Marie Curie Grant Scheme 2026 - Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Can I apply as a lead applicant?	We invite Expressions of interests (EOIs) from lead applicants at recognised Universities, NHS hospitals, hospices or research institutes within the UK. We're inviting proposals from clinical /allied health professional researchers within community care settings and non-clinical researchers with links to community care. Applications are welcome from researchers, including current and past Marie Curie research grant holders.
Can I apply with a project focussed on care homes?	No, at this stage, Marie Curie is not able to support proposals focussing on or incorporating care homes. We will look into filling evidence gaps relating to care homes through other routes.
Can all four UK nations apply to this call?	Yes, this is a UK-wide call, and applications are welcome from all four nations. We especially encourage applications that look at multiple nations and/or that will produce findings/recommendations that are relevant across nations.
If funded when should the research project feasibly start?	Applicants are notified of the outcome of their full application in March 2027(award letters usually follow in May), and we expect grants to start within 6 months of the outcome letter (latest October 2027).
Can hospices apply as lead applicants?	Yes, hospices can apply as lead applicants. Please note that this is a call for research production and not for service development and the evaluation of said service. We would also recommend collaborating with an academic researcher.
Can clinical researchers apply?	Yes, we are inviting proposals from clinical/allied health professional researchers working in community settings, and from non-clinical researchers with connections to care close to home and the community.
Will you fund clinical trials through this scheme?	Funding for full clinical trials is unfortunately unlikely to be compatible with the funding available through this call, and we would suggest looking at alternative sources of support.
What are examples of impact activities that might be undertaken for projects funded by the Call?	Marie Curie is asking applicants to dedicate 10% of their budget to activities related to producing impact on policy and practice. This is in addition to any usual dissemination activities that can also be requested as part of the overall budget. Examples of impact activities might be (please note these are examples only and not intended to be exhaustive): • organising a webinar or workshop with policymakers, Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) or other stakeholders • producing short, accessible summaries of the research findings with clear recommendations for a relevant audience • hosting a policy roundtable to facilitate dialogue between researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers • developing creative, user-friendly outputs designed for easy implementation in real-world settings, in formats that go beyond traditional academic outputs.
Can we apply for costs to support the involvement of people with lived experience or evidence users?	Yes, this can be requested both for proposal development (see Early Involvement Funding in the applicant guidance on our webpage) and also within the research project itself as part of your requested costs. The rates of payment that Marie Curie follow are based on the guidelines developed by the National Institute for Health Research.
Does Marie Curie have an existing PPIE group that could be drawn upon for the research?	It is important that PPIE involvement is fully considered and included in EOIs/ full applications. Marie Curie have an existing PPIE group called the Marie Curie Research Voices Group, but it will depend on the nature of the research whether they are best placed to be drawn upon for the project. Other PPIE groups should be included wherever available/feasible.

This document will be updated with any common questions we receive from applicants. Last updated on the 15th of July 2026.

Can researchers outside of the UK apply for a grant through this scheme?	We are only able to award to researchers based at UK organisations. The lead applicant must be based at a recognised hospice, NHS hospital, university or research institute within the UK and must have a post which covers the entire duration of the proposed project. For full details please see the applicant guidance on our webpage.
Would a partnership between UK-based researchers and colleagues based in other countries be eligible to apply to this scheme?	The focus of the research would need to be on improving end of life experience for people in the UK. UK-based researchers are welcome to include international co-applicants on their grant applications, where the international co-applicant is bringing unique and relevant expertise, but all funds would need to go to UK organisations.
Do I need the relevant data access at the expression of interest stage?	No, we would only expect the relevant data access to be put in place if your application was successful. If relevant, please do make sure that you have explored the likely process and timeline for data access at the EOI stage. Please outline in your application how you will access the data and if ethical approval or other sign-off is required. Please ensure any proposed timelines are feasible.
Can I apply with a research project focussed on PEOLC in children and young people?	No, this scheme is only open to research projects focused on supporting adults with palliative and end of life care needs.
Can I apply with a locally based project?	Yes, projects that have a local geography are eligible. Please ensure that you consider how the project will generate new knowledge and create impact, and how it could be more widely generalisable to people at the end of life in other locations/ the whole system.
Can I apply with a disease-specific project?	Yes, disease-specific projects are eligible where there is clear justification of the need and why services for these patients would differ from those with other conditions. Please ensure that you consider the potential impact of your project and how it could be more widely applicable to people with other conditions/ the whole system.
Can I apply with a service development project?	No, for this research call, Marie Curie is interested in receiving high-quality research applications with a prospect of short to medium term impact which addresses the core theme of '*Care close to home, in and out of* hours'. This is a call for research production and not for service development and the evaluation of said service.