

Full Eligibility Rules

a) National Eczema Society (NES) Innovation/pump priming grants and PhD Studentships are open to any UK-based researcher working at UK Research Institution looking to fund research into any topic focused on eczema including:

- o TSW.

b) NES will only accept PhD studentship applications from Supervisors and not directly from prospective PhD candidates.

c) No more than one application can be submitted by a Principal Investigator per application round.

d) Collaborative grants with other UK institutions will be welcomed.

e) Applicants are expected to demonstrate the value of the project to the field of dermatology,

f) Research projects should be in alignment with NES's Research Strategy.

g) Research projects must demonstrate value to people living with or caring for eczema.

h) The maximum amount of funds available for PhD Studentships is £33,000 per year. No 'top-ups' or funding extensions are available for any reason.

i) NES will only cover domestic student tuition fees up to £5,000 per academic year.

j) The studentship provides a 3-year tax-free stipend in line with the current UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) rates, with annual increments to account for inflation.

k) The maximum duration of PhD studentship is 36 months (although no-cost extensions by negotiation where there are issues around flexible working, illness or career breaks/paternity/maternity leave will be considered on a case-by-case basis).

l) Innovation and pump priming grants are for 12 months. No 'top-ups' or funding extensions are available for any reason.

m) Research Award must be formally accepted within 3 months of the award letter being issued by way of signed confirmation from awardee and their host institution.

n) All awards must start within 12 months of signing grant agreement with NES*.

o) Successful applicants must have 'ORCID ID' upon activation of the grant for all members of their research team including collaborators.

p) If the application is successful, the project title, research institute, and lead applicant's name will be made publicly available by NES on website and social media channels. This transparency allows NES to promote and share the funded research with its members and wider eczema community.

q) The Research Award funding is claimed by authorised finance departments submitting invoices at quarterly intervals (March, July, October, January) with both statement of expenditure and receipts/invoices submitted.

r) A scientific and a lay report are to be submitted annually and upon completion of the grant. Closing invoices will only be paid if a mid-term and final report has been received by NES.

s) All annual scientific and lay reports will be reviewed by NES. NES will only continue funding award based upon satisfactory progress as assessed by NES/MAB review panel.

t) All expense claims and outstanding invoices must be submitted within three months of the award closing date. No further payment will be issued after this date by NES.

u) Final report is to be submitted within twelve weeks after completion of the project and award end date.

v) NES support is to be cited in any relevant papers or presentations and electronic copies to be forwarded to NES press contact at press@eczema.org.

w) Our Communications team are always looking for interesting research stories to highlight through our channels. We love to hear updates on new research findings and publications, conference presentations or media appearances. To discuss any upcoming communications or if you have any queries, please contact the team at info@eczema.org; press@eczema.org.

x) Successful applicants must comply with NES Open Access and social media policies as set out in NES Grant Terms and Conditions.