



# Cecil King Memorial Award

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## Introduction

The Psoriasis Association has a strong history of supporting researchers at the beginning of their careers. The Cecil King Memorial Award offers a grant of up to £10,000 per annum for projects undertaken by researchers under 35 years of age, or within the first five consecutive years, at the time of application, of either your first permanent independent academic research post or a named limited-tenured/fixed-term academic research post, obtained in open competition (note that tenure must cover the duration of the award) based in the UK.

The Psoriasis Association will consider applications that have clear relevance to their aims (to promote and fund research into the causes, nature and care of psoriasis and to publish and disseminate the results of that research) and contain a rigorous research focus.

The Psoriasis Association has a panel of specialists on their Medical and Research Committee who are tasked with analysing the quality and standard of the applications, along with the scientific merit of the research project. Recommendations are then made to the Trustees of the Psoriasis Association who ultimately decide which project to be funded.

## About the Award

- The Cecil King Memorial Award is available to UK based researchers, under the age of 35, or within the first five consecutive years, at the time of application, of either your first permanent independent academic research post or a named limited-tenured/fixed-term academic research post, obtained in open competition (note that tenure must cover the duration of the award) seeking to fund research into psoriasis.
- The project should be a small project or pilot project (the grant is not to be used to top up existing grants).
- The maximum amount of funds available for each project is £10,000.
- Not more than 50% of the small grant to be used on buying equipment. No top ups or extensions are available for any reason.
- The maximum duration of the grant is 1 year.
- Successful awards must be activated within 12 months of the award letter.
- Awards are claimed by authorised finance departments submitting a single invoice for the full amount.
- A scientific and lay report are to be submitted upon completion.

The support from the Cecil King Memorial Foundation and the Psoriasis Association is to be acknowledged in any relevant papers or presentations and copies forwarded to the Psoriasis Association office.



**The Psoriasis Association Medical and Research Committee has a conflict of interest policy. Applicants do not have the right to request inclusion or exclusion of particular members of the Committee from the deliberations on their applications.**

### **Application procedures**

- The Psoriasis Association is seeking projects that are technically feasible and have aims that are achievable in a one year period.
- The lay summary is an important part of the application and must show consideration to those who may not have a scientific background. If the application is successful, the lay summary will be included on the Psoriasis Association website and so must be comprehensible to the general public.
- Applications will only be accepted on an official Psoriasis Association Cecil King Memorial Award Application forms. The original format and layout must not be altered. Complete using a clear typeface and preferably using a font no smaller than 11 point.
- The Psoriasis Association Medical and Research Committee and External Peer Reviewers consider clarity and accuracy, especially with regard to spelling, to be very important.
- Applications must be e-mailed and posted on or before the deadline date. No excuses / explanations for the late arrival of applications will be considered nor are we able to insert additional sheets/forgotten appendices to an application once it has been submitted.
- All applications received will be acknowledged by e-mail.
- The information that you provide as part of your application will be held securely by the Psoriasis Association and made available to reviewers involved in our Research Grants process. Unsuccessful applications will be destroyed after a period of two years, however, aggregate data will be kept for Psoriasis Association records.