



PARKINSON'S NSW 2018 RESEARCH GRANTS

PURPOSE: To provide clear and consistent guidelines for Parkinson's NSW (PNSW) to select the candidates/projects that it funds for research.

BACKGROUND: Research into Parkinson's disease falls into two broad categories;

1. those which address the disease itself ; and
2. those which address the consequences of the disease.

The former, look at the causes and cures, while the latter are concerned with improving the quality of life of people with Parkinson's and those affected by it (families and carers).

A third category of research considers proposals having merit but which might fall outside the limits of these categories.

The PNSW Board took the view in 2006 that the process for assessment of applications for major research grants be rigorously transparent and made by an external advisory panel, with final approval by the Board.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

- The application process is open and competitive and provides the Board with a thorough description of the intended research and what it hopes to achieve; Improvement in treatment, prevention of the disease, improvement in quality of life or contributes to better understanding of ancillary activities/treatments for Parkinson's (i.e. exercise programs, physiotherapy, speech training, etc).
- Research which duplicates existing projects will receive a lower priority.
- Applications must demonstrate appropriate academic support.
- PNSW is to receive a final report from the researcher in an agreed time frame.

TIMING & PROCESS:

Now	Applications open
30 August	Applications close
28 September	Panel's recommendations are forwarded to PNSW Board for approval
2 October	PNSW Board evaluates the Panel's recommendations and confirms the successful candidates
5 October	Candidates are notified
18 October	Presentation of Grants to be held at the PNSW Support Group Leaders Conference dinner, The Hilton, George Street, Sydney

Purpose of the Parkinson's Research Grants Program

Parkinson's NSW is a NFP health promotion charity formed to provide services and support to people living with Parkinson's and in conjunction, promote, disseminate and fund research into all aspects of Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's NSW is calling for applications for one (at least) Parkinson's NSW Research Grant up to the value of \$1000,000; and seed grants up \$50,000 each (exclusive of GST) for biological/non-clinical and clinical/psychosocial research.

To be eligible for the Parkinson's NSW Research Grants:

- The principal investigator must be a resident of New South Wales; and
- The research must be conducted in New South Wales.

The principal investigator may list up to three associated and/or senior investigators.

It is expected that successful applicants will acknowledge the support of Parkinson's NSW in all publications, presentations, summary findings and media announcements relating to the research, provide progress reports on the research and be prepared to assist Parkinson's NSW, if required, by speaking at a function, attending specified conferences, hosting laboratory visits, or being featured in media articles/releases for Parkinson's NSW.