

## Research Lead

- Hours:** Full time (35 hours per week)  
**Salary:** £33K– £35K  
**Location:** Hybrid working  
**Directorate:** Research  
**Reports To:** Director of Research

### Role Purpose

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team as Research Lead, to deliver our research funding programme.

MND Scotland is committed to funding research into motor neuron disease because we think it is about time there was a cure. Our research funding schemes support researcher across the UK and encompass a range of approaches including fundamental neuroscience, social science and clinical trials.

Reporting to the Director of Research, your role is to lead on the delivery and management of our research funding schemes, research-related events and communications. You will also work with the Involvement Lead to integrate the perspective of people affected by MND across our research funding activities.

### Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

This role underpins the commitment by MND Scotland to supporting research into motor neuron disease with the aim of improving quality of life for people affected by MND, improving standards of care and, ultimately, finding a cure.

Reporting to the Director of Research, you will be responsible for:

- Delivering and managing research funding competitions, ensuring that the research supported by MND Scotland is the very best.
- Managing a portfolio of funded grants and fellowships, making sure the finances are properly managed and the research is on track.
- Organising events for our research community and for the public.
- Alongside our Communications Team, you will generate research-related news content
- Working with key stakeholders such as the MND Scotland Research Committee, MND researchers and clinical trial specialists, university administration staff, people affected by MND and the general public.
- Line management as appropriate

You will have opportunities to develop and shape:

- The establishment, and evolution of an electronic grant management system
- The development and management of a programme of events for researchers

You will also act as an ambassador for the charity, gathering insight and identifying opportunities for collaboration and engagement with like-minded organisations

### Essential Skills and Experience

- Educated to degree level, preferably in biomedical or health sciences, or equivalent experience
- Experience of working in a research or funding environment (e.g. university, charity or public sector)
- Excellent planning and organisational skills

### Desirable Skills and Experience

- A Masters or PhD in a medical, scientific or technical discipline
- Experience of funding competitions, peer review, or management of grant-awarding processes
- Knowledge of the UK's MND health and care research landscape
- Experience of grant management software (e.g. Flexi-grant)
- Experience of writing scientific content for a general audience
- Experience of organising and delivering events

### Essential Competencies

- Excellent planning and organisational skills, with meticulous attention to detail
- Excellent time management skills: ability to work to tight deadlines, manage multiple tasks, and prioritise own workload
- Excellent I.T. skills
- Focus on delivery and quality
- Credible and able to articulate complex issues to a range of audiences
- Works collaboratively with others and values diversity

## Personal Attributes

If you are someone who has a 'can do' attitude and believes in our vision of a world without motor neuron disease, then we would love to hear from you.

## More information

To apply please send your covering letter, CV and [equal opportunities form](#) to [recruitment@mndscotland.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@mndscotland.org.uk).

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 30 November 2022. Interviews will take place week commencing 12 December 2022.