



**Addison's Disease Self-Help Group**

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## **The Alfred Potter memorial medical research award**

### **Purpose**

This fund offers an annual award of up to £5000 to support medical research projects that will advance good clinical practice in the management of Addison's disease.

The award is intended to assist medical researchers with the costs of equipment, laboratory charges or other running costs. The ADSHG is open to applications from researchers who are facing unanticipated cost overruns on research projects that are already underway, as well as from researchers who are in the planning stages of their project.

Applications for monies to be allocated towards staffing costs will not ordinarily be considered. Applications for amounts less than the full £5000 are welcomed as this may allow the trustees to offer a grant to more than one research project in a given year.

### **Who can apply?**

The trustees would ordinarily prefer to offer the award to researchers working on projects at a recognised Higher Education Research Institute and/or Medical Institute within the UK, where the results can be shown to be of direct relevance to clinical practice affecting our members. The ADSHG is open to applications from researchers based outside the UK, where their findings may be relevant to clinical practice affecting our members.

### **About the award**

The trustees of the ADSHG established the Alfred Potter memorial research grant in 2010, when Alfred Potter bequeathed a legacy of £5000 to the group.

Alfred was the ADSHG's oldest member; he played an active role in the group until just a few months before his sad, but not unexpected, death at the age of 95. It was indicative of Alfred's vigour and curiosity about life that at the age of 94 – only six months before his death – he travelled by train from Derby to London to attend the group's annual general meeting and medical lecture.

Alfred's life was an inspiration as to what people with Addison's can accomplish, with the right medical care and support.

### **Conditions of the award**

Grants will ordinarily be awarded in two stages:

- 50% on approval of the award
- 50% on receipt of a final report on the project's outcomes.

The following conditions will apply:

1. Monies must be spent within 12 months of the award. Extensions are not normally considered.
2. The award is not transferable and must be used for the purposes set out in the

- application.
3. The successful applicant must recognize the award on their departmental website with a link to the ADSHG website, for a minimum of six months after the grant is awarded.
  4. The research team will submit two reports to the ADSHG: an interim progress report and a final report.

Reports should be suitable for a lay audience, preferably 250 – 500 words, accompanied by a captioned photograph showing members of the research team and, where applicable, participating patients.

Researchers should draft their reports on the understanding that a summary of their contents will be published in the group's newsletter and may be published on the group's website. Thus, their contents should not prejudice full scientific publication of the research findings, but should offer a flavour of the research approach and outcomes.

The final report should include an assessment of the potential clinical applications of the research outcomes, a list of relevant publications and a financial statement from the Finance Officer of your institution.

### **How to apply**

Please complete the application form and email it to [trustees at addisons dot org dot uk](mailto:trustees@addisons.org.uk), together with a CV from the lead researcher submitting the application. Additional information about the research, including ethics approval and patient information leaflet materials, will be welcome.

### **Deciding who gets the award**

The trustees of the ADSHG will ordinarily offer the award to the proposal that is likely to have the most immediate benefit for clinical practice in the management of steroid-dependent patients within the UK. They may decide to hold over the monies available for the award, if they judge that applications within that year are not of sufficient standard. The decision of the trustees is final and not subject to appeal.

Decisions will usually be made at the trustees' January meeting. Please send completed applications before the end of the first working week in January, which in 2012 will be Friday 6 January.



# Alfred Potter medical research award application

## Research approach

- Research title

## Scope

1. Please attach an outline of the project methodology and, where relevant, any patient information materials that have been developed.
2. What is the purpose of this research?
3. How will the award be spent? [Please attach a summary of costs]
4. What is the planned start date and duration for the project? [Please indicate milestones, as appropriate]
5. When will the results be available?
6. What will be done with the results?

## Governance

1. Who will be conducting the research?  
*(please identify prior research experience/ qualifications)*
2. Who will be supervising the research?  
*(please identify prior research experience/ qualifications)*
3. Have you sought ethical approval for this research from the appropriate supervisory bodies?  
*(please give full contact details and attach a copy of relevant documentation)*



## **Benefits of the study**

1. In what ways might members of the ADSHG and other people with Addison's benefit from this research?
2. Please identify any sponsorship or funding for this research and indicate how these sponsors might benefit from the research
3. Are you willing to give a short presentation to ADSHG members about your research and provisional findings?
4. Please add any further comments you wish to make as to why the ADSHG should fund your project and its relevance to clinical practice.

## **Application's details**

- Name
- Position
- Departmental address
- Contact email and telephone
- Institutional account to which payments should be made

## **Attachments**

- Project methodology outline
- Patient information materials
- Ethical application materials

Please send an email copy of your application, with attachments, to [trustees at addisons dot org dot uk](mailto:trustees@addisons.org.uk)

