NeuroCure Patient & Stakeholder Engagement Funding Announcement 2023

Background

In response to growing demands from funders, journals, patients, and communities in recent years for the active engagement of patients in research, we have implemented our service on Patient & Stakeholder Engagement (PSE) for researchers at the NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence and the NeuroCure Clinical Research Center (NCRC) BrainLab project in collaboration with the BIH QUEST Center. We help you make a plan to actively bring patients and stakeholders to your research world. We believe that the active engagement with patients in research will give you new insight and research experience with patients and stakeholders. On the other hand, patients will ensure that your research is relevant to them. Therefore, we are excited to announce a funding opportunity also in 2023 to support you to achieve this goal.

By active engagement, we do not mean recruiting patients as participants in clinical trials or other quantitative or qualitative studies. Active engagement means that patients or other stakeholders (e.g. patient representatives, relatives) have a say in the planning, conduct, and/ or analysis of a study, (re)use of data or samples, or that they are actively involved in the dissemination of study results.

You can find more information on PSE on the QUEST website.

Funding Overview

This PSE funding opportunity aims to support researchers in the process of actively and meaningfully engage patients in their research. With small grants, we support PSE activities both in already funded projects and to include patients' perspectives in the planning or design of new project ideas.

The grants will fund PSE activities like:

- Reimbursement of patients (and, if necessary, caregivers or assistants) and honoraria for activities such as participation in workshops or advisory boards.
- Travel expenses for activities such as attending workshops, meetings, or conferences.
- Workshop costs, such as venue and equipment rental fees, external moderators and/or PSE experts, and reasonable catering costs.
- Printing costs and expenses for other forms of dissemination.

Researchers can apply for funding up to 5,000 EUR. The funding has to be spent until the end of 2023 and according to the Verwendungsrichtlinien of the Cluster of Excellence EXStrA200. The general principles of efficiency and economy as specified within the budgetary and legal provisions of the Federal Budget Code (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) apply. The deadline for this call will be until the end of August 2023.

Eligibility

- Researchers with NCRC and NC affiliation and being employed at Charité can apply for this fund. Every eligible researcher can apply once per year.
Application

Please send your application to Dr. Juliet Roudini (juliet.roudini@charite.de). Please use the provided application form.

Decision

The funding decision will be made in the order of applications received until the PSE fund for this year is depleted. In the application, there must be a clear reference to the purpose of the call, namely the encouragement of active patient engagement in research. The successful candidates agree that their project is listed on the NCRC and QUEST websites and that they submit a brief report on the conducted patient engagement activities.

If you have any further questions about this fund or want to learn more about PSE before applying, please contact Dr. Juliet Roudini (juliet.roudini@charite.de). We can provide consultation and assist you in having a successful research experience with PSE.