**The CJD Support Network Research Support Research Grant (2025)**

**Purpose:**

1. To support early career researchers (who may, or may not, be studying for MPhil/PhD), working on a subject that aims to be of benefit to patients with prion diseases, or to solve healthcare problems related to prion disease.

2. To increase communication between CJD Support Network members and junior researchers.  
  
**Proposal**:  
A total of £25K is available for use by early career researchers who work on prion diseases, to be used over a period of up to three years. Single applications will be considered up to £25K. Multiple applications will be considered if their total sum is no more than £25K. Proposals concerning collaborative research between two institutions will be considered.

The research project can be in any area concerning CJD and related prion diseases but preference will be given to projects concerning human disease, especially diagnosis, care and treatment.

Successful applicants would be expected to present on their work, at the CJD Support Network AGM/Family Day (in the Autumn each year), typically at the beginning of the award and after completion, and to provide information for inclusion in Support Network newsletters.

**Process**:  
The call for proposals will be open for 8 weeks [Deadline: 11.04.25).  
The call will be made via the CJDSN website, relevant social media, emails to relevant institutions, and the Association of British Neurologists.

Applications should be made using the CJDSN website downloadable form - copy appended below. It consists of an abstract of the research proposal and the need for support required, an outline budget and a personal statement by student demonstrating commitment to the field and purpose. A brief summary in lay terms is important for the CJDSN Committee non-professional members.

Applications will be reviewed by Prof Simon Mead and Prof Richard Knight of the CJDSN (except in the case of any applications from their own institutions), but also reviewed and scored by two independent, non-UK, clinicians/researchers. The final decisions will be made by the CJDSN Management Committee on the basis of the reviewer’s comments.

Applicants will be informed of the decision as soon as possible after the dealine and review process (which is likely to take no more than 2-3 weeks).

The next CJDSN AGM/Family Day is in Oxford,13-14.09.25

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN PREFERABLY BY EMAIL TO:

[admin@cjdsupport.co.uk](mailto:admin@cjdsupport.co.uk) For the Attention of: Beth Marsh, CJD Support Network.

[If by post: The CJD Support Network, PO Box 3936, Chester, CH1 9NG]

**APPLICATION FORM: General Details**

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| **NAME(S)** |  |
| **INSTITUTION** |  |
| **CONTACT DETAILS**  **Address**  **Email**  **Phone** |  |
| **TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT** |  |
| **Sole Support** | **Yes No** |
| **Support within existing project (give details of existing project)** | **Yes No**  **Details:** |
| **Justification for part funding within existing project** |  |
| **Personal Statement:**  **Indicate your personal commitment to the field, your relevant background and the appropriateness of your host institution** |  |

**APPLICATION FORM: Specific Details**

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| **Summarise the work to be undertaken and any relevant methods. Include the projected time course.** |  |
| **Summarise the importance of the project with particular reference to human health** |  |
| **Give a brief summary of the above in lay terms** |  |

**APPLICATION FORM: Financial Details**

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| **Staff Costs** |  |
| **Equipment Costs** |  |
| **Consumables Costs** |  |
| **Other Costs** |  |
| **TOTAL Costs** |  |