

**Joint Action Medical Research / British Paediatric Neurology Association (BPNA)**  
**Research Training Fellowship**  
BPNA pre-outline questionnaire

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - FOR APPLICANTS**

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**The purpose of this pre-outline proposal process**

The BPNA is keen to receive high quality applications for this Fellowship. To support candidates in submitting this standard of application, the BPNA Research Committee is adding this extra, supportive step to the application process.

As part of this application process, we therefore need you to send us your answers to the questions below. **You must submit these to us well in advance of the deadline for Outline submission so that we can take the necessary time to consider your answers and give you feedback.** We suggest you contact us a minimum of 3 weeks before the deadline. **We will give you feedback as quickly as possible but it obviously, if you contact us early you are likely to get better support.**

To receive BPNA feedback you must send this completed questionnaire to [katerina.roumelioti@bpna.org](mailto:katerina.roumelioti@bpna.org) and cc: [applications@action.org.uk](mailto:applications@action.org.uk).

The BPNA will work with their advisors to review your completed questionnaire. BPNA will then feedback any guidance to you via email. Feedback in advance of your Outline submission to Action Medical Research, will be focused on providing guidance to strengthen your application.

Please scroll down for the questionnaire.

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BPNA PRE-OUTLINE PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

These questions are intended to encourage you to consider, reflect and address all the key factors that we will be looking for in a successful application.

We need you to answer each of the questions in the questionnaire, in the order listed, in a Word document of no more than 2 A4 pages.

**1. Background to your proposal**

- a. What will your proposal add to current clinical and/or scientific paediatric neurology or neuro-disability knowledge?
- b. What previous research work has been conducted in this area?
- c. What evidence can you provide that this study approach will deliver a meaningful result?

**2. Study Aims**

- a. What is your hypothesis?
- b. What individual questions are you going to ask to prove that hypothesis?

**3. Methodology**

- a. What approach are you going to use to test?
- b. What clinical characteristics and numbers of patients do you estimate that you require to test this hypothesis?
- c. How do you plan to recruit those patients?
- d. If the study has specific measurements to be undertaken where would this be done and how would these measurements be taken? (e.g., laboratory)
- e. If your proposed study involves patients, please give your calculated sample size to justify the numbers you have suggested.

**Please note**

**The BPNA Research Committee is not testing your background at this early stage of the process. You will have an opportunity to provide all your credentials in detail when you submit your Outline.**

**Please also be mindful that the Fellowship lasts a maximum of 3 years, so you need to think about your overall schedule from recruitment to the completion of your research in that timeframe.**

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