

Research Funding

When planning a research funding application for a clinical research study, get in touch as early as possible with the teams below to make sure everything is covered.

Edinburgh Research Office

ERO will help you to develop your idea, identify funding, craft your application and manage your award.

Notify ERO via their online Intent to Submit form at least 6 weeks in advance of the funder submission deadline.

[ERO Website](#)

NHS Lothian R&D Finance Team

The Finance team provides costs for funding applications for research involving NHS patients or resources.

An NHS Lothian Finance Grant Review form should be sent to the team at least 15 working days before the funder submission deadline.

[Contact the Team](#)

UoE Research Governance Team

The Sponsor is responsible for arrangements being in place to set up, run and report a research study. We check that funding applications are adequately costed to fulfill this Sponsor obligation.

Make contact at least 15 working days before the funder submission deadline.

[Contact the Team](#)

Failure to consider clinical research costs recommended by Research Governance or provided by NHS Lothian Finance may result in the project not being approved for sponsorship or NHS Lothian being unable to provide Management Approval for the research to be conducted.

What to send to Research Governance

Most funding applications follow a funder template covering a lot of detail on the proposed study. Send a draft application form, or as a minimum, the following information to the [Research Governance Team](#):

- Does the study involve people (patients or healthy volunteers), their data, or tissue?
- Does the study involve an investigational intervention e.g. drug, imaging agent, or device?
- A summary of the proposed study e.g. study rationale, objectives, number of participants, number of sites.

What to send to NHS Lothian R&D Finance

Send a completed NHS Lothian Finance Grant Review Form.

When to make contact

To allow time to assess and advise on your funding application, please send it to Research Governance and NHS Lothian R&D Finance **at least 15 working days before the funder deadline**.

Some funders need a Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Template (SoECAT) for research involving NHS patients to ensure that site-level research costs are recovered. NHS Lothian Finance needs **at least 15 working days to provide costs for funding applications**.

[Click for ERO's Funding Opportunities Calendar](#)

ERO also highlights funding information on their [website](#) and Twitter [@GrowingYourIdea](#)

If you have any questions or want to seek advice before applying for funding, please contact the [Edinburgh Research Office](#).