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Clulow Research Grant 2025

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GUIDELINES

Deadline: Friday 9th May 2025 (5pm)

The British Pain Society invites proposals for the Clulow research grant 2025 competition. A grant of up to £40,000 will be awarded for a research proposal, which may be in any field of pain research. Priority will be given to projects addressing the causes and the treatments of pain. The funds may be awarded for a variety of purposes in support of a research project (e.g. small project grant, salary support, capital equipment purchase, running costs or additional funding to an existing grant). However, should a proposal request a proportion of the total costs of a research project then, in the event of an award, funds cannot be released until funds covering the full costs of the project are in place. Applications will be peer reviewed and a decision made by the British Pain Society Science and Research Committee by the end of November 2025.

Application forms and grant conditions can be downloaded from the British Pain Society website [Grants, Awards & PhD's | British Pain Society](#). Applications will not be accepted without a completed application form. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications should be submitted by email to the following email address: info@britishpainsociety.org
The closing date is 5pm on Friday 9th May 2025. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

FULL ECONOMIC COSTING

Applicants should note that in accordance with the Association of Medical Research Charities, to which the British Pain Society belongs, grants awarded by the Society will not fund the full economic costs of research (fECs), or a proportion of these.

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must be a current, Ordinary member of the British Pain Society, in good standing, and have been a member for a minimum of 6 months.
- The subject of the research must be within the field of pain.
- The research must be undertaken in the UK.

APPLICATION

- The applicant must complete the 2025 Clulow Research Grant application form below. The application includes Sections A, B and C. The specific parts of Section C must be completed according to the following guidance:

Part I: a 200-word scientific abstract of the proposed research

Part II: a 200-word abstract of the proposed research, capable of being understood by a lay member of the general public with no scientific or medical training.

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Part III: an outline of the proposed research (maximum of 2,000 words). The outline should include information under the following headings:

- title
- overall aim and specific objectives
- hypothesis to be tested/research question
- background and justification, properly referenced
- a statement of the topic's importance, relevance to and expected impact on the understanding or management of pain
- methods
- analysis plan (including a statistical power calculation of the number of animals, subjects or patients required, where appropriate; or description of qualitative methodology if appropriate)
- an estimated timetable to complete the work
- justification of resources requested
- additional supporting information/appendices
- a statement indicating whether the proposed research is likely to lead to any patentable or commercially exploitable results must accompany the application. If so, a brief comment as to the nature of this should be included.
- a complete list of the resources required and costing for the research project approved by the institution which will be responsible for administration of the grant (e.g. hospital or university) and who must agree to comply with the research grant conditions. Part funding: If some resources are to be requested from another body then confirmation of such funded must be provided before funds will be released by The British Pain Society.
- evidence must be submitted of Home Office personal and project licences for projects which involve experiments on laboratory animals. If animals are to be used then a justification statement must accompany the application confirming:
 - why the use of animals is necessary?
 - are there any other possible approaches which have been considered and are feasible which would not involve the use of animals? If so why such approaches are not being used instead of animals.
 - is the species to be used the most appropriate?
 - that the principles of replacement, refinement and reduction have been considered.
 - that the International Association for the Study of Pain Ethical Guidelines for Investigations of Experimental Pain in Conscious Animals have been read and will be adhered to. (Pain 1983;16:109-110 (www.iasp-pain.org/ethics-a.html))

Part IV: a CV of the lead applicant (including full list of publications) and a list of grants held currently and within the last 5 years and one page summaries of Co-Applicants' CVs

Part V: a letter of support from the applicant's supervisor, Clinical Director or academic Head of Department indicating that the resources required to undertake the proposed work will be made available.

Part VI: Names and contacts of 3 suggested reviewers

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DECISION

- Applications will be evaluated by external peer review.
- The British Pain Society Science and Research Committee will assess the peer review and will submit their recommendation for approval at the last Council meeting of 2025.
- Funding will be forwarded to the institution who employs the successful applicant, in stages, according to each project and on submission of relevant expense receipts.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- The British Pain Society is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC). All AMRC members support the AMRC [position statement](#) on the use of animals in research.
- Clinical Research funded by the BPS may be eligible for NIHR portfolio adoption.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH

The Grant will be paid in four instalments. The first three at 30% of the total grant value and the fourth at 10%, each against an invoice from the Receiving Institution. The first instalment will be transferred following receipt of grant award letter from the BPS. The second and thirds instalments will be paid upon receipt and approval by The British Pain Society of two progress reports to be submitted at 12 and 18 months from the date of receipt of grant award letter. A final instalment of 10% will be paid upon receipt of the study final report.

Failure to submit timely progress reports will result in withholding of funds.