



SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME 2017/18

Our Small Grants programme provides up to £8,000 for exploratory projects that address emerging issues in alcohol research, employ novel theoretical or methodological approaches, or pilot new work in treatment or service delivery.

The Small Grants programme is intended for stand-alone projects and the scheme cannot be used to part-fund or supplement other studies such as larger programmes, ongoing initiatives or to part fund a PhD. PhD students may, however, apply for funding for a separate or complimentary study.

Alcohol Research UK is not able to fund biomedical research.

Applicants should bear in mind our commitment to maximising public involvement in our funded programmes. Where feasible and appropriate, we encourage all our applicants to build public involvement into the design, delivery and dissemination of their proposed projects.

Applicants

The principal applicant should be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge and skills to complete the proposed project. Depending on the nature of the proposed work, this may be either academic or other work-based experience.

Timescales

Small Grants projects can be up to 12 months in duration.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on 13th September and applicants should be notified of the outcome by the end of October 2017.

If successful, the project must start on the date proposed in the application otherwise the funding may be withdrawn.

Outputs

On completion of the main research, a brief 'Alcohol Insight' report must be submitted for publication on our website, as well as a full project report. Guidance for preparation of this report will be sent to successful applicants.

We would encourage applicants to consider further outputs that, where appropriate, can help disseminate the findings of their work. We encourage applicants to consider the full range of platforms for research dissemination and to be creative in their approach.

Open access publication costs cannot be included in the budget for Small Grants. However, in line with our policy on open access, we encourage our grant recipients to make their outputs as widely accessible as possible.

Impact and Dissemination

All applications must describe how research impact will be maximised: who will benefit from the research, how they will benefit and what will be done to ensure that they have the opportunity to benefit from the research. Applicants must address how the proposed project will be managed to engage users and beneficiaries and increase the likelihood of impacts. Applicants should specify the main and longer-term impacts. Impact activities should be targeted towards the most appropriate audiences. We will follow up successful projects to report on impact.

Completion of proposal

Your application should demonstrate why the proposed research is important, what the objectives are and why the proposed methods are appropriate. Please ensure it is written in a clear and accessible style.

Evaluation criteria

Applications are judged according to the following criteria:

- Is the project **innovative** in either its theoretical approach, methods or subject area?
- Is the project **realistic and achievable** within the budget and timeframe?
- Does the project represent good **value for money**?
- Do the applicants have the **requisite skills** to complete the project?

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