



The Jessica Bethell MenB grants call

We are inviting well-constructed proposals for catalyst grants that demonstrate clear relevance to advancing protection against meningococcal serogroup B (MenB) disease in the UK.

The call is being generously funded by [The Jessica Bethell Charitable Foundation](#), in memory of Jessica, who tragically died from MenB in 2012, aged just 24 years. We are therefore particularly interested in UK-relevant research proposals which are focussed on protection of teenagers and young adults against MenB disease and have the potential for future clinical or public health benefit. This could include projects focussed on the prevention, early recognition, diagnosis and management of MenB.

The proposals must generate pilot data or findings that will increase understanding of MenB carriage, transmission and/or disease and have a clearly defined potential for future translation into the prevention and/or protection against MenB. Research funded must be of the highest scientific merit, in terms of the importance of the investigation, excellence of the study, ability of the research team, and probability of success.

We will award catalyst grants up to £35,000, for a maximum of 12 months in duration. Funding is intended to catalyse innovative research proposals and/or new research collaborations that have the potential for further funding. Proposals from early career researchers are also welcomed.

The deadline for applications is Monday 7th November 2022. Proposals will then be considered by our Scientific Advisory Panel and external referees. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by late January 2023.

All information is also available on our website at: <https://www.meningitis.org/for-researchers/jessica-bethell-menb-grants-call>. Anyone who requires further information, or who would like to discuss the suitability of their proposed project against the scope before making a submission, can contact Meningitis Research Foundation, by emailing our Research Officer Amelia Slay on amelias@meningitis.org or calling 0333 405 6257.