



GUTS RESEARCH GRANTS

Although the awarding of grants is only a small part of our work, it is important. We will fund all forms of research but our particular interest is in the early detection and treatment of colorectal cancers, and projects that focus on the well-being of patients receiving treatment. Our resources are limited and therefore we tend to favour projects that have the potential to show fairly immediate benefits.

We are open to applications from applicants in universities and other research organisations for research proposals that have already been subject to peer review. Applications can be submitted throughout the year. Details of grants available can be found here:

<https://www.gutsfbc.co.uk/about-guts/research-grants/>

We follow these principles of peer review:

- **Accountability**
- **Independence** – seeking written review for applications and ensuring the advice provided by our reviewers is independent
- **Balance** – ensuring the reviews reflect both scientific and patient views
- **Impartiality** – ensuring reviewers with a conflict of interest do not influence funding decisions.

Grants Available

We award two small grants of £500-1000 annually. If the numbers of eligible applicants for the small grants exceeds two, the awards will be made to the two applications that the Trustees Grant Committee judge to have greatest merit, although an application rejected at this stage may be referred by the committee for an Ad Hoc Grant.

In addition we will award discretionary amounts through our 'Ad Hoc Grants Scheme' for innovative projects relating to the early diagnosis, care or treatment of colorectal cancer patients. There is no specified upper limit to these grants but affordability according to resources available at the time of application will be taken into account.

We offer funding for clinical trials, or for particular aspects within clinical trials, providing they match our criteria.

Review Process

Applications are checked by office staff for completeness and eligibility against the stated criteria outlined above.

Applications judged to be in scope are shared with our Trustees Grant Committee who follow a checklist to ensure independent and fair assessment.

Studies deemed suitable for our support are recommended to the full Board of Trustees for final approval, which is made based on a simple majority.

Proposals will be assessed against:

- Scientific excellence
- Relevance and impact
- Resources requested

Conflict of Interest

We make every effort to ensure that decisions are fair, objective and transparent. Applicants can request feedback on the process and decision made around their project. Requests should be made in writing to the GUTS office rather than to individual trustees.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be made by post to:

GUTS Fundraising
Level A
Royal Surrey NHS Trust
Egerton Road
Guildford
GU2 7XX

Or by email:

nerissa.deeks@nhs.net (Please put 'grant application' in the subject box)