

COVID-19 and diabetes, rapid research call

Diabetes UK calls for applications that will further the understanding of COVID-19 in relation to people living with diabetes.

Background

The current COVID-19 pandemic is a global emergency and is having an immediate and significant impact on the health of people across the UK. We know that infection with Coronaviruses can cause more severe symptoms and complications in people with diabetes and those with associated long term health conditions, but the novelty of SARS-CoV-2, and gaps in our knowledge, mean there is a need for research to further our understanding of COVID-19 in relation to people with diabetes.

Scope

There is no restriction on the type of research that will be accepted through this call but proposals should:

- Support collaboration and multidisciplinary thinking where possible.
- Be feasible and able to start as soon as possible.
- Have clear potential benefit to people living with diabetes.
- Not exceed a total cost of £100,000 up to a duration of 24 months.

While there are no restrictions on the areas of focus that will be accepted to the call, and Diabetes UK will not exclude specific research areas, applicants are encouraged to consider the COVID-19 priority areas identified by [NIHR and the MRC](#).

Eligibility criteria

Principal Applicants must hold an established NHS, academic or research post and be in receipt of a salary for the duration of the award. Grants must be administered by an established research institution in the UK.

Applicants must be able to sign up to the Diabetes UK Grant Conditions at the time of making an application.

Deadlines and how to apply

The deadline for applications to this call is 5pm 20 April 2020.

Applications will undergo a one stage, rapid review, process.

Applicants should complete the brief COVID-19 research call application form. In light of the urgency around COVID-19 applications will be reviewed by a specifically convened expert Panel including people living with diabetes. Successful applicants will be informed of the decision by the end of April 2020.

Assessment criteria

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

- Potential difference the research will make to the lives of people with diabetes.
- Scientific innovation and excellence.
- Feasibility of project plan.
- Track record of the applicants.
- Value for money.

For further information and advice please contact: research@diabetes.org.uk