



Pain Pump Priming (P³) Award application guidance

Overview of the P³ award process

- Funding can be made available to all University of Oxford, OUH and Oxford Health NHS groups working on projects falling within the scope and aims of the [OH-BRC Pain theme](#).
- Novel projects addressing pain neuroscience, behaviour and medicine in human participants will be considered.
- Applications are open to anyone working with, or planning to work with, an OH-BRC Pain key researcher (<https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research/pain/key-contacts/>).
- Applications will be reviewed and scored by a sub-group of theme and subtheme leads.

Aims

The objective of these awards is:

- To promote collaboration between research groups within the Oxford pain research community, the [OH-BRC Pain theme](#), across [OH-BRC themes](#) and the wider network of BRCs
- To cultivate new collaborations that have potential for new discovery, or novel applied research
- To support the career development of early career researchers (non-clinical, clinical and NMAHP)
- To support projects which strengthen the OH-BRC *Pain* theme to facilitate outputs including, but not limited to manuscripts, grant, and fellowship applications.

Standards and Specification

- Funds can be used for consumables, equipment, travel costs and to support appropriate personnel costs.
- Applications can be made by any researcher at the University of Oxford, OUH, or the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust working in an area relevant to the OH-BRC *Pain* theme.
- Preference will be given to applications from or including early career researchers.
- All funds must be used by 28/2/2025.
- Funds cannot be used to support/supplement existing projects, they must be novel proposals.
- Applications can be up to £5k (in exceptional cases up to £10k).
- Clear plans must be in place for using the funds within the allocated timeframe and any requests for salary support must be fully justified.
- Funds cannot be used to support work in animal models under any circumstance.
- As a condition of funding, awardees are required to provide a brief written report after the completion of the project.

Applications dates and deadlines

- Applications must be submitted by 17:00 on 31/07/2024.
- Application will be reviewed within two weeks and a response is expected on or before 19/08/2024.
- All funds must be spent by 28/2/2025.
- Please attach a 1-page CV to your application.

Completing the application form

Section 1: Personal Data

1.1 *Principal Applicant(s)*: Please specify the scientist writing the application and include their contact e-mail address.

1.2 *Collaborator(s)*: Please indicate any additional investigators where appropriate, including external collaborators if necessary.

1.3 *BRC research areas*: Please indicate the OH-BRC *Pain* theme research areas with which your project is most closely aligned. Applications which include collaboration with [OH-BRC Pain theme researchers](#) are strongly encouraged.

Section 2: Project Data

Please provide a clear and concise description of your project. This summary should be written in a way that is understandable to members of the general public who may not have specialized knowledge in your field.

2.1 *Project Title*

2.2 *Project Summary*: Maximum of 150 words

2.3 *Scientific Background*: Maximum of 300 words

2.4 *Aims and Objectives*: Maximum of 200 words

2.5 *Plan of Investigation*: Maximum of 500 words. Outline the investigations or experiments that will be performed.

2.6 *Impact*: Maximum of 200 words. Describe both the impact of the research and the added value that the P³ Award would provide.

2.7 *Ethics approval*. Indicate whether the proposed activity requires ethical approval and, if so, whether this is in place, or expected to be in place at the start date.

2.8 *Total funds requested*: Provide the total funds requested. Please note that funds can be requested for consumables, equipment, travel costs and to contribute towards personnel costs.

2.9 *How the funds will be used*: Provide a detailed list of costs for the project. Please specify how the funds will be used indicating clearly if they are for consumables or salary. If any salary funding is requested, you must clearly specify the timing for these funds to be used.

2.10 Timelines for the use of funds: Please indicate a START and END date for when the funds will be used (if awarded). NOTE: A report will need to be generated by any successful recipient of an award. Funds must be used by 28/2/2025.

2.11 Project outputs and deliverables: Indicate the specific outputs that will be generated and how the work is anticipated to enable future grant applications and indicate the approximate timeline.

2.12 Proposed benefit to BRC Pain Theme: Indicate how the project will strategically strengthen the BRC Pain Theme (see also 1.3 for main topics of the BRC Pain Theme).

2.13 Please declare if your application is under consideration elsewhere.

Submitting your application

Once the application for is completed, please save as a pdf, include your surname in the title of the document (e.g., SMITH_BRC_P3_Award) and e-mail to pain.ohbrc@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be judged on their scientific content, impact, and their potential to generate meaningful BRC outputs. The applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Fit within the theme aims
2. Fosters collaboration between research groups within the Oxford pain research community, the BRC Pain Theme, across OH-BRC themes and the wider network of BRCs
3. Clear plan for project to provide a step to large external grant application
4. Scientific impact
5. Feasibility
6. Potential to generate relevant OH-BRC outputs
7. Impact for training