

## Smaller Projects Fund

Our Smaller Projects Fund is aimed at projects that can be delivered within 2 years and are focused on projects that seek to improve the quality of clinical services and patient treatments. Applicants should be able to show how their project is beneficial to patient care and how it might improve practice. This fund is open to applications from nurses, as well as clinicians and researchers. The maximum grant award available is £10,000.

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Applications will be considered twice a year and must be submitted by the following deadlines:

23:59 31 May

23:59 31 October

**Applications to this funding stream are now open. The deadline for submitting an application is 23:59 on 31 May.**

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## How to apply

1. Read the information on this page and ensure your project meets the key criteria.
2. Send your completed [application form](#) to [grants@theurologyfoundation.org](mailto:grants@theurologyfoundation.org) by 23:59 on 31 May
3. Once you have submitted an application, notification of success or failure will normally be made within 8 weeks following the deadline dates. Applications must include the following information (as specified in the application form):
  - A summary of the study's aims and objectives.
  - The name and position of the study/project leader and names/positions of any other relevant members of the study team and brief CVs (e.g. 2 sides A4) for each.
  - The hospital/institution where the study is to take place.
  - Breakdown of all projected costs

## Key criteria

The Urology Foundation will consider projects that are:

- nurse-led and/or clinician-led
- for patient benefit

- seeking to improve services, treatments and communications with patients and carers
- measuring and evaluating outcomes to demonstrate improved care and well-being of patients.

These awards are for small projects which could lead towards an improvement in the treatment and care of patients. We will also consider projects that are pilots or testing data for potentially larger research projects.

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Awardees must submit a full report – in layman’s language – at six months and upon completion of their project.

You can download the forms and information needed below:

[Application form](#)

[Six month report template](#)

[Final report template](#)

## **Reviewing process**

All applications submitted by the due date will be circulated to members of The Urology Foundation’s Scientific & Education Committee for consideration. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- The study aims and the quality of the proposal.
- The likelihood of the study findings being easily disseminated and where relevant, any changes to practice made as a result.
- How closely the study relates to The Urology Foundation’s own strategic priorities which include accelerating the progress of urological research, driving change as a result of research outcomes and placing people affected by urological disease at the heart of research.