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**IHS Research into Headache in Children and Adolescents**

**Seed Funding Grant 2025**

**Request for Letter of Intent**

**Information for Applicants**

**Introduction**

The International Headache Society is funding two awards to initiate projects that study headaches in Children and Adolescents. This initiative addresses the need for increasing research into headache in lower-income countries. The purpose of these awards is to initiate new projects that will result in extramural funding.

**Value**

The value of the award is up to GBP 15,000

**Essential criteria**

1. Projects should be exclusive to children and adolescents less than 18 years of age
   * 1. This may be increased to 21 years of age if significant justification
2. Consider diversity of gender, race and ethnicity in project development
3. Funding will not be used for salary support, travel or overheads/indirects
4. Awardees must be IHS members in good standing
   * 1. If not an IHS member, grant applicants should apply for IHS membership before submitting proposal – free of charge Associate membership is available for clinicians and researchers from lower-income countries
5. Projects should be new projects that have potential for additional funding from governmental agencies (e.g. US NIH) or other extramural funding agencies
6. Project should include plans and strategies to pursue extramural funding
7. If the grant is awarded, awardees are expected to present their findings at an IHS meeting and submit for publication in Cephalalgia
8. The grant is restricted to applicants from countries listed as World Bank Low-, Lower-Middle- and Upper-Middle-Income, or applicants from other countries for studies within LMICs (see list [here](https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519)).

**Process**

1. Submission of an initial Letter of Intent (LoI) is required:
   * 1. This is not to exceed 1 page and should include the hypothesis(es) and specific aim(s)
     2. Include a brief background of what has been previously done in this specific area
     3. Inform the potential impact of successfully completing this study
2. Submissions of LoIs that are invited to submit a complete proposal will be notified within 1 week of the LoI deadline
   * 1. LoIs will be reviewed by three members of the Child and Adolescent research committee including the Chair; they will invite the successful LoI applicants to send a full proposal
3. Full proposals will include:
   * 1. 5 page grant proposal, inclusive of tables and figures, but exclusive of references, budget and Biosketches, and include
     2. Specific Aims (not to exceed half a page)
     3. Background (not to exceed half a page)
     4. Impact of the proposal (not to exceed half a page)
     5. Preliminary data if any (not to exceed one page)
     6. Methods (not to exceed 2 pages)
     7. Plan and strategy for submission of additional funding (not to exceed half a page)
     8. Biosketch of key personnel (use NIH 5 page Biosketch format)
        1. Instructions for Biosketch can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
        2. One page budget justification

The full proposals will be reviewed by the Child and Adolescent Research Committee, excluding any with a conflict of interest, which will make the decision by rating the novelty, the applicability, and the chances to receive funding; details on this process will be discussed within the committee.

Important: The use of AI to generate content or complete the entire application is discouraged and may result in a negative review. Please declare any use of AI, such as for language editing or other specific tasks.

**Timeline**

1. Letter of Intent: 15 July 2025
2. Full proposal for those invited: 1 September 2025
3. Grants awarded to start: November 2025
4. One page progress report due: May 2026
5. Presentation at IHS International Headache Congress: September 2027

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