

Novartis principles on provision of grants to reputable healthcare organisations and eligibility criteria

General principles for all grants

- Novartis will consider grant applications from UK based institutions.
- Novartis generally provides grants as contributions to healthcare or healthcare-related organisations.
- Grants are provided without agreement or intent to receive a tangible benefit in exchange. Please note that merely displaying the Novartis company logo or name is not a “tangible benefit”. Disclosing Novartis support is important from a transparency perspective, and is not considered a tangible benefit.
- Grants are not intended to interfere with the independent judgment of healthcare organisation/association recipients and/or their associates.
- Grants will only be given to recognised and reputable healthcare or healthcare-related organisations for the general purpose of supporting healthcare. In this regard a due diligence on the organisation will be undertaken. This may comprise of constitutional documentation, annual reports, web searches or evidence of previous performance or previous direct experience.
- Grants will only be considered where these are deemed to be reasonable in light of the activity being funded and the requested funding must be commensurate with the budget for the activity. To make this assessment budgets will be required for all projects. Full budgetary details of the proposed funding for the event/activity to enable an appropriate assessment to be undertaken should be provided.
- Grant approval is objective and unrelated to any business relationship Novartis has, or may have, with grant requestors.
- A grant cannot be provided or be considered for activities which occurred prior to the time of the request. Such grant requests will be immediately deemed ineligible and will be declined.
- Grants will not be provided to underwrite a commercial business or to generate income for the recipient.
- The decision of the grants panel is final and there is no appeal process.

Medical Infrastructure Grants

- Funding for grants to support improvements to medical infrastructure (e.g. equipment or medical resource) must provide a direct patient care benefit. Such support needs to address an identified unmet need or absence in a community’s healthcare services or systems.
- Funding requested for a resource such as equipment or headcount funding will not be provided in any instances where the resource is restricted to Novartis only products or for Novartis only purposes. Novartis does not request this or require this for a grant to be successful.
- Grants to support medical equipment will require details of how the equipment will be used to support patient care and details of quotations/estimates for the equipment should be provided. For grant requests to support headcount resource, a copy of the role profile and the work to be undertaken in relation to patient care must be provided.

Educational Event Grants

- For meeting organisation grants the educational event must be specific and be clearly identified.
- No general support will be provided.
- Details of the event which should be provided are the planned agenda, educational content, meeting governance/faculty, proposed meeting venue and hospitality planned. Please identify the intended participants profiles, such as who is this event intended for, any delegate registration costs and if any continuing medical education accreditation is sought or intended for the event.
- Meetings which provide considerable educational value will be considered.
- A full and detailed breakdown of the budget for the event should be provided.
- Please note single department meetings are considered unlikely to meet eligibility criteria for an educational event offering high value education to a broad range of participants/delegates.

Professional Society Grants

- This is a grant given to a professional healthcare or healthcare-related organisation or association whose members consist primarily of healthcare professionals.

Research Grants

- Grants may not be awarded for research protocols which can be defined as a clinical trial or clinical study.
- For a research grant to be considered, there must be a specific research project for which there is a protocol, defined budget and a pre-defined hypothesis. The requested funding must be commensurate with the requestors research proposal.
- Where funding is requested for a research project of greater than one year, the requestor must be prepared to consider release of grant funding by Novartis only upon completion of documented and agreed upon milestones.