

Leading the fight
against dementia

**Alzheimer's
Society**

Applying to Medical Research Charities for funding – an Alzheimer's Society perspective

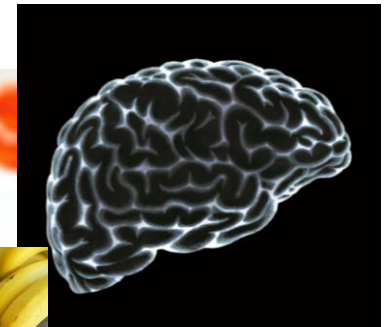
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Alzheimer's Society

- UK's leading dementia support and research charity
- Almost 3,000 community-based services across England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Website, Publications, National Dementia Helpline, and Talking Point.
- Fund research into the cause, cure, care and prevention of dementia.

Research funded by Alzheimer's Society

- Four key areas:
 - Cause
 - Cure
 - Care
 - Prevention



- Programme organised into two funding streams:
 - Biomedical
 - Care, services and public health

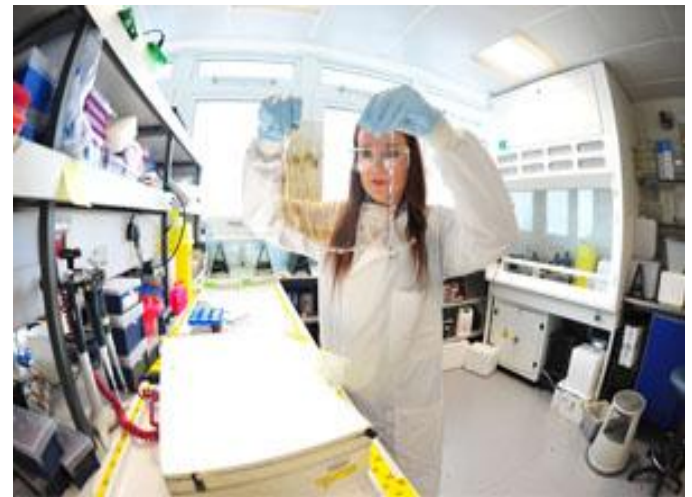
Research grants we offer

- Undergraduate summer bursaries (up to £2,100)
- PhD studentships (up to £85,000)
- Clinical research training fellowship (up to £225,000)
- Junior fellowships (up to £225,000)
- Senior fellowship (up to £400,000)
- Project grants (up to £400,000)
- Dissemination grants (up to £50,000)
- Implementation grants (up to £400,000)
- AS - ADDF Drug discovery grants (up to \$1.5 million)
- AS - Alz Nederland knowledge exchange fellowships (£10,000)

Dementia Research Leaders programme

Supporting the greatest minds to work on the brain's greatest problem

With six times more researchers working in the field of cancer than dementia, there is a pressing need to expand the dementia research community.



[alzheimers.org.uk/researchleaders](https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/researchleaders)

Association of medical research charities

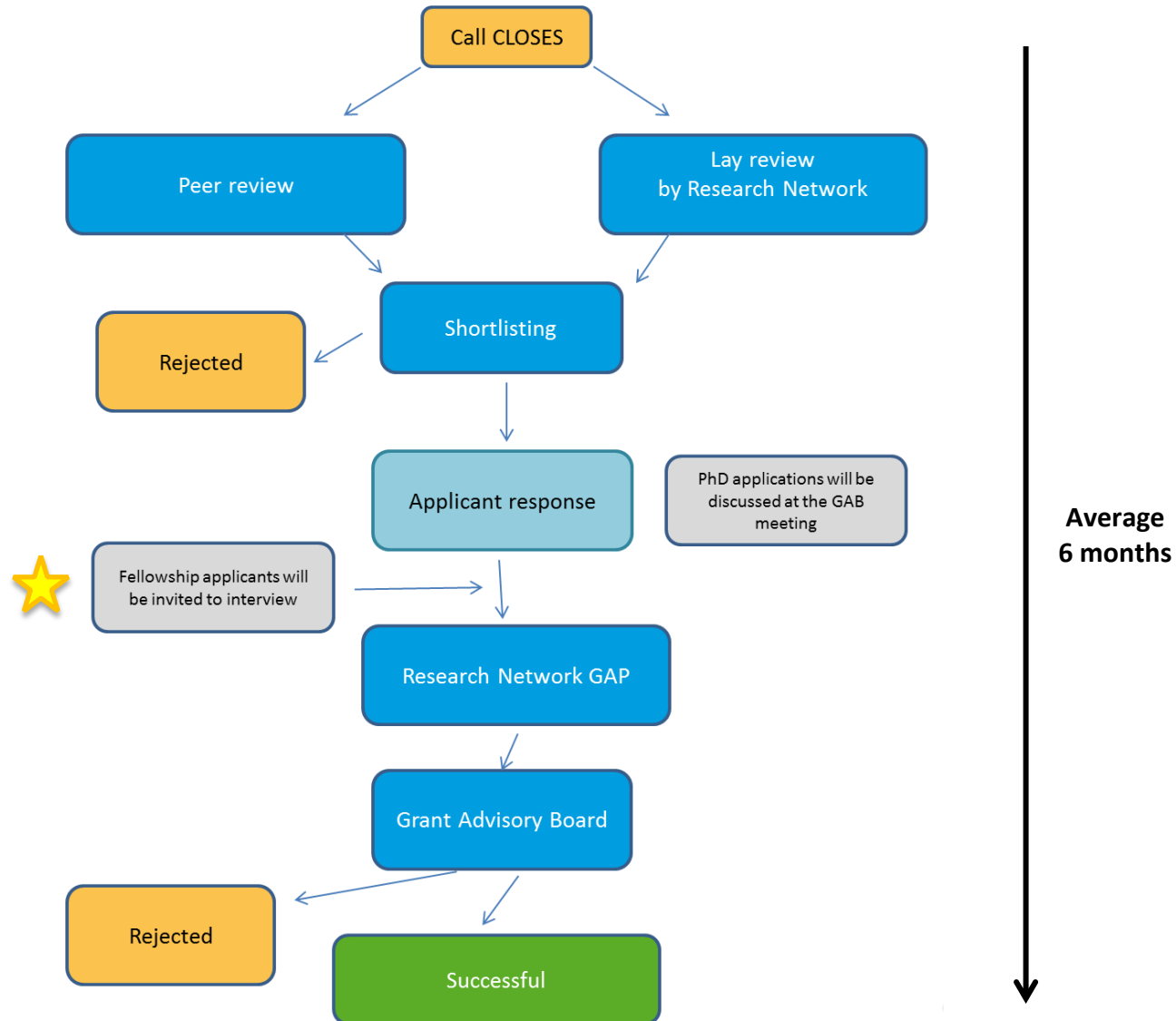
- The national membership organisation of leading medical and health research charities
- 136 member charities, who spend £1.3bn a year on research in the UK
- Quality and standards/ data and impact/ policy

amrc.org.uk

General application process

- ↓ **Submit *outline* application**
- ↓ **Review**
- ↓ **Submit *full* application**
- ↓ **Triage**
- ↓ **Review**
- ↓ **Shortlisting**
- ↓ **Applicant response**
- ↓ **Interviews**
- ↓ **Committee meetings**
- ↓ **Decisions communicated**

Our grant awards process



Submit online at grants.alzheimers.org.uk

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Grant Applications

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Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading care and research charity for people with dementia and those who care for them. Our unique research programme funds research into the cause, cure, care and prevention of dementia to improve treatment for people today and to search for a cure for tomorrow.

Please log in to the system to view open calls, or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/researchfunding

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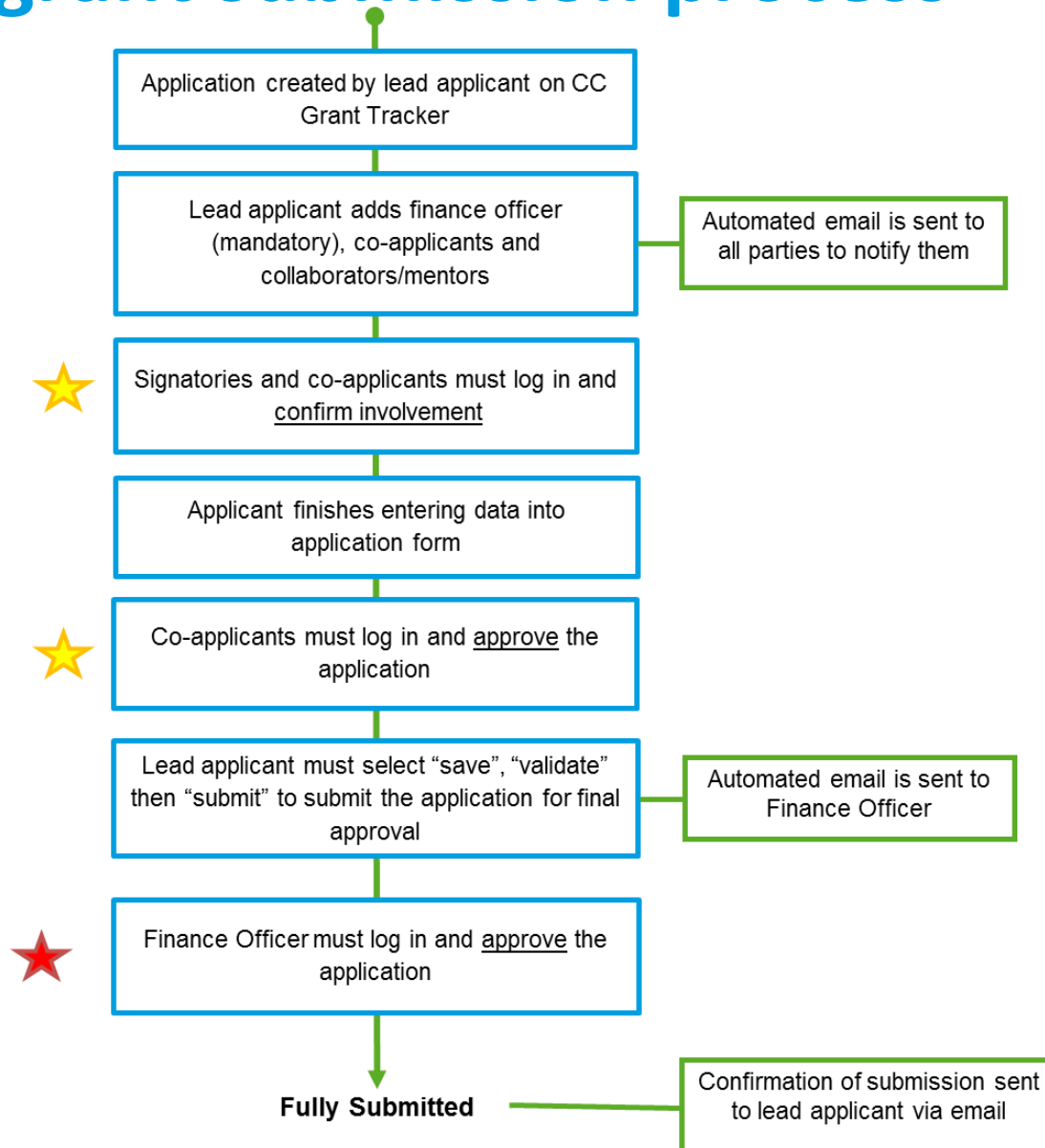
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Our grant submission process



Our application form

Scientific case for support

(5 pages; **including** preliminary data, **excluding** references)

Lay case for support

(4 pages)

- Aims of the project and significance of the research.
- Work which has led up to the project
- Experimental design and methods
- How will the results from this research be used?
- Involvement of people affected by dementia and relevant stakeholders.
- For PhD and fellowship applications: Training and educational environment.

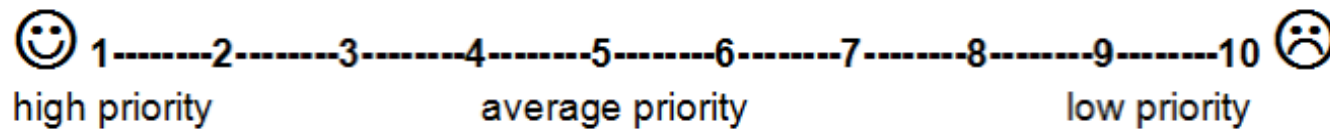
Research Network

- Formed in 1999
- 260 carers, former carers and people with dementia
- Demographically diverse
- Various roles:
 - Steer priorities of research programme
 - Review research applications
 - Monitor funded projects
 - Disseminate research findings
 - Develop research proposals
 - Represent Alzheimer's Society



Lay review

- Research Network volunteers only see Lay case for support
- Public and Private comments



★ Applications are shortlisted based on peer and lay reviews

Finance and costings

- Directly incurred costs only
- Charity Research Support Fund – covers indirect costs
- AcoRD - clinical research

- Publication costs

★ Check with funder if not sure!

Animal research

- All AMRC charities support position statement
- NC3R's - Refine, Reduce, Replace
- Considered in peer review – AMRC mandatory by 2017



nc3rs.org.uk



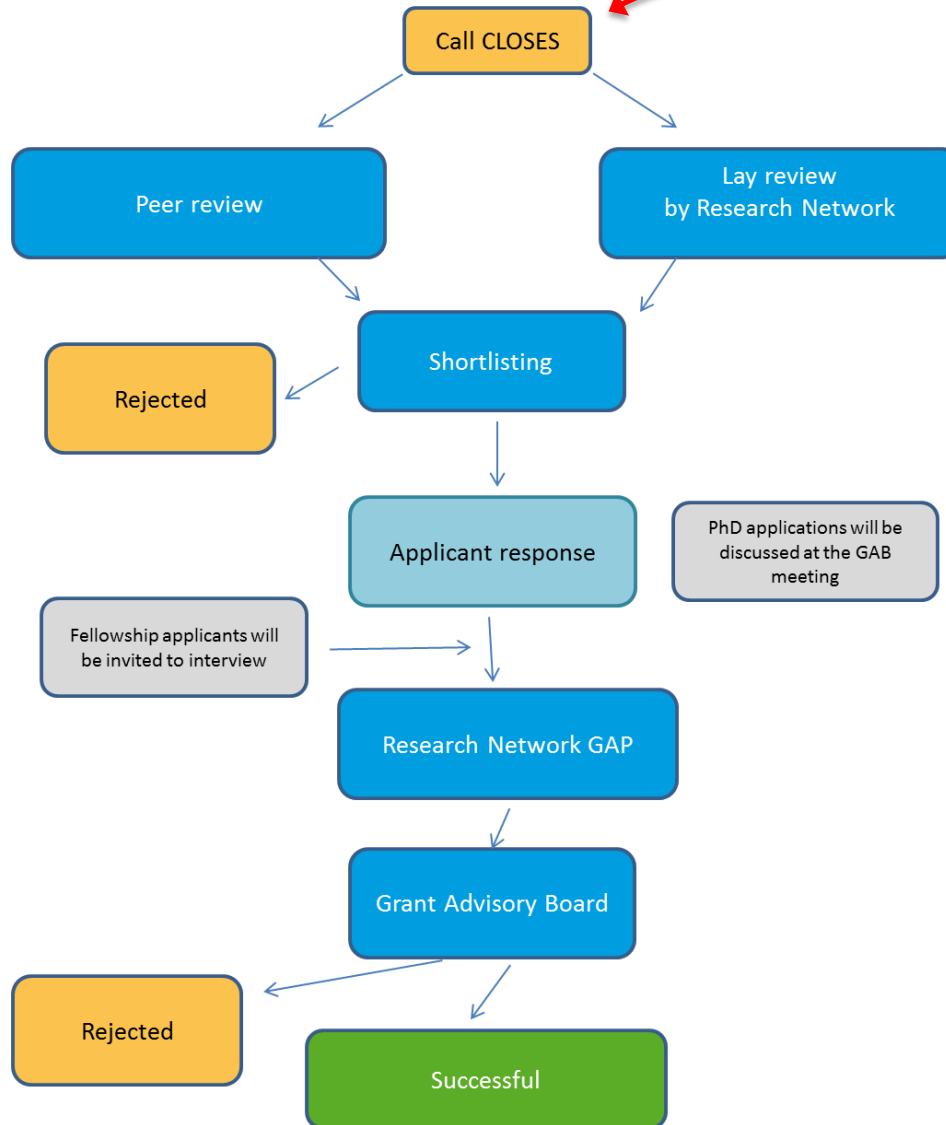
Post award

- **Reporting** – progress, publications, lay involvement
- **Researchfish** - Online system for tracking outputs, outcomes and impact



- **Monitoring** – every 6 months/1year with Research Network volunteers

Our grant awards process



Proposal development

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Opportunity to seek the input of the [Research Network](#) prior to submitting an application.

- Reviewing the lay application
- Development of research questions
- Patient recruitment and data capture processes suggestions
- Dissemination advice

 Apply at least **1 month** before grant deadline, and depends on ask

alzheimers.org.uk/proposaldevelopment

Tips

- ★ Check applicant guidance and website
- ★ Don't underestimate the lay application
- ★ If re-submitting, note and reference previous reviewer comments
- ★ Check numbers- Finance, power calculations, statistics
- ★ Provide evidence- preliminary data, recruitment numbers
- ★ If in doubt, check with the funder!

Contact and further information

- Further information on our grant rounds :
www.alzheimers.org.uk/researchfunding
- Research report 2015:
www.alzheimers.org.uk/researchreport2015
- AMRC, AcoRD guidelines and animal research :
www.amrc.org.uk
www.nc3rs.org.uk

★ Any questions contact: grantenquiries@alzheimers.org.uk