



## MYOSITIS UK

### SMALL RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME

#### TERMS and CONDITIONS of the Myositis UK Small grant scheme:

- Myositis UK offers small grants to researchers working on myositis (clinical, basic, or translational from all back grounds) of up to £20,000 per award.
- Grants can be for any aspect of myositis (DM, PM, IMNM, IBM, JDM, other) unless specifically stated.
- Applicants can be from any background (including any clinical professional and non-clinical researchers) but must be based within the UK: funding is not available to fund research (or salaries) based outside of the UK. No funding will leave the UK.
- Applicants can apply by filling in the short application form which is found here <https://www.myositis.org.uk> and attaching a short CV of the lead applicant.
- Applications will be sent for independent review before the SAC meet virtually to discuss reviewer's comments and reach a consensus decision. Applicants should receive a response within 8-10 weeks of receipt, but on occasion this process may take longer. Applicants will be informed of any delay as quickly as possible.
- Assessment will include analysis of the applicant's track record in myositis, but newer investigators are also encouraged and welcome to apply and/or be co-applicants.
- If the work involves human samples, data, or animal work, applicants will be asked to provide evidence that all approvals are in place before money can be awarded.
- Applications can cover travel and conference costs, but this will be limited to 10% of the award (eg up to £2,000 of a £20,000 award). This is specifically to enable applicants to present their findings of research funded by Myositis UK.
- Applications can cover small amounts of staff salary costs, such as an existing staff member who needs a small amount of time for bridging between awards. Thus, researchers currently funded through research grants may put part of their salary costs on this application.
- However, funding will not be available for PIs or Co-Is salaries, who receive FTE payment from their substantive employer in a permanent position whether that is NHS or HEI/HEFCE.
- Overheads and indirect costs are not allowable on these awards as they are charity funding.
- Funding should not be used to cover publication costs, and these should not be included in any proposed budget submitted.
- The SAC will liaise with the Myositis UK Medical Advisory Board (MAB) with its recommendation, who if in agreement, will inform the Myositis UK Board of Trustees of the outcome, before informing the applicants.



- If awarded, applicants will receive a funding letter from Myositis UK, stating if any budget changes or specific requirements have been requested.
- Successful applicants will be expected to facilitate communication with their finance officer or equivalent colleague to ensure a smooth process of funding.
- If unsuccessful, applicants will receive a 'decline letter' from Myositis UK, summarising the reviewer's comments. Applicants will be allowed to re-submit revised applications for future funding calls, in open competition.
- After an award is made awardees will be asked to agree to terms and conditions of the award, including the acknowledgement of Myositis UK support in all papers, talks, presentations, and other forms of dissemination.
- After an award is made, awardees will be asked to report progress back to Myositis UK, providing updates for their website and attending / presenting at their future meetings.

Initially Myositis UK can fund up to about 4 grants per year.