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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 at the charity's conference when timescales are appropriate. They are also publicised through Osteoporosis Review and the charity's website. 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.

Stage 1 applications are reviewed by the RIGAP, considering: alignment with ROS strategy and/or call priorities feasibility, scientific merit and 'value for money' Stage 1 · importance to people affected by osteoporosis · quality of the lay summary Following a RIGAP Stage 1 review meeting: Rejected applications are notified immediately and applicants invited to Stage 2 are provided feedback to help inform their submission. Each Stage 2 application is reviewed and scored by a minimum of: The ROS process and Two RIGAP scientific members RIGAP are guided by the Two RIGAP lay members Stage 2 **Association of Medical** · Two external expert reviewers. **Research Charities** Applicants have the opportunity to submit a rebuttal to all the reviewer (AMRC) principles and comments received. ensures that the research funded is of the **highest** standard, with the At the RIGAP Stage 2 review meeting, the panel considers all Stage 2 greatest chance of having Final applications, review comments and applicant rebuttals. an impact. review The RIGAP makes a funding recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The charity currently holds an award from the AMRC for 'Best Practice in The Board of Trustees is responsible for approving the final funding **Medical and Health** Final decision based on the RIGAP recommendations. Research Peer Review'. decision All applicants are notified on the outcome of their application.

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