2022 Small Grants Scheme - Frequently Asked Questions

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The IAS Small Grants Scheme funds projects between £500-£10,000 and up to 12 months duration. **Eligibility criteria, details on the two-stage application process and all key dates are on the [IAS Small Grants Scheme webpage](.).**

Where can I get help designing my project?
IAS is happy to advise how your idea may fit IAS' objectives and priorities. Pre-submission enquiries are encouraged and should be directed to Dr Sadie Boniface (sboniface@ias.org.uk)

As well as asking colleagues informally, your institution may have Research Facilitators or Research Development Managers who may be able to help refine your proposal.

IAS is a non-commercial partner of the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), so applicants with projects relating to health and healthcare may be eligible for the [Clinical Research Network's Study Support Service](.).

NIHR also has published guidance on:
- [involving under-served groups in research](.)
- [public and patient involvement in NHS, health and social care research](.)

Are there requirements around Open Science?
IAS encourages applicants to engage with Open Science and to state how they will do this in their proposals. This may include pre-registering analysis protocols, commitments to open data, and open access to results and publications. IAS is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC), meaning awardees have an option of publishing on the [AMRC Open Research portal](.). This might be an alternative to a traditional peer-reviewed journal or IAS report.

Where can I get help with dissemination?
IAS expects to support awardees with dissemination at and beyond the end of their projects. Applicants are encouraged make use of IAS' networks to disseminate their work, and enquiries on how this can be supported are welcome at any stage.

Awardees can use the Progress Report six weeks before the project end date to finalise dissemination plans and timelines with IAS. Findings should be disseminated via IAS in partnership with the host institution in the first instance. Awardees planning to disseminate their findings in an IAS report should note this may be subject to external peer review.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Following best practice and guidance from the Wellcome Trust, IAS requires applicants to complete a diversity monitoring questionnaire at Outline Stage.