



International Call for Nemaline Myopathy 2016

We are pleased to announce that our first international grant call for nebulin-related nemaline myopathy is now open and we are putting out a call for research proposals.

Background

In recent years great progress has been made in the development of treatments for a number of muscular dystrophies and related neuromuscular conditions, leading to an increasing number of clinical trials. However, investment into research for ultra-rare conditions, such as the nemaline myopathies seems to lag behind other areas.

In order to drive forward the development of treatments for these conditions, Muscular Dystrophy UK is inviting research proposals that address one or more of the following four strategic goals:

1. Establishment of international clinical/genetic databases for all forms of nemaline myopathies
2. Improved diagnostics and better understanding of the sequence variants for nebulin-related nemaline myopathy
3. Better understanding pathogenesis of nebulin-related nemaline myopathy
4. Investigating therapeutic approaches for nebulin-related nemaline myopathy

About the call

- The call is open to all international researchers working on nebulin-related nemaline myopathy; the research proposal should address one or more of the four strategic goals outlined above.
- Project grants of up to 3 years' duration will be funded.
- Funding will be available for any combination of salaries and consumables up to a maximum of £75,000 per year; salary increments will be capped at 3% per year.
- Fundable projects will be selected through the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign's rigorous peer review process and a decision will be made in July 2016.
- The deadline for applications is **5pm (GMT) on Friday 15 January 2016**.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please [register online](#) and complete an online application form. Our Terms and Conditions and guidance for applicants will be available when you have logged into the system; please select Help – Support Documents from the home screen.

Before completing the form, please consider how your application fits into our [Research Strategy](#) as well as the above outlined criteria. If you are unsure whether your proposed work fits our Research Strategy, please contact us at a.stevenson@musculardystrophyuk.org.uk or on 020 7803 4812.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Stevenson, Senior Grants Manager at researchgrants@musculardystrophyuk.org or on 020 7803 4812.