

MSA Trust is accepting new and innovative Pre-Proposal applications for our Research Grant Round 2021-22

We intend to further increase our knowledge and understanding of MSA by supporting researchers with a new round of grant funding in 2021-22.

MSA Trust seeks innovative basic, translational or clinical neuroscience research projects to improve our knowledge of the cause and cure of MSA. In addition, this year we have introduced a themed call inviting applications for projects aimed at improving clinical care and management of people with MSA. We are open to working collaboratively at home and abroad, where there is a demonstrable connection to a UK-based Principal Investigator/Institution.

We welcome grant funding applications up to the value of £150,000. Applications can be for single or multiple years' projects.

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Panel, chaired by Dr. Christopher Kobylecki, Salford Royal Hospital. Criteria this year's grant round is given on our website <http://www.msatrust.org.uk/cause-and-cure/>. In this section of the website you will find updated guidelines for application, our research strategy, terms and conditions and a prep-proposal template.

Please note the following process now applies for applications to the MSA Trust Research fund:

- Call for research Projects **01.09.2021** – Preproposals accepted.
- Deadline for submission of prep-proposals **01.11.2021** – submissions are assessed by Scientific Advisory Panel and 4 – 5 are requested to submit a full application.
- Full application forms are issued by 30.11.2021 with a deadline for full applications to be submitted by **28.02.2022**
- Applications are forwarded to a minimum of 2 peer reviewers by Chair of the SAP. Reviewers asked to return application reviewed by **30.04.2022**
- SAP meet to discuss applications and to make recommendations to the Trustee Board of MSA Trust.
- MSA Trust Board of Trustees meet **26.05.2022** to agree projects to be awarded grants.
- Successful applicants are informed from 01.06.2022 for a start date of new academic year 2022-23

Closing Date for pre-proposals is 1st November 2021, 5p.m.

All pre-proposals should be sent to Karen.walker@msatrust.org.uk