Marie Curie Grant Scheme Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
If funded when should the research project feasibly start?	Applicants are notified on the outcome of their full application in March 2026, award letters usually follow in May, and we expect grants to start within 6 months (latest October 2026).
Can non-clinical researchers apply?	Yes, we are inviting proposals from clinical / allied health professional researchers working in hospital settings and non-clinical researchers with connections to hospitals.
My research doesn't focus on a) hospital care of heart and lung disease patients at end of life or b) patients, their families and staff at and connected to Leeds Teaching Hospitals. Can I still apply?	Yes, you can still apply if your project is in line with the call's wider scope. There is a Marie Curie specific wider funding pot of £400,000 (maximum limit for individual applications is £150,000) which covers the call's wider scope and is available for projects across all UK settings/ locations and all conditions relevant to palliative end of life care.
Will you fund clinical trials through this scheme?	Funding for full clinical trials is unfortunately unlikely to be compatible with the amount of funding available through this call and we would suggest that researchers seeking clinical trial funding look at alternative sources of support for their work.
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 applicant guidance and scope document on our call 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/ proposals. Marie Curie have an existing PPIE group, the Marie Curie Research Voices, 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 where available.
Can researchers outside of the UK apply for a grant through this scheme?	The call's funding partners are all UK Fundraising Charities. We are therefore only able to make awards 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 Call guidance on our call webpage.

This document will be updated with any common questions we receive from applicants.

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.