

MSA Trust is accepting new and innovative Pre-Proposal applications for our Research Grant Round 2025-26

We intend to further increase our knowledge and understanding of MSA by supporting researchers with a new round of grant funding in 2025-26.

MSA Trust seeks innovative basic, translational or clinical neuroscience research projects to improve our knowledge of the cause and cure of 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 <https://www.msatrust.org.uk/cause-and-cure/for-msa-researchers/>. In this section of the website you will find updated guidelines for application, our research strategy, terms and conditions and a pre-proposal template.

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

- Call for research Projects **01.09.2025** – Pre-proposals accepted.
- Deadline for submission of pre-proposals **01.11.2025** – 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 **28.02.2026**
- Applications are forwarded to a minimum of 2 peer reviewers by Chair of the SAP. Reviewers asked to return application reviewed by **30.04.2026**
- SAP meet to discuss applications and to make recommendations to the Trustee Board of MSA Trust.
- MSA Trust Board of Trustees meet **12.05.26** to agree projects to be awarded grants.
- Successful applicants are informed from **15.06.2026** for a start date of new academic year 2026-27

Closing Date for pre-proposals is 1st November 2025, 5p.m.

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