

TELL US YOUR VIEWS!

We want to give you a seat at the table, to make sure we fund research relevant to people affected by diabetes. If this sounds of interest, you may want to join our Grants Advisory Panel.

Our [Grants Advisory Panel](#) helps to improve the lives of people living with or at risk of diabetes by influencing the research funded by Diabetes UK. The Panel, completely made up of people living with diabetes or their parents/carers, reviews and scores all research grant applications. Their voices ensure that we're funding research that would make the biggest difference to people affected by diabetes.

Who we want to hear from

Diabetes UK wants to ensure our panels are inclusive of different populations and experiences such as including people from different ethnic or socioeconomic backgrounds. We know that due to long-standing inequalities, people from ethnically diverse populations continue to experience poorer care and outcomes and suffer from inequalities that impact their quality of life. Therefore it is important to us that our panels represent the diversity of people living with or affected by diabetes.

Currently we are looking to recruit people from the following groups:

- People affected by type 1 diabetes
- People affected by or at risk of type 2 diabetes
- Parents or carers of people affected by diabetes
- People from different age groups
- We particularly want to hear from people affected by or at risk of diabetes from Black and South Asian backgrounds.

What Diabetes UK can offer you

In return for volunteering your valuable time and sharing ideas, Diabetes UK will provide you with:

- An induction on your role and additional support, as required.
- An opportunity to develop your knowledge of diabetes, learn about the research funding process and contribute to important funding decisions.
- An opportunity to be involved in other research activities, e.g. workshops and events
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities for Diabetes UK, e.g. travel, lunch and accommodation if required.

Additional information

Membership for the Grants Advisory Panel is a 3-year term, with the opportunity to extend for a second term.

If you are an existing member of one of our Groups or Panels, you would not be eligible to apply for any other membership. However, if your membership is approaching the end of your term and you are interested in applying for another role, please let us know.

Timeline for recruitment

Stage	Date/s
Applications open	14 th October 2026
Application deadline	13 th November 2026
Informal chats with Research team members	10–16 th December 2026
Inform applicants of outcome	18 th December 2026
Virtual induction	11 th February 2027

How to apply

If you are interested in applying, please complete the application form [here](#).

If you have any queries, please contact us at research@diabetes.org.uk.