

Call for Proposals

Issue date: 29/02/2024

Key Dates

Expression of interest with outline proposal: 17:00BST, Tuesday 07 May 2024

Notification of outcome. Invitation to submit detailed proposal: Tuesday 04 June 2024

Submission of detailed proposal: 17:00BST, Tuesday 23 July 2024

Announcement of awards: Thursday 29 August 2024

Background to the call

The Elizabeth Casson Trust is pleased to issue its **fifth annual call** for research funding applications. This call continues our commitment to funding studies that support occupational therapists in their professional roles through the development of evidence, tools or support mechanisms.

This year's call is within our new **2023-2028 research strategy** as we focus on our vision of a strengthened, emboldened and research active profession, building our understanding of the efficacy, utility, and positive effect of research on those who access our services, and on OTs¹.

Scope

Our driving intent is to support studies that will deliver clear value and impact for those who receive our services, for occupational therapy professionals, and for the occupational therapy profession. Studies that include, where possible, a health economics evaluation will be viewed more favourably.

Proposals are invited that address a clearly defined area within occupational therapy that demonstrates **innovation**. All studies will be considered, however priority will be given to applications that address **services in the community**. Requests can be for projects ranging from **£10,000 up to £100,000**.

An **essential requirement** for all proposals is value for money to the Trust, applicants are therefore strongly advised to present competitive costings for their study². Studies should be completed within a maximum of 2 years.

Research capacity building

In line with our 2023-2028 Research Strategy, the Trust would like to support the career development of early researchers, practitioner/ clinical academics and post-doctoral occupational therapists and welcomes proposals that give consideration to this.

¹ <https://bit.ly/2023-2028ResearchStrategy>

² On-costs will be covered but overheads are not.

Research impact

To deliver our research strategy, we intend to facilitate:

- intentionally inclusive, fair and balanced involvement in, and engagement with, research;
- the production of high-quality evidence about the value of occupation and participation, including novel methodological approaches;
- the translation and pioneering adoption of evidence in practice, and building confidence, competency, and skill across the profession.

Study proposals should address this through high quality research design and should articulate potential impact, significance to practice, influence and reach.

How to apply

Expressions of interest and an outline proposal should be submitted to Pam Anderson at secretary@elizabethcasson.org.uk, copying Suzanne at admin@elizabethcasson.org.uk, by the call deadline of Tuesday 07 May 2024, 17:00BST. Applicants successful at this stage will be advised no later than Tuesday 04 June and invited to submit a detailed proposal (further dates noted above in Key Dates).

Contact

Please contact Pam Anderson at secretary@elizabethcasson.org.uk with queries about applying for this funding.