**Introduction:** Myositis UK is a charitable organisation, that awards small grants of up to £25,000, to UK researchers working within the field of myositis. Each year, Myositis UK will support up to 4 such grants, with funding calls taking place every 6 months. The following steps are involved in the application and review process.

**Application process:**

To make your application, you will need to

Complete the Myositis UK ‘Small grant scheme application form’ and send it together with a copy of your mini CV (2 pages maximum).

This should be sent as a single pdf attachment to the small grants scheme coordinator – Mr Paul New, at paul.new2@nca.nhs.uk (before the grant call close date)

An electronic copy of the Myositis UK ‘Small grant scheme application form’ can be found on the Myositis UK website <https://www.myositis.org.uk>

**Review process:**

After the grant call close date, the Myositis UK - Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), will arrange for independent review of all applications and will gather reviewer’s comments and scores.

The SAC will then meet virtually to discuss and reach a consensus decision regarding awards. They will convey their recommendations to the Myositis UK Medical Advisory Board (MAB), who in turn, will inform Myositis UK and the Board of Trustees.

Myositis UK will send email notification of the decision outcome to applicants within 10 weeks of the call closing date. Those awarded will receive an award letter from Myositis UK, along with the Terms and Conditions of the grant and summary feedback of reviewer’s comments.

**After the award:**

If awarded, you 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

Report progress back to Myositis UK, providing updates for their website and attending / presenting at their future meetings

Provide evidence that all approvals are in place for work involving human samples and data, before the money can be awarded