

Research Funding Programme for local groups

We want everyone with Parkinson's to be able to live their lives completely free of symptoms. However, our research is totally dependent on donations, so we need your help to make sure high-quality research work is not lost through lack of funding. There are three options for donating to research.

Option 1 – Gift to research (any amount)

You can give any amount of money you can afford to support research taking place in universities and hospitals across the UK. You'll help fund projects that have the greatest potential to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's. Your money will be used where the need is greatest, and can cover the cost of equipment, the salaries of researchers and the materials necessary to carry out high-quality research.

Option 2 – Gift to Parkinson's UK Brain Bank (£500 or more)

With a single donation of £500 or more, you can support the vital work of the Parkinson's UK Brain Bank in London. Our Brain Bank is the biggest in the UK that is dedicated to Parkinson's. Every year, we need £200,000 to cover the costs and keep the Brain Bank running.

Option 3 – Gift to a project (£2,000 or more)

With a single donation of £2,000 or more, you can help fund a Parkinson's UK project of your choice. You can support the research project that means the most to you. For example, projects taking place at a local university or on a certain topic. We'll help you follow the developments of your chosen project, and there may also be an opportunity to attend a project visit.

What to do next

If your local group would like to fund a research project, or get some more information about the projects on the list, please contact the Research Team.

→ Telephone **020 7963 9313**

→ Email research@parkinsons.org.uk

→ Write to us at Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1EJ

We'll get back to you within seven working days to talk about your gift and what to do next.

The legal bit

All the research we fund is completely dependent on voluntary donations, and we'd like to thank all the local groups who fundraise tirelessly for research. Without your valuable support we would not have taken such huge steps forward in the treatment and care of people with Parkinson's.

It's important that all research donations are legal. So if you're making a donation on behalf of your local group, please familiarise yourself with the legal information below.

Branches and support groups fall under the legal umbrella of Parkinson's UK. Therefore local groups cannot legally make grants directly to researchers, or their research institutions. All monies for research must be sent to 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, where we will be happy to facilitate a payment to your chosen project, provided it is available for funding.

Thank you so much for your support.

Projects that need your support

Projects for finding better treatments and a cure

Project code	Project title	Lead researcher	Institution	Country or region	Award type	£ awarded	Start date
G-1001	Putting a stop to dyskinesia	Professor Riccardo Brambilla	University of Cardiff	Wales	Project	£251,496 over three years	May 10
H-1003	Calcium in the Parkinson's brain	Dr Stephanie Cragg	University of Oxford	South of England	Studentship	£92,993 over three years	Sept 10
H-1001	Are Lewy bodies the bad guys in Parkinson's?	Dr Jody Mason	University of Essex	Eastern England	Studentship	£100,088 over 46 months	Oct 10
G-1004	How does Parkinson's spread throughout the brain?	Professor Tamas Revesz	University College London	London	Project	£319,334 over three years	Nov 10
G-1103	Studying nicotine's potential to treat Parkinson's	Dr Stephanie Cragg	University of Oxford	South of England	Project	£142,451 over two years	Aug 11
G-1008	Targeting brain rhythms to find better treatments for Parkinson's	Dr Ian Stanford	Aston University	West Midlands	Project	£177,578 over three years	Sept 11

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G-0912	Using worms to understand Parkinson's	Dr Anton Gartner	University of Dundee	Scotland	Project	£196,322 over 3 years	Feb 10
G-1105	Improving the way we replace the nerve cells lost in Parkinson's	Professor Anne Rosser	Cardiff University	Wales	Project	£184,787 over three years	Aug 11
J-0802	Identifying people with Parkinson's who are at risk of getting dementia	Professor David Burn	Newcastle University, Cambridge University and Imperial College London	North East, Eastern England, London	Themed	£1.18million over 5 years	Feb 09
K-1006	Can we predict Parkinson's?	Dr Alastair Noyce	University of London	London	Innovation	£35,000 over one year	April 11
F-1101	Gene therapy approach to treating Parkinson's	Dr Lydia Alvarez	University College London	London	Senior Research Fellowship	£248,629 over three years	Sept 11
H-1005	Testing new drugs to slow down nerve cell death	Dr David Dexter	Imperial College London	London	Studentship	£90,166 over three years	Oct 11
G-1101	Can a diabetes drug also help people with Parkinson's?	Professor Michael Duchon	University College London	London	Project	£106,835 over two years	Aug 11
K-1101	Can apomorphine delay the onset of dementia in Parkinson's?	Professor David Burn	Newcastle University and University College London	North East, London	Innovation	£29,318 over six months	Dec 11

Projects for understanding what causes Parkinson's

Project code	Project title	Lead researcher	Institution	Region or country	Award type	£ awarded	Start date
G-1007	Using skin cells to tell us more about Parkinson's	Dr Oliver Bandmann	University of Sheffield	Yorkshire and Humber	Project	£226,181 over three years	April 11
F-0702	The role of Lewy bodies in the death of nerve cells in Parkinson's	Dr Lynn Bedford	University of Nottingham	East Midlands	Senior Research Fellowship	£441,964 over five years	Jan 08
G-1011	The development of Parkinson's in the brain	Dr Roger Barker	University of Cambridge	Eastern England	Project	£247,868 over three years	June 11
F-1002	All about LRRK2	Dr Patrick Lewis	University College London	London	Senior Research Fellowship	£250,000 over three years	Oct 10
H-1006	How proteins combine in the brain to protect nerve cells	Professor Nick Wood	University College London	London	Studentship	£90,580.20 over three years	Feb 11
G-1006	What does alpha-synuclein do in nerve cells?	Professor Vladimir Buchman	Cardiff University	Wales	Project	£184,778 over three years	April 11
G-1104	What is the link between Gaucher's disease and Parkinson's?	Professor Anthony Schapira	University College London	London	Project	£333,330 over three years	Oct 11

Projects for improving the lives of people with Parkinson's

Project code	Project title	Lead researcher	Institution	Country or region	Award type	£ awarded	Start date
K-1002	Nintendo Wii: Moving and balancing with Parkinson's	Dr Cathy Craig	Queen's University Belfast	Northern Ireland	Innovation	£34,709 over 12 months	Mar 11
F-1003	A drug trial to improve balance and prevent falls	Dr Emily Henderson	University of Bristol	South West	Training Fellowship	£249,998 over three years	April 11
F-1001	The true costs of Parkinson's	Dr Emma McIntosh	University of Oxford	South of England	Senior Research Fellowship	£250,000 over three years	Feb 11
G-0913	Assistive technology: what is there and is it useful?	Professor Sheila Kitchen	King's College London	London	Project	£163,223 over 30 months	May 10
F-0901	Preventing activity-related falls in Parkinson's	Dr Emma Stack	University of Southampton	South of England	Senior Research Fellowship	£182,799 over three years	May 10
G-0914	What changes happen over time for people with Parkinson's and their carers?	Dr Carl Counsell	University of Aberdeen	Scotland	Project	£188,685 over three years	Aug 11

A note on the types of project

Our **project grants** tackle major research challenges with groundbreaking studies that get right to the heart of complex problems.

Our **career development awards** support researchers from a range of disciplines to develop their specific skills in Parkinson's research. There are two types of award. **Senior research fellowships** are for people who want to specialise in Parkinson's research by establishing their own research group. **Training fellowships** are for people who want to achieve a higher research degree relevant to Parkinson's

We offer fully funded **PhD studentships** for outstanding students undertaking research into Parkinson's.

Innovation grants support exceptionally innovative research focused on the causes, treatment and cure for Parkinson's. They support high-risk, high-reward research that tests new and unconventional hypotheses.

Themed research grants aim to address specific areas of research related to Parkinson's. These specific areas have been identified by the Board of Trustees through consultation with members of the charity and leading experts in the field.

Can't find the right project?

We're supporting around 90 research projects across the UK, so if you can't find a suitable project from this list please contact the Research Team. Together, we'll find a project that's right for your local group.