Care Trust and ABCD

Please ensure that you use the current application form provided (2024 version) as other versions will not be accepted.

SECTION 1: Project overview

Project title

Lead applicant

Host organisation name

Please provide details of the organisation who will contract for this study. They should be an NHS or academic institution based in the UK.

Total project cost

Enter the research costs for this project – not including NHS support and treatment costs.

Type of study

Please clarify whether this project would be categorised as research, education or quality improvement.

Proposed start date

This should be the first of a month.

Duration of project in months

We envisage that most projects will last 12 months or less but projects lasting up to 24 months will also be considered.

Summary of proposed project

Please provide a clear explanation of the project outlined under Aims, Background, Methods, Timelines. This should be aimed at health care professionals.

Potential benefits for people with diabetes

Please indicate how people with diabetes will benefit from this project, how long it would take for them to benefit, and how you are going to implement these benefits.

Summary of research in plain English

Please provide an explanation of the project that would be clear to members of the public. It is highly likely this will also be read by reviewers. You may wish to involve any Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) members of your team in composing this plain English summary.

SECTION 2: Research proposal

Research proposal

This is the main part of your application which will be considered by the committee, so care should be taken in preparing this. Please prepare this section according to the following headlines:

1. What is the background to this project and why is it important?
2. What are the aims and objectives?
3. Review of existing evidence.
4. Project plan.
5. How will the study results be analysed?
6. What are the milestones?

Please attach a Gantt chart to the application and any supporting references. These will not be counted towards the word count.

How are people with diabetes involved in this study?

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) is considered to be an important part of any project application and it is important that this section is completed accurately. More details on what public involvement may look like and how the time of any PPI members can be reimbursed is outlined below:

<https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/about-engagement>
[PPI \(Patient and Public Involvement\) resources for applicants to NIHR research programmes | NIHR](#)

SECTION 3: Applicants

Principal investigator details

Previous posts

Please list your previous posts.

Research experience

Please list any previous experience you have had in education, research, service improvement or audit as it relates to the current proposed project.

Publications

Please list up to 10 publications most relevant to this project.

Current research grants

Please list any and all grants you currently hold.

Previous research grants

Please list any previous grants you have held.

Details of co-applicants

Please list the name, institution and nature of support for all co-applicants. In addition, all co-applicants and significant collaborators are required to provide a letter outlining that they are a co-applicant or collaborator, and the nature of the contribution they will be making to the project. This will need to be uploaded to the application.

How would grant award support your career?

Please advise, if your application is successful, how the grant award would support your career.

Please provide a description of the research infrastructure.

Please explain the infrastructure available to you to support your project including where the research will be conducted, what support staff are available, what access to you have to laboratories/ equipment.

SECTION 4: Finances requested**Staff**

Please outline the salary requirement for staff for each year requested. Please provide details of the salary as well as NI contribution, superannuation and any London allowances for each post.

Consumables

Please list the cost of each consumable requirement for each year requested.

Equipment

Please list the cost of each item of equipment requested.

Other

Please list the cost of any other items requested (e.g. PPI, travel).

What contingency is planned for any delays or extra costs that may arise?

Please describe what support you have available for unexpected costs or delays that may occur with this project. Please also outline what measures you have taken to mitigate any problems that may arise.

Have you applied for funding through another source? If so, please explain and include when will you hear the outcome?

Please provide details of any other funding application for your project

Total grant requested

What is the total amount of funds requested for this project? This will exclude NHS treatment and support costs.

Contact with NIHR Clinical Research Network and excess treatment and support costs

We strongly encourage all applicants for research grants to contact their local NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) to explore support for costs associated with delivering the research project. The CRN will be able to provide support for NHS support as well as NHS treatment costs and this may significantly reduce the cost of undertaking this research. If they are able to provide this support, they will need to provide a Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Template (SoECAT) form – see [Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Template \(SoECAT\) & Excess Treatment Costs \(ETCs\) \(nih.ac.uk\)](#) This is a process for which they can provide advice and support. These costs cannot be leveraged for education or audit/service development projects.

Is there any support from another grant awarding body or industry for this project?

Please outline any other funding application or support for this project (or part of this project) that has been awarded.

Referees

Please provide the names and contact details of two referees who could be approached to comment on this project.

SECTION 5: Re Submission

If this is a re submission, please outline the changes that have been made

Please only complete this section if your application is a re submission to the DCT/ABCD Research Grant Programme. Please clearly describe in this section what changes have been made to the application since it has first been submitted and how you will address the committee feedback from the previous submission.

SECTION 6: Declaration and signature

Name of principal applicant

Position

Contact details

Application Submission and Supporting Documents

Please upload your completed PDF application form to:

[DCT / ABCD Research Grant Application | The Association of British Clinical Diabetologists](#)

A number of supporting documents are required to be uploaded. Some are mandatory and others are optional. Please see below:

1. Letter of support from a representative of the host organisation stating they will be happy to sponsor this study and also that they have reviewed and approved the finances (mandatory)
2. Letters of support from all co-applicants and significant collaborators (mandatory)
3. Supporting reference(s) (optional)
4. Gantt chart (optional)
5. SoECAT form (optional)

We would encourage you to explore whether your study is eligible for NIHR support. Further details about this support can be identified here:

- Eligibility for NIHR Clinical Research Network support
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/eligibility-for-nihr-clinical-research-network-support/23746>
- Please contact the NIHR to explore eligibility if this would be useful:
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/collaborations-services-and-support-for-your-research/run-your-study/early-contact-and-engagement.htm>
- NCCPE: About engagement
<https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/about-engagement>
- Reward and recognition for public contributors – a guide to the payment of fees and expenses
[Payment guidance for researchers and professionals | NIHR](#)

Any Queries:

If you have any queries, please view our [frequently asked questions](#) or email the ABCD Operations Team on info@abcd.care