**Section 1**

**About you** (known as the “**Awardholder**”)

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| Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Department: |  |
| Organisation/ address: |  |
| Phone: |  |
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**About your project**

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| Project Name: |  |
| Start Date: |  |
| End Date: |  |
| Amount requested: |  |

**About the grant holding institution** (known as the “**Recipient**”)

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| Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Department: |  |
| Organisation/ address: |  |
| Phone: |  |
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*Cheques are not normally made payable to an individual or another charity/trust fund*

**Internal funding**

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| Have you applied for funding from your internal charity/trust fund? | | Yes/No |
| If yes, what was the outcome? |  | |
| If no, why not? |  | |

**External funding**

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| Have you applied for funding from elsewhere? | | Yes/No |
| If yes, what was the outcome? |  | |
| If no, why not? |  | |

**Ethical Approval**

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| Have you applied for/received ethical approval if applicable? | | Yes/No |
| Ethics reference(s) |  | |

**Section 2**

**Use of Animals**

*Please note that these questions are mandatory for all applications for funding that propose using animals in the research project. Applications may be referred to the NC3Rs for review. Where animal work is sub-contracted, these questions must be completed by the organisation conducting the animal studies.*

*PSC Support follows the*[*AMRC principles in the use of Animals in Research*](https://www.amrc.org.uk/position-statement-on-the-use-of-animals-in-research)*.*

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| Does your research project involve the use of animals? | Yes/No |
| **If no, go to Section 3** | |

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| **If yes, please continue:** | |
| Does your research project involve the use of higher animals (non-human primates, cats, dogs or equines)? | Yes/No |
| Do your proposals include procedures to be carried out on animals in the UK under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act? | Yes/No |
| Have the following necessary approvals been given by: | |
| The Home Office (in relation to personal, project and establishment licenses)? | Yes/No/Not required |
| Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body? | Yes/No/Not required |
| Do your proposals involve the use of animals or animal tissue outside the UK? | Yes/No |
| If your project involves the use of animals, what would be the severity of the procedures? | Mild/ Moderate/Severe |

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| Please provide details of any moderate or severe procedures *(no more than 250 words)* | |
| Why is animal use necessary; are there any other possible approaches? *(no more than 250 words)* | |
| Why is the species/model to be used the most appropriate? *(no more than 250 words)* | |
| Please justify the number of animals to be used per experiment, including details of any sample size calculations and/or statistical advice sought. | |
| Will publications arising from the research adhere to the [ARRIVE guidelines](https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/arrive-guidelines)? | Yes/No |

**Section 3**

**Lay Summary**

*Your research grant application will be considered by lay reviewers (usually patients) as well as by scientific experts. The lay reviewers will appraise your application based on the importance of this research and the potential difference this could make to people affected by PSC, and the progress this research could make towards answering an ‘unanswered research question’. Patients are involved in appraising research applications because PSC Support places great value on the patient voice. For this reason, there is no word limit on the lay summary section of the application form. While patients might not fully comprehend the technical and scientific aspects of the project, they are interested in what the project entails.*

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| What ‘unanswered research question’ or ‘unmet need’ does your project address? |
| How do you think your research project could make a difference to people affected by PSC? |
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| How have you considered patients in the design of your project? |
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| **Lay abstract**  Please briefly describe your project in accessible language for a general audience: |
| **Lay project description**  Please fully describe your project in accessible language for a general audience. *(No word limit – this part is very important to us)*.  Please include:   * Brief background/context * Aim of study * How you will go about the research * The information the research will provide. |

**Section 4**

**Scientific Summary**

*Your research grant application will also be considered by a panel of scientific reviewers. Their appraisal criteria include: i) your project’s relevance to PSC Support’s Research Strategy; ii) patient-relevant outcomes; iii) originality, realistic costing and value for money; iv) relationship to and the volume of research already available in the field; v) scientific quality or methodology and vi) expertise of research team. More details at www.pscsupport.org.uk/psc-support-research-strategy*

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| Which PSC Support Research Priority does your project address and how? |
| Please provide evidence explaining why this research is needed now (how does the existing literature support this project?) |
| Please explain how the research costs requested have been calculated and justify how they have been allocated. *Ensure you have worked with your finance office, clinical trials unit, local NHS trust and the local* [*NIHR CRN*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/eligibility-for-nihr-clinical-research-network-support/23746) *network to ensure that all costs of research have been identified and appropriately allocated.* |
| Please describe the research team and its strengths: |

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| Scientific abstract *(max 200 words)*: |
| Please fully describe your project (ie how the funds requested will be used): |

**Section 5**

**Your Privacy**

Please be assured PSC Support takes data privacy extremely seriously and your personal information will be kept securely.

PSC Support will only use the information you give us in this application form and associated documents to evaluate your application, to monitor funding statistics and administer our accounting records and to keep in contact with you about your application. The information collected as part of the application will be reviewed internally, and may also be shared with members of the PSC Support Expert Panels. The information may also be shared with external peer reviewers in order for them to review the application.

For our full privacy policy, please go to [www.pscsupport.org.uk/privacy](http://www.pscsupport.org.uk/privacy). If you would like to discuss any aspect of how we look after your information, please email [privacy@pscsupport.org.uk](mailto:privacy@pscsupport.org.uk)

**Declaration**

I confirm that:

* I understand that any award will be subject to PSC Support’s Agreement in addition to specific terms and conditions provided by PSC Support at the time of an award offer. In particular:
* I will apply the award made for the purpose given above and understand that a failure to do so could mean that I will have to refund the money in its entirety to PSC Support. Any underspend on the award will also be returned to PSC Support.
* I will submit reports to PSC Support regarding the award and its outcome(s).
* I understand that any award is subject to Research Ethics Committee approval.
* I understand that notification of this application (project name, applicant name and institution only in the event of unsuccessful applications), any award and outcomes (in the event of a successful application) will be placed on the PSC Support website and used in PSC Support publicity materials.

*Applicant:*

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |
| Signature: |  | | |

*Head of Department:*

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |
| Signature: |  | | |

**THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO PSC SUPPORT FOR A RESEARCH GRANT**

**Please email your application to research@pscsupport.org.uk**