



Pitch your Care Research Idea – Application Form

Do you have a research idea, but:

1. Are unsure if it would be a good fit for a grant application?
2. Need some constructive feedback?
3. Are looking for general advice?

FightMND is hosting a “**Pitch Your Research**” morning on the 29th of May. This morning aims to support healthcare professionals and early career researchers considering submitting a competitive grant application.

During the morning participants will have the opportunity to present their research ideas to a panel of researchers, experts in MND care and people with lived experience. The panel will provide advice on how to improve your idea, and feedback on how to submit a competitive grant application for funding.

Key dates:

Pitch applications open: April 9th to May 8th

Invite to pitch: 15th May

Pitch Morning: 29th May

How the Pitch Presentation session will work:

1. Apply to present:

While we would love for everyone to be able to pitch their ideas, we will limit our pitch session to the first 10 applicants that fit the below criteria.

Applications we are looking for should:

- a. Have research outcomes will impact the care of people living with or affected by MND
 - i. It will address a gap / unmet need in MND care
 - ii. It will innovate or improve the quality of life or extend life for people living with MND (through non-drug interventions).
 - iii. It will improve the clinical care of people living with MND
- b. Be a good idea, with a rough plan and budget.
 - i. It does not need to be a flawless project plan, but will need to give panel members confidence that the project has potential.
- c. Not be research projects that focus on biomedical research and/or drug therapies.



2. Be invited to present

Presentations will be 5 – 10 minutes long followed by a 10 – 15-minute discussion with the panel.

The presentation should clearly address:

1. Why the project is important to the research sector?
2. Why the project is important for people living with MND?
3. How the project will be done
4. How will people living with or affected by MND be involved and engaged with during the project?

3. Prize!

The pitch the panel votes as the best, based on idea, impact and feasibility, will be awarded \$1,000.

Please note: Participating or winning the Pitch your Research program does not automatically make your project a competitive project for research funding.

Who is eligible to apply?

1. Healthcare professionals:
 - a. With or without formal research training (master's in research or PHD).
 - b. Clinical Fellows
2. Full time researchers:
 - a. Early career researchers (within 5 years of PHD submission)
 - b. PHD students who have submitted their thesis and awaiting confirmation.

Key things to note when filling out this form

1. We want to hear about your research idea – you need to have let us know why you want to do the project, and how it will be done.
2. This application form is not intended to be a full grant application. However enough information needs to be provided so panel members have an idea of what you are planning on doing.
3. Applications should be clear, concise, and succinct.
4. Dot points are sufficient.

How to apply?

Complete the below application form and send through to care@fightmnd.org.au.

We will let you know if you are selected to present by **May 15th**.

Application Form

Applicant name:
Role and Position:
Institute / Organisation:
Email:
Project Title
Research Question / Hypothesis What are you trying to answer What is the gap / unmet need Why is this innovative?
Motivation Why is this important to people living with or affected by MND
Project Plan How will this be done? Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Brief description of the project plan2. Budget
Collaboration



Who else needs to be on the project?
List potential co-investigators and collaborators, including their roles in the project.
(**Roles in project** are required, but “Name” and “Institute and Title” can be left blank)

Name	Institute and Title	Role in Project

Further comments on collaboration (if required)

PLEx engagement and involvement
How will people living with or affected by MND be involved and engaged with?

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