

# **Research Evaluation Procedure**

for the

## **M Y R O V L Y T I S T R U S T**

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### **1. Application submission**

- 1.1. Particular researchers may be invited, by the MT, to submit grant applications in a particular area.
- 1.2. Additionally, public calls for proposals might be sent out by the MT, from time to time.
- 1.3. Additionally, the MT welcomes expressions of interest from researchers.

### **2. Initial screening.**

- 2.1. All basic research grant applications that the MT receives are subjected to an initial screening process by MT staff. This ensures that the application meets at least one of the essential criteria (see the MT's Scientific Strategy).

### **3. Internal review**

- 3.1. Applications may be sent to one or more members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), or discussed at a Board meeting, as an internal review.
- 3.2. The MT is very sensitive to the issue of conflict of interest. SAB members who have a conflict of interest (as perceived by the MT) with the submitted application are not privy to that application.
- 3.3. SAB members are recruited for two years initially, with the possibility of re-selection

### **4. External peer review**

- 4.1. Basic research grants that pass the initial screening and any internal review are sent for external peer review.
- 4.2. External reviewers reflect a balance of scientific disciplines and experience. Conflicts of interest are avoided.

4.3. External reviewers may be paid an allowance for their time, and expenses.

## **5. Other useful information**

5.1. Applications with matching funds available are encouraged.

5.2. The MT aims to support researchers carrying out world class research into BHD syndrome. Research is not restricted to big, established laboratories; high quality applications from small and new laboratories are welcomed.

5.3. Funding, for the moment, is restricted research into BHD syndrome. The MT has an aspiration, at some point in the future, to fund research into other rare genetic disorders.

5.4. There are no geographic restrictions on funding – the MT is keen to work globally, as appropriate.

5.5. The MT started in late 2007. This Research Evaluation Procedure and the MT's Scientific Strategy are to be updated annually and reviewed every six months.