

## DRWF PEER REVIEW AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Peer review

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Assessment of grant applications is based on peer review. The DWNS Research Advisory Board (RAB) chooses whether or not to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees who make the final decision on funding.

The DWNS Research Advisory Board comprises independent scientists and clinicians from the research community with appropriate expertise and research experience. They are asked to express their own views on the research proposal.

Applications are judged on the merits of the proposal put forward. If it becomes apparent, when assessing applications, that there is a gap in the expertise of the Board, external reviewers are used.

Members of the Research Advisory Board are required to abide by a 'code of conduct', which is designed to protect and preserve the integrity of the DWNS advisers and processes. This code of conduct dictates that board members may not discuss any aspect of the deliberations or recommendations of the board with applicants, and that they must refuse any requests for information as to how a particular decision was reached.

Applicants or their colleagues must never attempt to contact a committee member to discuss any aspect of an application or the decision reached on it. All such requests must be referred to the DWNS.

Members of the Research Advisory Board are also required to abide by a 'Conflict of Interest Policy', which is designed to minimise the risk for conflicts of interest arising.

### Timescales

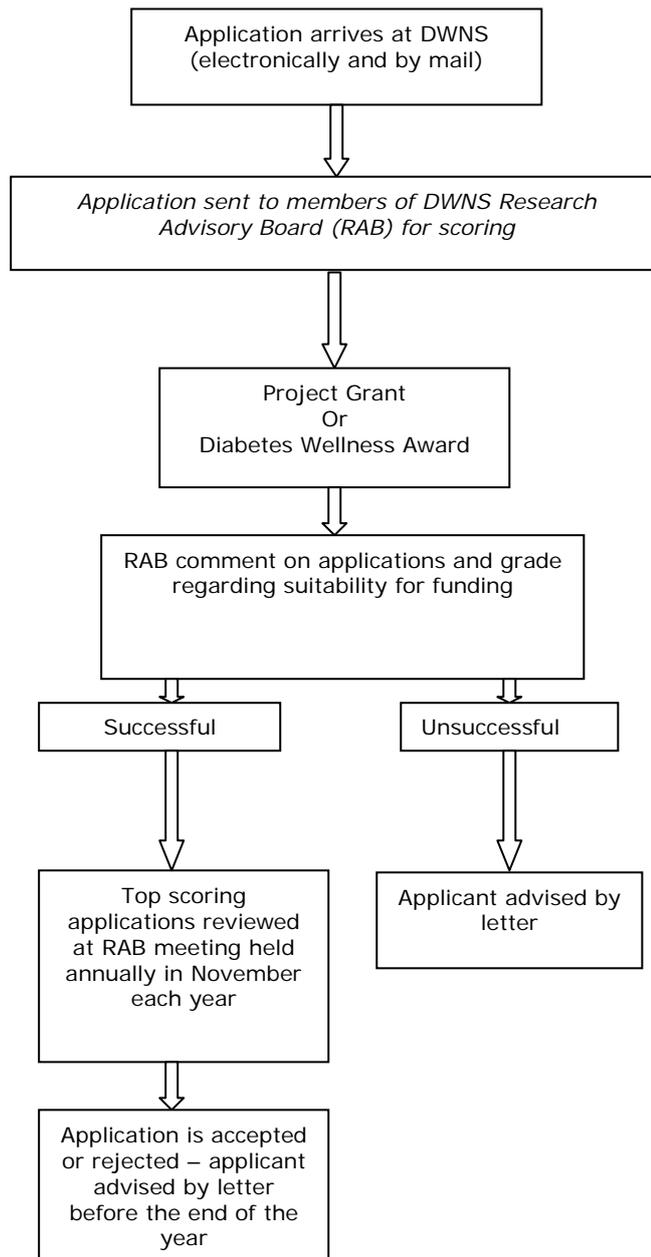
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In general, a decision is made in the same year of receipt of the completed full application. Applicants are generally notified of the outcome, in writing, after the RAB meeting in November has taken place and the trustees has decided what projects to fund. This is usually done in the end of December each year.

If awards are not taken up within twelve months of the anticipated start date, they will be withdrawn.

These timescales are only intended as a general guide for applicants. For particularly large or complex applications, or those with unusual features, the decision-making process may take longer.

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Awards offered to a recognised institution or research group by DWNS are:

### **Diabetes Wellness Project Grant**

Number of awards offered:	Depending on grant amount
Type of award:	Applications currently considered suitable would be research projects – clinical or non-clinical, of 1-2 year's duration (though extensions may be considered)
Frequency:	Annual
Level of Study:	Postdoctoral research
Length of Study:	1-2 year (the period may be extended further, but it would be expected that the project would be completed within 3 years)
Value of Award:	up to 100 000 EUR/year

The DWNS favours original clinical or scientific projects and selects on original clinical or scientific merit. Applications for Project Grants can be made at any time throughout the year. Funding for all projects is offered once a year, in December, for the following year.

The application procedure is two staged:

Stage 1 - applications received by end of deadline (usually in September) - sent to board by email/hardcopy for scoring.

Stage 2 - top ranking applications are discussed and re-scored by the Research Advisory Board at the RAB Meeting in November.

### **Diabetes Wellness Award**

Number of awards offered:	Depending on grant amount
Type of award:	Applications currently considered suitable would be smaller research projects – clinical or non-clinical
Frequency:	Annual
Level of Study:	Doctorate / Postgraduate research
Length of Study:	1 year
Value of Award:	up to 30 000 EUR/year

The DWNS favours original clinical or scientific projects and selects on original clinical or scientific merit. Applications for the Diabetes Wellness Award can be made at any time throughout the year. Funding for all projects is offered once a year, in December, for the following year.

The application procedure is two staged:

Stage 1 - applications received by end of September deadline - sent to board by email/hardcopy for scoring.

Stage 2 - top ranking applications are discussed and re-scored by the Research Advisory Board at the RAB Meeting in November.