

## Policy for providing letters of support

Requests for letters of support in relation to Inflammatory Bowel Disease research submitted to Crohn's & Colitis UK go through a thorough vetting process. We assess each request to ensure it meets our required standards. Ultimately, it will be at the discretion of the research team as to whether the letter of support is provided.

When requesting a letter of support, you must provide:

- Evidence that the applicant or project is affiliated to a legitimate research institution such as a university or hospital.
- The proposal for grant submission or a project summary.
- An outline of their direct relevance to our charitable aims and research strategy ([Crohn's & Colitis Research Strategy 2022-2024](#)).
- UK Ethics committee approval documentation or proof that ethics has been applied for where this is relevant.
- Details of the research grant applied for.
- Details of the support requested of Crohn's & Colitis UK. Please note, as standard we will be able to support you with recruitment, however if you require additional support for example reviewing documentation or disseminating results this will require approval and may be subject to funding or staff time.

Crohn's & Colitis UK will not accept any applications that:

- are for market research
- suggest that Crohn's & Colitis UK is recommending a product to people affected by Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- are being conducted outside of the UK

Where requests are successful and we provide a letter of support, projects must keep us informed, so we can capture impact and provide ongoing support as appropriate.