

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION GRANTS APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Grant administration

The Royal Osteoporosis Society (ROS) is committed to continually improving its grant administration process by: reviewing the application and expert review procedures; setting in place monitoring and evaluation systems; establishing appropriate financial controls; and reviewing the legal and regulatory environment. This document gives an overview of how the grant process is conducted.

Call for applications

Research and Innovation Grant Rounds are advertised via the charity's website and communication channels. Additional links will be provided through other appropriate websites, such as those of other professional bodies. The specific awards available during a particular grant round will always be clearly advertised.

Grant assessment process

Before funds are committed to research projects, a two-stage rigorous process, overseen by the ROS Research and Innovation Grants Assessment Panel (RIGAP), is followed to ensure that the research which is funded is of the highest standard (**Figure 1**). National and international experts in the field are asked to comment upon research proposals. The expert comments are taken into consideration when judging the overall quality and relevance of a piece of research to the charity's strategy and research priorities. Only after this process has been satisfactorily completed does the Board of Trustees approve funding for any research project.

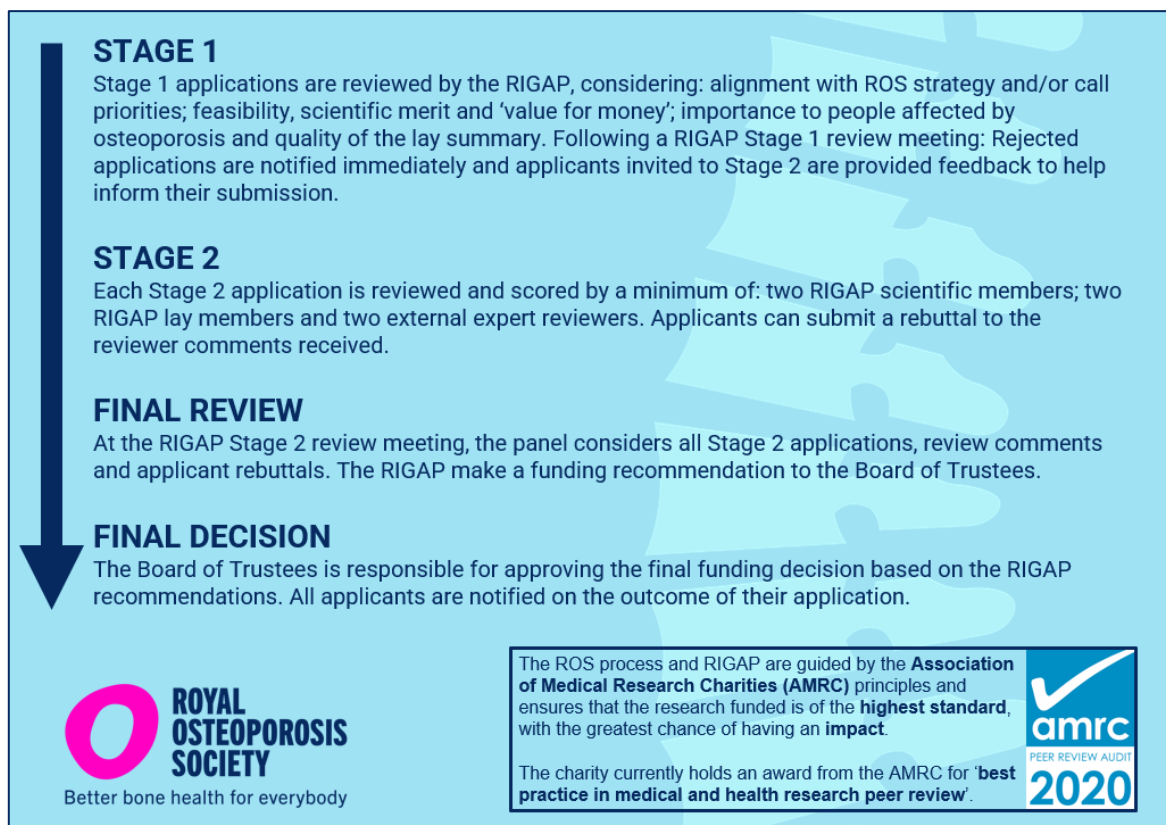


Figure 1: Royal Osteoporosis Society Research and Innovation Grant Assessment Process