**Research Involvement Award**

Application form

The new Research Involvement Award offers financial support to researchers seeking to work in partnership with people affected by Parkinson’s prior to submitting their application for a Parkinson’s UK senior research fellowships (SRF) grant. By facilitating early and meaningful involvement, the award aims to enhance the relevance, quality, and impact of Parkinson's research.

**Eligibility**

The eligibility criteria to apply for the SRF scheme are below. Please briefly explain how you meet the first three requirements in the provided response fields below:

* Applicants should have a strong track record of original and productive research in their area which shows impact across past appointment (typically at least one previous post-doctoral appointment)
* Applicants should be able to demonstrate the progress they have made in moving towards independence through diverse collaborations and partnerships independent of their sponsors and past supervisor
* Applicants should be able to demonstrate receipt of small amounts of independent funding (such as a previous intermediate fellowship) and/or a track record of effective management of a small number of their own laboratory staff.
* Researchers who hold tenure are not eligible to apply.
* Grants are tenable only at a UK university, NHS Trust, statutory social care organisation or other UK research institution.

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* **Please confirm that you meet the above eligibility criteria before proceeding to complete the rest of the the application**

If successful, you will be asked to agree to the conditions of our support, which are outlined in our PPI Support Agreement. For more information about the types of research we support, see the [Research Support Policy](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/Supporting%20research%20through%20involvement%20and%20participation.pdf).

Before completing this application form, we recommend you read our [PPI Guidance for Researchers](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-11/PPI%20Guidance%20for%20Researchers.pdf) which gives you practical advice on involving people affected by Parkinson’s in research. You can find additional [guidance for lab-based researchers here](https://sites.google.com/parkinsons.org.uk/ppi-in-lab-based-research/home).

Please return your completed form to researchinvolvement@parkinsons.org.uk**.**

**\* Please note that the application deadline is 12 pm on Thursday 15 May. We expect applicants who are successful in receiving a Research Involvement Award to go on to submit a fellowship preproposal application to Parkinson’s UK. Those who are unsuccessful at the SRF preproposal application stage are permitted to use the RIA Award and continue with the proposed PPI plan as outlined in their RIA application.**

# Contact details

| Principal applicant |   |
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| Job Title |   |
| Research Institution & department  |   |
| Phone number  |  |
| Email |  |
| Name of Supervisor  |   |

# Background to your research

| Plain English title |   |
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| A plain English description of the study and its aims including research area and projected study length.(250 words) |
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| How will your research help people affected by Parkinson’s in the future? (100 words) |
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# PPI in your research

| **What is the purpose of involving people affected by Parkinson’s in the development of your application?** *Please describe your motivation and why you would like to involve people in your application.* (100 words) |
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| **Summarise the PPI activity***Please include what the activity is, the format and what approaches you will take to ensure meaningful involvement*(250 words) |
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| **Please describe how inclusion and diversity are considered within your PPI plans.**(100 words) |
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| **Please provide a brief outline of timeframes for the PPI activity (s).**(50 words) |
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| **Please describe how you will monitor and evaluate the PPI activities.** *To learn more about the evaluation and impact in PPI and various tools available, please visit the NIHR webpage* [*here*](https://www.learningforinvolvement.org.uk/topic/evaluating-involvement/)*.*(100 words) |
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| **How do you plan to give feedback to the PPI contributors on the impact they have had?**(100 words) |
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# PPI in your research - ethics and payment

| Whilst you should make sure all PPI activities are carried out in an ethical way, you do not need ethical approval for PPI - see this [HRA webpage](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/best-practice/public-involvement/what-do-i-need-do/) for more info.  |
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| **What is the total amount of funding you are seeking from Parkinson’s UK?** (Maximum award - £500)*Please provide an itemised budget detailing how the PPI grant funds will be utilised. Include costs such as PPI contributor reimbursement, materials, event costs, and any other relevant expenses.* *Please see our* [*Guidance on Expenses and Payments here*](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-03/Guidance%20for%20researchers%20on%20payment%20and%20recognition%20%282%29%20%282%29.pdf) *and the* [*NIHR Guidance for payment*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/payment-guidance-researchers-and-professionals) *to PPI volunteers.*  |
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| **Are you in receipt of funding for PPI that will supplement the RIA?***If yes please indicate how much and how these funds will compliment each other.*50 words |
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# Get connected via Synapse

| Synapse is our monthly e-newsletter for Parkinson's researchers. Sign up [here](https://cloud.comms.parkinsons.org.uk/synapse_newsletter#:~:text=Sign%20up%20to%20receive%20Synapse,the%20world%20of%20Parkinson's%20research!) to be the first to find out about funding opportunities, research events and other news and opportunities from Parkinson’s UK. |
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**Declaration and Signature**

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If awarded the grant, I commit to utilising the funds as detailed in this application.

Signature:

Date: