**Early Career Researcher (ECR) Funding Call 2 | June 2024**

**Guidelines**

**Background**

NEUROMOD+ brings together neurotechnology stakeholders to focus on the co-creation of next generation, minimally invasive brain stimulation technologies. The network focuses on transformative research, new collaborations, and facilitating responsible innovation, encouraging partnership with bioethicists and policy makers throughout the technological development process. Read more about our aims and vision at <https://neuromodplus.org/>.

**Neuromod+ Early Career Researcher (ECR) awards** aim to support ECR training and development, encourage collaboration between Neuromod+ members, and further network research goals.

**Scope**

In this call, we invite ECRs to submit proposals for awards of up to £2,000 to fund activities that align with network aims or priorities. Some examples are provided below, but we welcome proposals for alternative activities:

* a visit to another Neuromod+ affiliated research group or organisation, to acquire new skills or use techniques that they would not normally be able to use at their home research group, or to collaborate on a project that aligns with network goals,
* attendance at a UK or international conference to present research within the network’s remit,
* organising a talk/workshop on a topic relevant to the network
* arranging/attending a training session on a neuromodulation technique within the network’s remit.

**Eligibility**

The scheme is open to ECR members of Neuromod+ who are based at a UK organisation that meets the [UKRI criteria to receive funding](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/eligibility-as-an-organisation/#contents-list). For this funding call, Neuromod+ considers an ECR as a member who is:

* within eight years of their PhD viva, or
* within six years of their first academic appointment (where research or teaching is the primary role).

**Unfortunately, due to funding restrictions we are not able to support students in this call.**

**Conditions**

* Activities must normally be paid for up-front by the applicant, and costs claimed back via expenses. In some cases it may be possible for Imperial College to pay costs directly. **We cannot reimburse or transfer funds to your institution**.
* Any travel/subsistence included should be at your organisation’s standard (economy) rate.
* Funding is not intended to cover research studies or research costs.
* Activities should normally be completed, and all funds claimed by 31 Jan 2025.
* Activities must align with the network’s research goals and [priorities](https://neuromodplus.org/about-us/).
* Applicants are responsible for arranging the activity, including obtaining any applicable insurance.
* Awardees must submit a short report on their activity which may be used in Neuromod+ publications.
* Any outputs arising from the activity must reference the Neuromod+ Network.

**Please email applications and any questions to** **k.hobson@imperial.ac.uk** **by 31 July 2024.**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Neuromod+ PIs and outcomes will be announced soon after the deadline.

**ECR Funding Call application form**

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| Applicant details |

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| Name |  |
| Organisation (inc department) |  |
| Current role |  |
| PI/line manager name |  |
| Please tick to confirm that you meet the ECR eligibility criteria set out in the guidelines |  |

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| Activity details |

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| Summary of activity to be carried out (max 300 words) |  |
| Proposed dates of activity |  |
| How does the activity align with Neuromod+ aims/priorities |  |
| How will the activity enhance your/other ECRs’ development? |  |
| Do you expect there to be any outcomes or impacts? |  |

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| Expected costs | Please provide a breakdown of your expected expenditure (e.g. travel, accommodation etc) |

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| Expenditure item (add rows as necessary) | Estimated cost £ |
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| **Total applied for** |  |

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| CONDITIONS OF FUNDING | Please tick to confirm the following and add required contact details: |

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| I have approval from my PI/line manager for the proposed activity: |  |
| PI/line manager name: |  | Email: |  |
| I agree to be responsible for all activity arrangements, including arranging insurance if required |  |
| I agree to pay costs up front and claim reimbursement up to the value of my award (or I have discussed with Kate Hobson the possibility of Imperial College paying costs directly) |  |
| If awarded, I agree to submit a report on my activity and to reference Neuromod+ on any outputs |  |