

Marie Curie Commissioned Research Calls FAQs

1. How does a Marie Curie Commissioned Research Grant differ to other Marie Curie Research Grants?

Marie Curie's commissioned research grants differ to our open calls in a number of ways. They are awarded to address a specific policy need/ knowledge gap and are intended to directly and often quickly influence policy and practice on a key issue.

Key ways commissioned research grants differ from open calls include:

- a) commissioned research grants are often shorter and might need to be completed within 12 months or less.
- b) commissioned research grants can be more exploratory in nature and intended to offer an initial insight into a topic. They can also be narrower in scope and have shorter timeframes.
- c) the successful team will need to work closely with Marie Curie to agree the timing and nature of the outputs they produce in order to maximise policy and influencing impact. After this has been achieved, the team is then free to publish independently including in peer reviewed journals (where timing is of importance, Marie Curie might request publication via a pre-print option). The Marie Curie team might also produce separate outputs (e.g. policy briefings and blogs) based on the findings of the project.
- d) the successful team will be expected to deliver output(s) on time with publication dates agreed in advance.
- e) Marie Curie usually leads on influencing and communications related to these grants.

2. Who can apply for a Marie Curie Commissioned Research Grant? Are they only for academics?

Researchers working in universities, the NHS, consultancies, think tanks and other charities/not for profit organisations can apply.

Marie Curie is seeking an answer to a particular question within a certain timeframe and looking for which application best addresses the question. Collaborations between different organisations are also possible.

3. Who needs to complete the supplier information questionnaire?

New suppliers who have not previously worked with Marie Curie and who are not working in universities or the NHS are required to complete the supplier questionnaire.

4. What should I/we do if interested in applying for a commissioned research grant but I/we would not be able to cover all aspects set out in the commissioning document?

Marie Curie is looking for an organisation/ collaboration to put forward an application that can fulfill all requirements set out in the commissioning document, but may consider applications covering specific aspects of the brief in exceptional circumstances (it is recommended that applicants speak to the Marie Curie team before submitting an application that only addresses some aspects set out in the commissioning brief).

In the event that Marie Curie agrees to accept a partial application, there are two options for applying:

- 1) Set out in your application what aspects of the study your research could cover, and why. Depending on how much of the specification would not be met, you might want to consider submitting an application for a proportion of the budget (rather than the full budget).
- 2) Consider submitting an application as part of a collaboration with other researchers to meet the full brief.

5. Can conference attendance be included in an application for a commissioned research grant?

Marie Curie is not able to fund conference costs for commissioned research grants as commissions are for a very specific purpose and intended to produce a specific output, often within short timeframes. Unlike our other funding streams, Marie Curie leads on influencing and communication/ dissemination for these grants working with the successful applicants.

6. 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 applications for our commissioned research calls. Due to the tighter timeframes, we recognise that such involvement may need to be more focused than in our open calls.

While Marie Curie does have an existing PPIE group, it will depend on the nature of the commissioned research whether they are best placed to be drawn upon for the project. To avoid our group becoming overburdened, we would suggest that researchers consider other PPIE groups/ opportunities wherever possible.

7. Does Marie Curie have a policy on reward and recognition for those participating in PPIE opportunities?

Yes, Marie Curie does have a policy on this. The rates of payment that Marie Curie makes are based on the guidelines developed by the [National Institute for Health Research](#).