NEMS Kevin Gamblin Research Fund

**Aims:**

NEMS as an organisation wish to develop and support research projects and researchers in the North-East of England. The goals of the fund are to support both MSK clinicians and researchers in producing and disseminating high-quality real impact research to develop the care of MSK patients.

The NEMS Kevin Gamblin Research Fund aims to develop clinicians, researchers, and educators to advance their skill in academic and clinical research. This fund will support individuals with a range of expertise and previous publication experience is not essential.

**Applications should:**

•  *Focus on a priority area* – research should ‘fill the gap’ or begin research in an area which is deemed pertinent in MSK practice.

•  *Be Novel* – the research question should be novel and add to current evidence base. It should not replicate previous high-quality research.

•  *Show Impact* – the research should be able to impact on MSK professionals/patients in a positive way.

•  *Represent value for money* – the research should develop clinical practice or education in such a way that should be cost effective.

**How the money can be used:**

1. To support researchers in presenting work at established recognised conferences.
2. To pay a percentage of publication fees (not including open access).
3. To financially support active research projects, with ethics already granted, in a specific way.
4. **To support researchers in presenting work at established recognised conferences.**

NEMS are happy to support researchers in presenting novel research at regional, national, or international conferences. To apply, applicants should have had an abstract accepted for either an oral or poster presentation. If successful, the researcher(s) should acknowledge the financial support of NEMS on the poster and during the oral presentation.

The society with fund only conference fees for the day of the presentation. The research fund will not support travel expenses, accommodation or any other costs associated with attending conferences.

1. **To pay a percentage of publication fees (not including open access).**The society will consider supporting researchers to publish their work in peer-reviewed journals only. Journals must be on Scopus and have an impact factor associated. The paper should have been accepted for publication and passed the revisions progress.

***Please note, open access fees are not supported by the research fund.***

1. **To financially support active research projects, with ethics already granted, in a specific way.**

The research fund is available to support researchers who have an active on-going project in a specific way. The fund is available to help ‘get the research over the line’. Therefore, ethical approval must have been granted and applicants must demonstrate how the funding will develop the project. The researcher/research group must have a clear strategy for publication and acknowledge NEMS as a source of funding when submitting to a peer- reviewed journal. Examples, of acceptable applications include funds to purchase equipment, pay for expertise including statistician support or students as researchers.

For further information please contact the researcher officer.

**To apply:**

1. All applicants must be registered with a governing body and prove this on application.
2. ***Research must have been approved by an appropriate ethics board. Proof of approval is essential.***
3. Applicants must complete the application form in full. Please note, incomplete application forms will be sent back to the applicant and will not be reviewed by the Research Office.

**The application Process:**

1. Each application is assessed on an individual basis by Samuel Browne, NEMS Research Officer.
2. If approved by the Research Officer recommendations are then presented to the NEMS committee. Only those applicants approved by the research officer will be put forward to the committee on a quarterly basis.
3. The NEMS committee need to approve the Research Officers decision by a majority vote only.

**What happens if you are successful:**

If successful, the NEMS Research Officer will contact the lead applicant to explain the committee’s decision. They will liaise with the lead applicant about the next steps and releasing funding.

For work published or presented, NEMS asks that authors recognise the funding provided by NEMS using the following statement:

*“This work has been supported by the North East Musculoskeletal Society (NEMS), the opinions expressed within this work are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of NEMS”.*

**Appeals Process:**

Please note that the decision of the Research Officer and NEMS committee is final. Following feedback, the applicants can reapply for the fund is they wish.

**Funding Amounts:**

NEMS is a charitable organisation that brings quality MSK CPD to the region. The research fund is only one aspect of this and therefore research funds are limited. The funds are allocated by the committee on an annual basis. Once the research allowance has been allocated, successful applicants will have to wait to the following years allowance has been agreed before they receive funding.

If you are considering applying to the fund under any of the three key areas, please contact: Sam Browne at s.browne5@nhs.net