



CURE
PARKINSON'S

Research Committee Member

Recruitment Pack



ROLE PROFILE

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 academics, clinicians, regulatory experts, and people with Parkinson's meets four times per year to evaluate the grant applications we receive via a two-stage application process. If they believe a stage 1 application is within our funding remit and worthy of consideration, it is invited to stage 2 submission and then sent out for external peer-review. At the second subsequent meeting, with the peer-review comments in hand, the committee will decide whether to recommend funding to Cure Parkinson's Trustees.

We fund laboratory or clinical research projects with the potential to cure Parkinson's. By "cure", we mean disease-modifying therapy or therapies. Our priority is to find a cure for those living with Parkinson's now. This means we only fund research with the potential to prevent, slow, stop, or reverse the underlying disease progression. We do not fund research which is directed only to symptomatic relief, basic science or early drug development. We fund clinical trials involving people with Parkinson's, projects that support clinical trials such as sub-studies and infrastructure projects or preclinical research investigating therapies that show potential to translate to clinical trials. A key part of our remit is that we prioritise research which has the potential to translate into the clinic within five years. Cure Parkinson's funds research internationally and has funded research at 42 institutions across 12 countries.

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

The Research Committee (RC) are group of 16-20 volunteers that review and assess Cure Parkinson's (CPs) grant funding applications. It is made up of world leading research scientists in Parkinson's, including both preclinical and clinical experts, industry representatives and people with Parkinson's. The RC meets four times a year. There are two online meetings, a hybrid meeting and an in-person meeting in London at the end of the calendar year, including a Research Committee dinner that follows. **Information on the current members of the Research Committee can be found on our website [here](#).**

Research Committee Papers are circulated at least 14 days prior to meetings. The primary role of the Committee is to consider new applications for funding, review applications sent for independent peer review, and make recommendations for funding, where appropriate, to the Trustees. The RC does not hold a budget: its role is to consider the scientific rationale of a proposal in line with CP's funding remit and the proximity to clinic. A part of this assessment is a consideration of value for money of the proposed research and importantly the relevance to CP's research strategy and funding remit.

The RC also considers academic, and research matters related to CP's wider role, such as reports from funded projects and important matters such as the involvement of patients in research and the management of intellectual property.

We aim to conclude the business of each meeting within 2.5-3 hours however this may vary depending on the number of applications for consideration. Applications are submitted to the committee approximately two weeks before each meeting. Each RC member is allocated approximately 2 applications per funding round to present at the following meeting. All RC members are expected to read all the applications. The designated presenters (a primary and secondary) are allocated to summarise and present the application at the meeting. They are then asked to propose either invitation to stage 2 submission or a funding recommendation.

Committee members are required to sign a standard Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) in order to receive confidential information as part of grant applications and complete an annual conflict of interest form. **Our conflict of interest policy can be found [here](#).**

The RC are expected to attend one in person meeting a year, at which necessary and reasonable travel expenses and accommodation are provided by CP. Following this meeting, CP also hosts an annual in person dinner near to the London office. For more details on how we can support you please contact the research team prior to applying.

RC membership is typically for three years, which can be extended for another three years if desired. RC members are expected to attend all 4 meetings a year unless prior notice is provided, and in such case written comments should be provided ahead of the meeting. It is estimated that members commit 2 days per quarter to complete RC related activities. **More information on the terms of reference of the committee can be found [here](#).**

New members would be expected to join from January 2026.

OPEN CALL

This is an open call for applications from UK and Europe based candidates; however, CP are seeking specific experience in the following areas:

- **Preclinical research in Parkinson's, with particular knowledge and expertise in:**
 - In vitro cell models – to include iPSC-derived neurons or glia, fibroblasts or immortalised cell lines such as SH-SY5Y cells or LUHMES
 - Cell and molecular biology
- **Clinical experience in Parkinson's, with a particular focus on:**
 - Trialists
 - Imaging
 - Biomarkers
 - Genetics linked to Parkinson's
- **Inflammation or drug development across either preclinical or clinical research**
- **People with Parkinson's with expertise in the grant review process and medical clinical and/or preclinical research**

Academic members must have experience of writing and reviewing grants, with the minimum of one awarded grant and publication in an established journal.

Applicants must show commitment to the equitable treatment of research funding applications and applicants, EDI principles, open access and the AMRC requirements on research funding and use of animals in research.

Applicants must ensure they have institutional support for the time commitment to the position.

If you are interested in applying, please submit an expression of interest letter (max one page), and CV (max two pages) indicating which vacancy you are interested in by 5pm Monday 29 September 2025 to research@cureparkinsons.org.uk

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

STAGE	REQUIREMENTS	DATE
Submit an expression of Interest letter and CV	<p>Expression of interest letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum one A4 page • Outline expertise and career to date in Parkinson's/ neuroscience • Why are you interested in the role and Cure Parkinson's? • What experience in reviewing grants/research applications can you bring to the role? • Outline any collaborations or partnerships in neurodegeneration and other conditions related to Parkinson's • Declare any potential conflicts <p>CV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum two A4 pages • Career history to date, specifically in neuroscience • Relevant publications/awards 	Monday 29 September 2025 by 5pm
Successful candidates invited	Invitations accepted, conflict of interest declarations and NDAs signed	By the end of October 2025
Observe meeting	New members are invited to observe the last RC meeting of 2025 via Zoom, they are not expected to present or vote. 2026 meeting dates will be shared.	Thursday 20 November 2025
Officially join RC	Official membership will begin	Thursday 1 January 2026