

GOSH Charity National Research Programme Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be a co-applicant on more than one grant?

You may be the lead applicant on only one Programme Grant application. However, you can be named as a co-applicant on other applications, provided you can clearly demonstrate that you will have sufficient time and capacity to dedicate to all projects if more than one is funded.

Can my budget exceed £2.5m?

There is no maximum grant value. However, applications exceeding £2.5m will be subject to additional scrutiny by the Research Assessment Panel to assess deliverability and value for money, so make sure you clearly justify all your grant costs in your application. If you are confident that these costs are necessary to deliver a transformational research programme, you may exceed this amount. Please contact the grants team (grants@gosh.org) to discuss your proposed budget prior to submission.

Do formal costings need to be included in the outline application?

Yes, formal costings must be included in the outline application and approved by your institutional finance department. Reasonable adjustments to the budget can be made at full application stage if required.

Can collaborator or co-applicant salaries be funded?

Yes, co-applicants may request salary support if they are research staff directly contributing to the delivery of the programme. All salary costs must comply with the scheme's eligibility criteria and cannot include consultant programmed activities, the apprenticeship levy, costs for established Principal Investigators, or those with permanent salaries. See the Scheme Guidance document for further details on eligible costs.

Can PhD fees be funded in addition to stipends?

Yes, Programme Grants can cover both stipends and tuition fees for PhD students.

What stipend rate should be used for PhD students?

You should use your institution's standard PhD stipend rate.

Can I include equipment in my application?

Equipment items should be essential to the delivery of the research programme and should only be requested if no suitable option exists to borrow or share the equipment. Single equipment items costing more than £10k should be discussed with the grants team (grants@gosh.org) prior to submission and would generally be expected to be co-funded at 50% by the applicant's institution.

Can overheads costs be included?

No, overheads or indirect costs cannot be included in the grant costings. As these are charity-funded grants, your organisation will be able to reclaim overheads costs from the Charity Research Support Fund (CRSF).

Further information

If you have any other questions about the scheme or your application, please contact the GOSH Charity Grants Team at grants@gosh.org.