Psoriasis Association PhD Studentship 2025 – Application Form

# Project Summary

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| Title of Project: |

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| Abstract of Research (not exceeding 250 words) |

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| Name of Supervisor: | Title of position: |
| Address where research will be conducted: | Telephone Number:  Email Address: |
| Co-applicants name: | Title of position: |

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| Total cost of project:  **£100,000 (£33,334 year one and £33,333 for years two and three). Fixed amount** |

**Proposed Project – Lay case for support**

As part of your application, **you are required to include a stand-alone, detailed, lay case for support**. This will be independently reviewed and scored by our lay panel. Their scores and comments will be considered with the same weighting as those from the external peer reviewers and Medical & Research Committee. **Please read the ‘Guidance in writing the lay case for support’ document before writing your lay case.**

Please use the following headings in your lay case for support, using only the continuation sheets provided:

* **Project title**
* **Abstract of Research** (not exceeding 250 words)

*Please note, if the application is successful, this abstract will be used on the Psoriasis Association website and in an edition of the Psoriasis Association magazine, Pso. It therefore needs to be clear and comprehensible to a broad audience.*

* **Introduction of the research area**
  + *How the project is relevant to the Psoriasis PSP Top 10 research priorities*
  + *What is already known about the problem that the project will address*
  + *What you hope to find out*
  + *How your project complements national / international research in the area*
* **Methods and techniques**
  + *Describe the methods and techniques used in the proposal*
  + *Outline any advice given from any specialists about the proposal or involvement from other organisations, such as Pharmaceutical companies*
* **Patient and public involvement (PPI)**
  + *Describe how you plan to involve patients and/or the public in your research project and how this will make an impact on the work. Please note that PPI is defined by NIHR INVOLVE as research that is ‘being carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them’. PPI support is available from the Psoriasis Association, please contact us for more information.*
* **Dissemination and implementation**
  + *Dissemination plans for the outcomes of your project – please be as specific as possible*
  + *How your findings could be put into practice or developed after completion of the project*
* **Benefit to the lives of people affected by psoriasis** 
  + *Describe how the results of your studies could benefit the lives of people affected by psoriasis today or in the future. Please be as specific as possible.*
  + *Please give an indication of the time it will take for these benefits to be realised and the reach that these benefits may have.*
* **Training and educational environment**
  + *Outline the quality of the research environment and support that will be available for the student*

**Continuation sheet 2**

**Continuation sheet 3**

**Continuation sheet 4**

**Continuation sheet 5**

**Proposed Project – for peer review**

Please set out the proposed project under the headings listed below, using only the continuation sheets provided:

* **Title**
* **Purpose**
* **Relevance to Psoriasis PSP Top 10 research priorities**
* **Background**
* **Plan of investigation** *– for example using a Gantt chart*
* **Methodology**
* **Dissemination**
* **Role of the PhD student** *– please specify the role of the PhD student and which parts of the project the student will deliver on*
* **Training and educational environment**
* **Breakdown of financial costs** –*please include expected publication costs. The Psoriasis Association strongly supports publishing in open access journals.*
* **References**

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**Continuation sheet 5**

**Continuation sheet 6**

**Continuation sheet 7**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Biographical Details** - Please complete a sheet for each professional person involved in the project, beginning with the supervisor.

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| Name: | Title: | Birth date: |
| Place of birth (country): | Present nationality: |  |

**Education**

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| Institution and location: | Degree: | Dates: |
| Posts held (with dates): | | |
| Relevant published papers: | | |

**Affiliations**

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| Please list all professional affiliations: |

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**Other research support**

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| Is your related research currently being supported by any outside body? Yes / No  If yes, which organisation?  What support is being provided? (please include date and duration of support) |
| Are you applying elsewhere for support for work relating to the present proposal? Yes / No If yes, to which organisation? |
| Is this application being submitted elsewhere? Yes /No  If yes, to which organisation and by what date is a decision expected? |
| Has this application been submitted elsewhere over the last year? Yes / No  If yes, to which organisation and what was the result? |
| If you have been a participant in a grant from the Psoriasis Association within the last 5 years please complete the following:   * Title of work: * Total sum awarded * Start date • Close date * Publications arising from the work:   **Please note that we are unable to accept PhD Studentship applications from applicants who currently hold two active Psoriasis Association PhD Studentships.** |

**Research using humans or animals**

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| Does your project include any procedure which involves patients or normal human subjects?  If Yes, has Ethical Committee approval been obtained?  (If yes, please enclose the necessary paperwork if available at time of submission) | Yes / No  Yes / No |
| Does your project involve any procedure which requires the use of experimental animals?  If yes, have the relevant animal licences been obtained?  If yes, do the licences cover the full term of the grant?  If yes, has the work been approved by the Ethical Review process?  (If yes, please enclose the necessary paperwork). | Yes / No  Yes / No  Yes / No  Yes / No |

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| *Note:*  ***Humans***  *The Psoriasis Association will consider applications before the consent of relevant ethics committee is obtained but no award will be made until the Psoriasis Association is satisfied about the ethical aspects of the proposals.* |
| ***Animals***  *The Psoriasis Association will consider proposals for which Home Office Authorisation has yet to be obtained, but no award will be made and no animal experiments may commence until confirmation is received that the appropriate licences have been granted.*  *The Psoriasis Association will not support animal experiments unless there is no alternative. If you propose experiments on animals, please justify why this is necessary and estimate the number of animals needed in your experimental design.  See the NC3Rs website for further information and guidance -* [*http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/*](http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/)  *All grant holders using animals must implement the principles in the cross-funder guidance Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research -* [*http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/responsibility-use-animals-bioscience-research*](http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/responsibility-use-animals-bioscience-research)  *Grant holders should make use of the ARRIVE guidelines -* [*http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/arrive-guidelines*](http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/arrive-guidelines) *when designing their research, and ensure that they report animal-based studies in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines as far as possible.* |

**Signatures**

**Please sign original copy in ink or with electronic signatures**

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| Applicant: | Date: |
| Full Name: |  |
| Head of Faculty: | Date: |
| Full Name: |  |
| Official Authorised to sign for Institution | Date: |
| Full Name: |  |

# E-mailing your Studentship Application

Please e-mail the completed form by 23.59 on the deadline date of 8th December 2025 to research@psoriasis-association.org.uk. If an application is not received by this deadline, it will not be processed and there will be no exceptions to this rule.

When emailing your application, **please also attach proof of postage** for the hard copies. Please ensure that this shows the date that the copies were sent and the delivery address.

# Posting your application

You must **also** send us the **original application form** (completed in minimum font size 11pts) **containing all relevant signatures**, together with **2 full copies and 2 lay copies (project summary, abstract and lay case only)** to:

Research Manager

The Psoriasis Association

Dick Coles House

2 Queensbridge

Northampton

NN4 7BF

To be postmarked on or before 8th December 2025. If sent on the deadline date postage must be first class or a courier used. All attachments should also be copied and securely stapled to the back of each copy of the application form.

The Psoriasis Association will acknowledge receipt of each application once the paper copy has arrived. No further correspondence will be entered into until we inform you of the result of your application, unless further clarification is requested by the Research Committee. The Research Committee will make their recommendations to the trustees of the Psoriasis Association who will award the grants in April 2026.