

We make a difference...
maintaining Scotland's
international reputation
in medical research

Our research awards support young doctors
and scientists while they carry out innovative
research and establish careers in their chosen
health-related fields.

"...allowed us to focus on a new area of research...
in which... we are now becoming internationally
competitive. A major pharmaceutical company has
also become interested in this area of research..."

"...our work has made a significant impact...
a European collaborative programme is being
set up, using techniques and reagents that we
have developed."

By only supporting research carried out in Scotland,
Medical Research Scotland has enabled some very
promising researchers from overseas to be attracted
to Scottish institutions. With our support, they have
started what have become long-standing research
careers here.

"...funding early in my academic appointment has
had a significant influence on the progression of my
research career... the opportunity to establish my
research in Scotland..."

Support us and we can
continue to make a difference...

Medical Research Scotland is an independent
charity, receiving no public-sector funding.
It provides research support from the
income received from its endowment fund.

The endowment fund originated in the £2.5m of
public donations to Scotland's hospitals before the
creation of the NHS. Since then, many generous
gifts and legacies (coupled with prudent investment)
have helped to maintain and augment that fund.

Support us and be part of the long Scottish tradition
of generous giving to support medical research.

Support us and enable more of the high-quality
research that underpins Scotland's international
reputation in pioneering medical research.

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**Medical Research Scotland is the country's largest
independent charity funder of medical research**

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making a difference...

Medical Research Scotland

We are and will continue to be the largest and most comprehensive medical research charity in Scotland, having distributed almost £32 million in grant funding since we came into being. The research grants we award are drawn from the income from our invested endowment fund.

We are committed to:

- making a difference to people in the early stages of their medical research careers in Scotland
- supporting only the highest-quality research, as assessed by expert international peer review
- improving the health of Scotland's people by supporting research of direct clinical relevance
- maintaining Scotland's established international reputation in medical research.

We make a difference... to young researchers

Medical Research Scotland support is not restricted to any one disease or condition. We support high-quality research funding proposals from early-career researchers in any of the clinical, biomedical or physical sciences related to medicine, including from those in the nursing, midwifery and allied health professions.

"...career advancement... the grant contributed towards my gaining tenure."

"...given me great insight into basic science and research and has undoubtedly helped advance my career."

"...the funding was an important factor in strengthening my research base and thus fostering my career as an independent researcher."

"...allowed me to establish a working group of researchers and also helped to stimulate interdisciplinary work with our School of Physics..."

"...the experience has not only furthered my career, but also my enthusiasm for clinical research."

"...my application (for post of Specialist Registrar) was greatly helped by the period of supported research and having received such a prestigious award."

We make a difference... to the nation's health

We support many different types of clinical and laboratory-based medical research, aiming to improve the understanding, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of all diseases, as well as the development of medical technology.

For over 50 years, we have supported people who go on to have distinguished careers and make major contributions to medical research and practice.

Medical Research Scotland maintains the standards which started with supporting Professor Ian Donald's pioneering work on obstetric ultrasound scanning in 1955; moved on through Dr John Mallard's research on the original MRI technology in 1965; and included Professor Sir Graham Teasdale's evaluation of the diagnostic value of MRI in neurological disease in 1982.

Research supported by us in the 21st century will lead to breakthroughs in medical practice for the next generations.

