**Tuberous Sclerosis Association**

**TSC Registry and Longitudinal Data PhD Studentship**

**Application Form 2025**

* **Please use accompanying ‘Guidance Notes for Applicants’ document when completing this form**
* **Please complete ALL sections of this application form**
* **Please do not insert supplementary documents within the form, these should be included as separate files upon submission**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Application summary** | |
| Grant title (<25 words): |  |
| Proposed grant start date: |  |
| Proposed duration of research: |  |
| Lead applicant title and name: |  |
| Post held by applicant: |  |
| Institution address (incl. department): |  |
| Applicant email address: |  |
| Applicant telephone number: |  |
| Animals involved (species/number): |  |
| **Total funding request (GBP):** |  |

|  |
| --- |
| 1. Abstract Please provide a brief scientific summary of the research proposed (<300 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 2. Lay summary Please provide a plain language summary of the research proposed. This section may be shared publicly if the grant is awarded. We strongly encourage PPI in the production of this section which can be through the TSC Research Volunteer Network or otherwise (<300 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 3. Value to TSC research Please explain why you are proposing this research in plain language. Write with passion about the importance of your project, how it could help advance understanding of TSC or contribute towards new treatments, and how it connects to the mission of the TSA. This section may be shared publicly if the grant is awarded. We strongly encourage PPI in the production of this section which can be through the TSC Research Volunteer Network or otherwise (<300 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 4. Patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) Have you involved people affected by TSC in shaping this research proposal and/or do you have plans to engage or involve people affected by TSC, or members of the public, in your research? Please mention if you have involved a patient or member of the public in writing sections 2 and 3 of this application. For more information on PPIE, please see NIHR guidance here: <https://www.learningforinvolvement.org.uk> (<300 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.1. Background and rationale Please outline the problem or unmet need, summarising the current evidence or knowledge gaps, and explaining why this project is necessary and timely (<1000 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.2. Research aims and objectives State the overarching aim and list the key research questions or objectives the project will address, ensuring they are specific and achievable within the remit (<500 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.3. Methodology Describe the research design in enough detail to show feasibility, including participants or data sources, methods and procedures, data collection and analysis plans (<750 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.4. Timeline Describe the anticipated timeline of activities/milestones or project phases that shows how the work will progress over the funding period. This should include any details of departmental milestones such as upgrade examinations. |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.5. Expected outcomes and impact Explain what outputs or findings you expect to generate and how these could lead to meaningful scientific, clinical or patient impact in the short and longer term (<750 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.6. Dissemination and knowledge sharing Describe how you will share results with relevant audiences – such as researchers, clinicians, patients and the public – and the formats and channels you will use (<500 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.7. Sustainability and next steps Indicate how the findings could be sustained, developed, implemented or used to secure follow-on work after the funded period ends (<500 words) |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| 5.8.1. Project staffing: lead applicant Please outline the extent of the lead applicant’s engagement in the research project (e.g., grant holder/supervisor/actively engaged in research) including an estimate percentage of applicant time spent on the proposed project. |
|  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 5.8.2 Project staffing: co-applicants Please list all others involved in the project. Please provide names (if known), position and a brief description of their role in the proposed project | | |
| **Full name (incl. title)** | **Position/Institution** | **Role in project** |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

**Please include CVs for the lead applicant and all co-applicants at the point of submission**

|  |
| --- |
| 5.8.3. Collaborations Please details any current collaborators/industry partners relevant to the proposed research. If there are additional collaborations or industry involvement that you wish to develop for this project, please provide details here. |
|  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 6. Regulatory approvals (including research involving animals) | |
| 6.1. If relevant, has ethical or other regulatory approval been sought/granted for this proposal? Please delete as appropriate.  **Please include a copy of any approval letters at point of submission** | Yes  No  N/A |
|  | |
| 6.2. If required ethical or other regulatory approval is not yet confirmed, please describe the steps and timetable required before the project can commence.  **Please note the TSA will not release funds without all necessary approvals in place** | |
|  | |
|  | |
| Does the proposed project involve the use of live animals (either protected by UK law or not)? Please delete as appropriate  **If yes, please complete the ‘Proposed use of animals’ questionnaire** | Yes  No |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 7. Breakdown of costs  * Grants will be awarded in GBP only * VAT is not payable on any part of the grant * In accordance with AMRC policy, the Tuberous Sclerosis Association only funds the direct costs of the research * Add rows for additional staff as needed | | | | | | | | |
| STAFF | Grade/further details | | % time spent on project (FT/PT) | Cost Year 1 | | Cost Year 2 | | Cost Year 3 |
| Stipend |  | |  | £ | | £ | | £ |
| TOTAL COST OF STAFF (GBP): | | | | £ | | | | |
| NON-STAFF | | Details | | Cost Year 1 | Cost Year 2 | | Cost Year 3 | |
| Materials and consumables | |  | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| Apparatus and equipment | |  | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| PPIE | |  | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| Animals and feed | |  | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| Travel and conferences | |  | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| TOTAL NON-STAFF COST (GBP): | | | | £ | | | | |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL YEARLY EXPENDITURE (GBP): | | | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED (GBP): | | | | £ | | | | |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 8. Details of match funding | |
| 8.1. Is this proposal receiving **confirmed** funding from another source(s)? Please delete as applicable | Yes  No |
|  | |
| 8.2. If yes, please provide details of the other funder(s) and an outline of the support received | |
|  | |
|  | |
| 8.3. Other than that mentioned in 8.1 and 8.2, have you applied for funding for this application from other source(s)? Please delete as applicable | Yes  No |
|  | |
| 8.4. If yes, please provide details of the other funder(s) and an outline of the support sought, including the timetable for any decisions on this funding | |
|  | |

**Please note any funding sought from additional sources that relate to this application should be declared at any point during the application, contracting process and life of the project. Failure to do so may result in suspension or withdrawal of funding.**

|  |
| --- |
| 9. Intellectual property and commercial considerations |
| 9.1. What intellectual property (IP), including know-how, if any, could arise from this project? |
|  |
|  |
| 9.2. Does this application involve the development of pre-existing IP whether belonging to the lead or co-applicants or collaborators or provided as gifts or through any contract or agreement by other individuals, public or commercial organisations (consider, as a non-comprehensive list, that such IP could include patented and non-patented technologies/research materials, e.g., animal models, reagents, antibodies, cell lines etc)? Please attach any relevant documents at the point of submission |
|  |
|  |
| 9.3. Please note any current commercial affiliations (e.g., staff, board or scientific advisory positions) for lead and co-applicants whether renumerated or not and any current or recent research collaborations with commercial companies |
|  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **10.1. Suggested referees**  You may suggest up to three referees for expert peer review however there is no guarantee that they will be asked to review your application | |
| Full name (incl. title) |  |
| Email address |  |
| Website (or full details of institution/organisation) |  |
| Personal or professional connection to applicant |  |
|  |  |
| Full name (incl. title) |  |
| Email address |  |
| Website (or full details of institution/organisation) |  |
| Personal or professional connection to applicant |  |
|  |  |
| Full name (incl. title) |  |
| Email address |  |
| Website (or full details of institution/organisation) |  |
| Personal or professional connection to applicant |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **10.2. Conflicted referees**  Please list any individual researchers you do not wish to review your proposal owing to conflict of interest | |
| Name | Reason for conflict of interest |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **11. Declaration** | |
|  | **Please initial** |
| I confirm that the information included in this application is accurate at the time of the application, but costs may be subject to revision for pay and price rises. If these are notified before a decision has been reached on this application, I agree to inform the Tuberous Sclerosis Association immediately. |  |
| I have read *‘Research Awards 2025 – Terms and Conditions’* and agree to the Tuberous Sclerosis Association's requirements. I understand that these T&Cs will form the basis on the contract between the TSA and my institution. *Please see note in the application guidance in this regard.* |  |
| I confirm also that this application has been seen by the Head of the Department of my academic institution and that if granted the work will be accommodated and administered in the Department. |  |
|  | |
| Name: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **12. Application checklist** | |
|  | **Please initial** |
| Check all relevant sections of this application form are complete |  |
| Include relevant ethical or other regulatory approval letters |  |
| Include all CVs for all applicants identified to be working on the project |  |
| If applicable, complete and include ‘Use of Animals’ questionnaire |  |

|  |
| --- |
| **13. Submission instructions** |
| Please send electronic copies of this application and associated documents to:  [**research@tuberous-sclerosis.org**](mailto:research@tuberous-sclerosis.org)   * Application forms should be submitted as a Word document * Supporting documents can be returned in either Word or PDF format   Applications should be received no later than **Monday 1 December 2025, 13:00 GMT.** |