



About the LUPUS UK Peer Review Panel and External Reviewers

The charity has a Peer Review Panel (PRP) to consider applications for research funding, assessing the likely impact of the research on the understanding of disease mechanisms and reducing suffering and complications of living with the disease.

This panel of eight members reviews the importance, relevance, originality and impact of proposals, together with their scientific rigour and appropriateness. Peer review panel members are appointed for three years with the option of a second term of office. They do not receive any payment and are not permitted and will not receive copies of their own applications, or where they are a co-applicant, to review, abiding by the charity's Code of Conduct. Applications for research grants over £25,000 are first assessed by external peer reviewers who provide detailed written feedback to be used by the LUPUS UK Peer Review Panel.

The Chair of the panel will be appointed by the Charity's Trustees. The Chair's responsibility is to ensure that each funding application is dealt with in an open manner and that timely decisions are made and communicated to the Charity's Grants Manager.

Five members of the panel will make up the quorum, of which at least four members should be scientifically qualified.

Reviewers will provide feedback on applications which the Charity will pass on to applicants. Recommendations to fund will be made by the Peer Review Panel to the Trustees who will have the final decision on awards.