

2026 CROHN'S & COLITIS UK GRANT CALL – OUTLINE APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

CRITERIA FOR SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL PANEL MEMBERS	
Originality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed work is novel and important.
Scientific/Academic Merit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed work is particularly creative or innovative in the solution /intervention it proposes. The proposal is of high quality and will add significantly to the scientific body of knowledge.
Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed approach(es) is realistic, well developed and is likely to achieve the aims within the timeframe set out.
Research Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research team has the necessary skills to carry out the proposed work. The research team has an appropriate range and depth of relevant expertise and clearly described roles.
Benefit/Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed work is addressing an area of unmet need as outlined in the grant call, either in the field of IBD research or for people living with IBD. The work will provide clinicians and/or patients with the tools and resources to manage the disease. The proposed research will directly impact or has the potential to directly impact people living with IBD, and there is an achievable plan for evaluating impact.
Value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justified budget that demonstrates good value for money. Estimated expenditure is proportionate and appropriate against the planned activities outlined in the application.
Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant(s) have involved people living with IBD in the development of the proposal and have clear plans for involvement and engagement as the study progresses.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant(s) have considered issues around health inequalities and equality, diversity and inclusion and have plans to embed EDI in their work, including in participant recruitment (if applicable). The applicant(s) have provided a justification of how the research responds to gaps in knowledge around health and care needs, or inequalities, or under-served groups, or all.

CRITERIA FOR LIVED EXPERIENCE PANEL MEMBERS	
Benefit/Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research proposed is addressing an area of unmet need or is of importance for people living with IBD. • The proposed research will directly impact, or has the potential to directly impact, people living with IBD. • There is an achievable plan for evaluating impact.
Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant(s) have involved people living with IBD in the development of the proposal and have clear plans for involvement and engagement as the study progresses.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant(s) have considered issues around health inequalities and equality, diversity and inclusion and have plans to embed EDI in their work, including in participant recruitment (if applicable).
Clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project overview section of the application is written clearly in plain English, and the applicants have avoided the use of technical jargon or explained any terms or abbreviations where necessary.