

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

CRITERIA FOR SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL PEER REVIEWERS AND PANEL MEMBERS	
<b>Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research plan is robust and includes clear research questions, objectives and design.</li> <li>The methods are clearly explained and appropriate, and there is a clear rationale for the patient population being targeted in the study.</li> <li>Clear milestones, the identification and mitigation of possible risks, and ethical considerations are included.</li> <li>Appropriate plans for effective project management, governance, institutional support (where appropriate) and contract management</li> <li>If relevant, there are no ethical concerns raised in the proposed work.</li> <li>If the application involves the use of animals, is this appropriate and in line with the 3Rs principles?</li> </ul>
<b>Feasibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed approaches are realistic, well developed and likely to achieve the aims within the timeframe set out.</li> <li>The research team has the necessary skills and access to required infrastructure to carry out the proposed work.</li> <li>The budget is sensible and adequate to carry out the proposed work.</li> </ul>
<b>Value for money</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well-justified budget that demonstrates good value for money</li> <li>Show that planned expenditure is proportionate and appropriate against the planned activities outlined in the application.</li> </ul>
<b>Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant(s) have considered issues around health inequalities and equality, diversity and inclusion and have described the specific activities they will undertake to embed EDI in their work.</li> <li>If participants are to be recruited to the study, inclusion has been considered when defining the target sample, including in the inclusion and exclusion criteria and recruitment and retention strategies.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The applicant(s) have considered how the results of their study could be widened so they are representative of the IBD population.</li> </ul>

<b>CRITERIA FOR LIVED EXPERIENCE PANEL MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Feasibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If relevant, any barriers concerning recruitment of people to the study have been identified and addressed.</li> <li>• If relevant, there are no ethical concerns raised in the proposed work.</li> </ul>
<b>Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The level of PPIE for the project is appropriate for the type of work e.g. there is a steering committee/working group for large, clinical projects.</li> <li>• The plan for providing feedback to participants or people who have been involved in shaping the research is well thought-out and appropriate.</li> <li>• There is a wider engagement plan to communicate results to people affected by IBD and/or the general public.</li> </ul>
<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant(s) have considered issues around health inequalities and equality, diversity and inclusion and have described the specific activities they will undertake to embed EDI in their work.</li> <li>• If participants are to be recruited to the study, the applicant(s) have considered issues around health inequalities and EDI?</li> </ul>
<b>Clarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>