

# myrovlytis trust

Research Evaluation Procedure  
London, July 2015

## 1. Application submission

- 1.1. Particular researchers may be invited by the Myrovlytis Trust (MT) to submit proposals in a particular area of research.
- 1.2. Additionally, public calls for proposals may be announced by the MT.
- 1.3. Finally, the MT welcomes expressions of interest from researchers at any time.
- 1.4. Proposals are made by [grant application](#), available to download online.
- 1.5. As far as the MT understands, applications submitted from researchers within the UK, through open competition (1.2 and 1.3, above) and granted following peer review as detailed below, are eligible for HEFCE charity funding.

## 2. Initial screening

- 2.1. All research grant applications received by the MT are subject to an initial screening by MT staff. Applications unsuccessful at this stage will not be processed further.

## 3. Internal review

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

## 4. External peer review

- 4.1. Research grants which have passed 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 will be made aware of the MT stance on animal testing and application of the 3R principles, and will assess applications accordingly.
- 4.4. External reviewers may be paid an allowance by the MT for their time and expenses.

## 5. Response to comments and Final decision

- 5.1. After external review is completed applicants will have the opportunity to respond to comments.
- 5.2. If required, applicant's response to comments may be returned to external reviewers for further feedback.
- 5.3. Final decisions regarding funding are the responsibility of MT staff.

6. Other useful information

- 6.1. As central to our mission, the MT aims to support researchers worldwide carrying out outstanding research into BHD syndrome and other rare genetic kidney disorders. Research is not restricted to large, established laboratories; high quality applications from small and new laboratories are welcomed.
- 6.2. Feedback will be provided to both successful and unsuccessful applicants.
- 6.3. Our Research Evaluation Procedure is reviewed annually.