

# FAQS

## General questions

**What was the basis of the decision to cancel the Project Grant, Early Career Small Grant, and Harry Keen Intermediate Clinical Fellowship rounds in 2025?**

Like many charitable funders of research, our ability to fundraise has been impacted by the challenging external environment. High inflation and cost of living has ultimately had an impact on our fundraising income. This has led to us having to make the difficult decision to reduce investment in new research in 2025. Diabetes UK remains entirely committed to funding excellence in research and honouring our commitments to ongoing research; we cannot stress enough how important research is to achieve a part of our charitable work and we know that we will not be able to deliver on our breakthroughs without new thinking and innovation which comes from the diabetes research community.

**Is research still a priority for Diabetes UK and how will you deliver on your research and wider organisational strategy?**

Research absolutely remains a priority for Diabetes UK. We remain entirely committed to driving forward groundbreaking research, and to supporting the diabetes research leaders of today and tomorrow. While we do this necessary work to respond to the external economic challenges, we're continuing to honour all our existing 126 grants.

**Will you need me to peer-review, sit on your committees/ panels if you are reducing your investment in new research in 2025?**

Put simply, our research cannot happen without the full support and input of the diabetes community. We are working really hard to get back to our usual funding schedule and will continue to need your valuable input as we move forward.

## Why is Diabetes UK continuing with 'x' when you have reduced your investment in new research in 2025?

Diabetes UK remains entirely committed to funding excellence in research; we cannot stress enough how important research is to achieve the goals within our strategy. It is important to stress that we continue to fund new research but fewer new awards, and we are making reductions across all areas of the charity.

## Current grant holders

### Will you continue to fund my awarded project?

Diabetes UK will continue to honour commitments to ongoing research and pay invoices as per the payment schedule associated to your award.

### Can I still request a no cost extension to my grant?

Diabetes UK is supportive of no cost extensions to cover reasonable delays to projects. All requests for no cost extensions, including requests to extend existing extensions, should be sent to [research@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:research@diabetes.org.uk) and be made prior to your award end date. A member of the team will email you the relevant form to complete.

### I've been awarded a grant but haven't yet started my project. Will I still be able to activate the grant?

Diabetes UK will continue to honour commitments to ongoing research. Once you have activated the grant (within the period indicated in your Award Letter), we will issue you a payment schedule for the grant.

If you have any questions about your ongoing grant, please contact us at [research@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:research@diabetes.org.uk)

# Funding calls

Has there been any changes to Diabetes UK's funding schemes in 2025?

Unfortunately, we have had to make some difficult decisions and cancelled or changed the timelines for some of our funding schemes in 2025.

## Project grant round 1 (including associated highlight notices)

- Original application deadline: 3 December 2024. Funding decision: May/June 2025.
- **Revised application deadline:** 19 February 2025. Funding decision: September 2025.

## Project grant round 2 (including associated highlight notices)

- Original application deadline: June 2025. Funding decision: October 2025. - **Cancelled.**

## Early career small grants

- Application deadline: December 2024. Funding decision: March 2025.
- Application deadline: April 2025. Funding decision: July 2025 - **Cancelled.**
- Application deadline: August 2025. Funding decision: November 2025.

## Harry Keen Intermediate Clinical Fellowship

- Application deadline: May 2025. Funding Decision: November 2025 - **Cancelled.**

All other funding schemes remain unchanged and can be found [here](#).

I was planning to apply to the next project grant round, will the current project grant round be extended to allow additional time for researchers to apply?

Yes, the current project grant deadline has been extended to 19 February 2025 (from 3 December 2024). This will mean that funding decisions will take place in September 2025 (instead of May/June 2025).

Is it worth me while applying to Diabetes UK for funding in the future?

Absolutely, yes. Research is fundamental to Diabetes UK achieving its vision of a world where diabetes can do no harm and, even as we respond to the challenging economic environment, we remain entirely committed to driving forward groundbreaking research, and to supporting the diabetes research leaders of today and tomorrow. Supporting the diabetes research community remains an absolute priority for us; we are being rightly reflective of our current situation, but we do this to ensure we can continue funding excellence in research both now, and long into the future. With this in mind, we intend to reinstate two grant rounds in 2026 subject to available funding.