



# Psoriasis Association PhD Studentship Applications: Frequently Asked Questions

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Based on recent enquiries and questions raised at our Hints and Tips for Psoriasis Association PhD Studentship Grant Applications session please see our FAQs below. If you have any further questions please contact [research@psoriasis-association.org.uk](mailto:research@psoriasis-association.org.uk)

1. [Can I submit an application as a potential student?](#)  
No. We do not accept applications from PhD students.
2. [Why do I have to post my applications rather than just emailing?](#)  
At present we still need printed copies as we do not want lack of access to a computer/internet to be a barrier for our EXEC (experts by experience from the psoriasis community). We recognise that printing and posting multiple copies can be costly and is not environmentally friendly so we have reduced the number of printed copies required and this will be reviewed annually.
3. [When will I be notified as to whether I have been successful?](#)  
We will aim to let all applicants know in April 2023. Feedback will be provided for both successful and unsuccessful applications.
4. [Is there any flexibility in the award amount \(either at time of application or during the award\)?](#)  
The amount awarded is a fixed amount and cannot be changed. Our award amount was reviewed this year (summer 2022) and increased to £92,000 (total for the three years of the award).

For successful PhD studentship applicants, we offer an Outreach grant of up to £500 and Travel Bursary of up to £1000 that can be applied for during their study – further details of this can be found in our PhD Studentship Grant Conditions.

5. [Can training courses be included within the grant application/budget](#)  
Yes. All costs associated with the project to be covered by the grant should be included within the grant application.

Note that whilst this FAQ document is linked to PhD studentships a similar question was also asked in relation to a Cecil King Memorial Fund application. Each application is considered on its own merits, but any training



requirements should be proportionate to the duration and type of award. The applicant should consider how they word their application to demonstrate how the training adds value to the project.

6. If I will need to buy IT licenses etc does that count as consumables?

Yes. We are also aware that our funding alone may not be sufficient for certain projects which will need supplementary grants and funds – in those cases the Medical and Research Committee will be looking to see that these additional funding streams are in place.

7. As an ECR I do not have as many publications/accolades as others who may be applying. Will this disadvantage me?

No. The Medical and Research Committee will not expect to see as many previous publications etc from ECRs however they will expect the same quality of application from all applicants.

8. I am well established in my own field but have not previously specialised in psoriasis research. Will I still be considered?

Yes. Each application is assessed on its own merit. For researchers who have not previously specialised in psoriasis they may wish to consider the value of collaborations to strengthen their application.

9. Does the Psoriasis Association have a dedicated PPI group that we can access?

We do not have a dedicated PPI group, but we can promote opportunities to take part in PPI to our Research Network members and via our Social Media channels. Anyone who would like further information on this should contact [research@psoriasis-association.org.uk](mailto:research@psoriasis-association.org.uk)

10. What key points would the Medical and Research Committee like me to consider when creating my application?

- The Psoriasis Association is a member's association that is funded through voluntary donations. All funded research needs to be achievable and relevant for those living with psoriasis.
- All PhD Studentship applications should clearly demonstrate which of the PSPs are being addressed and how.
- PPI is looked upon favourably but needs to be well thought out rather than a last-minute addition to applications.
- Applications showing strong collaborations/multi-disciplinary research are encouraged.