

NeuroCure Patient & Stakeholder Engagement Funding Announcement

Background

Due to increasing demands from funders, journals, patients, and communities over the last few years for the active engagement of patients in research, we have implemented our service on Patient & Stakeholder Engagement (PSE) for researchers at NeuroCure Cluster of Excellence and the NeuroCure Clinical Research Center (NCRC) in a [BrainLab project](#) in collaboration with the [BIH QUEST Center](#). We help you make a plan to actively bring patients and stakeholders to your research world. We believe that the active engagement with patients in research will give you new insight and research experience with patients and stakeholders. On the other hand, patients will ensure that your research is relevant to them. Therefore, we are excited to announce a **funding opportunity** to support you to achieve this goal.

By **active engagement**, we do not mean recruiting patients as participants in clinical trials or other quantitative or qualitative studies. Active engagement means that patients or other stakeholders (e.g. patient representatives, relatives) have a say in the planning, conduct, and/or analysis of a study, (re)use of data or samples, or that they are actively involved in the dissemination of study results.

You can find more information on PSE on the [QUEST website](#).

Funding Overview

This PSE funding opportunity aims to support researchers in the process of their research to encourage the active and meaningful involvement of patients. With small grants, we aim to support PSE activities e.g., in already funded projects or to bring the patients' voice into the planning or design of new project ideas.

The grants will fund PSE activities like:

- Reimbursement of patients (and caregivers or assistants, if necessary) and honoraria for activities such as participating in workshops or advisory boards
- Travel costs for activities such as participating in workshops, visiting meetings or conferences
- Costs for workshops, e.g., rental fees for venue and equipment, external moderators and/or PSE experts, reasonable catering costs
- Printing materials and other means of dissemination

Researchers can apply for funding **up to 5.000 EUR**. The funding has to be spent until the **end of 2022** and according to the *Verwendungsrichtlinien* of the Cluster of Excellence EXStra200. The general principles of efficiency and economy as specified within the budgetary and legal provisions of the Federal Budget Code (*Bundeshaushaltsordnung*) apply.

Eligibility

- Researchers with NCRC and NC affiliation and being employed at Charité can apply for this fund.

Application

To apply for this fund, please send an [email](#) with a short statement about how you want to engage patients in your project and explain your activity plan in this regard. Please also mention all of the planned expenses.

Decision

The funding decision will be made by order of received applications until the PSE fund for this year is spent. Most importantly, there must be a clear reference to the aim of the call, i.e. the support of active patient engagement in research, in the statement. After the funding period, the successful applicants consent to submit a brief report on the conducted patient engagement activities.

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If you have more questions regarding this fund and if you would like to know more about PSE before submitting, feel free to contact [Dr. Juliet Roudini](#). We can give you consultation and we will help you to have successful research experience with PSE.