**Tuberous Sclerosis Association**

**Research Grant: Seedcorn Award**

**Application Form 2025**

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

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| **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):** |  |

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| 1. Abstract Please provide a brief scientific summary of the research proposed (<300 words) |
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| 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) |
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| 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) |
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| 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) |
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| 5. 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** |
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**Please include CVs for the lead applicant and all co-applicants at the point of submission (suggested length 1-2 A4 sides)**

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| 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 |
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| 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** | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
| STAFF | Grade/further details | Cost |
| Staff #1 |  | £ |
| Staff #2 |  | £ |
| Staff #3 |  | £ |
| Total salaries (including on-costs) for all staff to be funded | | £ |
| TOTAL COST OF STAFF (GBP): | | £ |
| NON-STAFF | Details | Cost |
| Materials and consumables |  | £ |
| Apparatus and equipment |  | £ |
| PPIE |  | £ |
| Animals and feed |  | £ |
| Travel and conferences |  | £ |
| TOTAL NON-STAFF COST (GBP): | | £ |
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| TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED (GBP): | | £ |

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| 8. Full project description Please provide a full description of your proposed research, outlining the background, aims, methods, expected outcomes, timeline and any plans to seek further funding. Please explain how the project aligns with TSA’s Research Strategy and priorities (<1500 words) |
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| **9. 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. |  |
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| Name: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

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| **10. 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 |  |

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| **11. 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.** |