

Call for proposals: Diabetes and Eating Disorders

Scope

Diabetes UK invites applications for high quality and innovative research proposals focused on **improving the understanding of the epidemiology and mechanisms of eating disorders, or how to manage them effectively, in people with diabetes.**

Diabetes and mental wellbeing was identified as a research priority by the [diabetes Clinical Studies Groups and the Type 2 James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership](#). As a result Diabetes UK held an international meeting focused on this area which brought together experts in the field to identify the specific research priorities and questions to move the field forward and ultimately improve the lives of people with diabetes. The area of diabetes and eating disorders emerged as a key research gap (please refer to the [report](#) of the meeting).

Applications to this call should either focus on:

- the distribution, determinants and mechanisms of eating disorders, for example binge eating disorder or deliberate omission of insulin, which can present in people with diabetes or;
- the development or feasibility of interventions, and collaborations to improve the management of eating disorders in people with diabetes, with the purpose of facilitating future larger scale bids.

Diabetes UK welcomes applications involving methodologies such as:

- Mechanistic studies
- Epidemiological studies including those which use existing databases
- Early modelling and pilots of complex interventions using mixed methods research

Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator should have a tenured post or be able to demonstrate that they will have a salary for the lifetime of the grant.
- The research must take place at an established research institution in the UK.

Funding

Diabetes UK has allocated approximately £500,000 to this call. We would not expect applications to exceed £300,000 over the duration of the grant, and the total cost requested should reflect the type of project being proposed. Funds may be requested to support the direct costs of the study including salaries for staff such as technicians,

research assistants and post-doctoral researchers, consumables, equipment and patient and public involvement costs. All costs must be fully justified within the application. Further details of financial support can be found in [Diabetes UK Guidance for Applicants](#).

Deadline

The deadline for applications is **23 September 2019 17:00 hrs**.

Application process and assessment criteria

Applicants are advised to contact the Diabetes UK research team in advance of submission to ensure that their proposal falls within the scope of this call and that the anticipated costs are in line with the funding available.

All applications received under this call will be externally peer reviewed following Diabetes UK's standard review processes before being considered by an expert review panel in December 2019 which will make funding recommendations.

Applications will be expected to show evidence of substantial patient and public involvement in all areas of the research process and will be assessed on the following criteria:

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

How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the [Diabetes UK online portal](#) and select 'Diabetes and Eating Disorders'.

Please follow the general guidance for completing an application in the [Diabetes UK Guidance for Applicants](#).

For further details please contact the Diabetes UK Research Team at research@diabetes.org.uk

Patient and Public Involvement Webinar

The webinar will give potential applicants an opportunity to hear about how Diabetes UK reached the priority of diabetes and eating disorders. The potential applicants will also be able to hear from members of the Advisory Group who helped to shape the call

and ask questions about how they might involve people living with diabetes throughout all stages of the study.

All potential applicants who would like to join the webinar must register by completing the doodle poll <https://doodle.com/poll/vekq4vefs96sm5xm>

Key dates

Timetable	Task deadline
Call launch	17 June 2019
Applicant patient and public involvement webinar	15 August 2019 (15:30 - 16:30hrs)
Submission deadline for applications	23 September 2019
Submission deadline for rebuttal	25 November 2019
Funding decision	December 2019