



Research Committee Internship 2025

Cure Parkinson's is a medical research charity that funds preclinical and clinical research focused on disease modification in Parkinson's. These projects are all seeking to slow, stop or reverse the progression of this neurodegenerative condition.

We support our projects through funding, awarded via a grant application process. A committee of volunteer academics, clinicians, regulatory experts, and people with Parkinson's meets four times per year to evaluate the grant applications we receive. If they believe an application is within our funding remit and worthy of consideration, it is sent out for external peer-review. At the next committee meeting (three months later), with the peer-review comments in hand, the committee will decide whether to recommend that Cure Parkinson's fund the project.

Cure Parkinson's would like to invite two early-career researchers to join our grant evaluation research committee.

The aim of this initiative is to provide young researchers with experience and exposure to the grant review process. Applicants for these two positions must be either a PhD student or in post-doctoral training in the UK, and priority will be given to those working directly in Parkinson's.

This is a one-year, volunteer role, which will involve sitting in on four separate grant review meetings. Three of the meetings will be virtual, and one will take place in person in London (with travel expenses covered). Applicants who are invited to sit on the committee will be expected:

- At the first meeting (virtual) to be an observer to learn about our grant review processes.
- At the second meeting (virtual) to be a voting member of the committee.
- At the third meeting (virtual) to be a presenter on a grant application.
- At the final meeting (in person) to be a presenter on multiple grant applications.

Our 2024 Research Committee Interns told us about their experience:

"You don't get that 'behind the scenes' experience from being in the lab or following your supervisor. I think this is a really valuable opportunity and they don't come up very often."

"I think this will really improve my skills in grant writing and knowing what I should work towards in the future. Applying was the best choice I made last year, I'm really enjoying it."

If you are interested in being considered for these two voluntary positions, please send a letter expressing interest, a description of your research specialty, and your CV to Ellie Thompson (Ellie@cureparkinsons.org.uk) by the **30th November, 2024**.