

DAVID LYNCH FOUNDATION

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David Lynch Foundation UK—Peer Review Process for Research Funding Decisions

As part of our commitment to rigorous and transparent funding practices, the David Lynch Foundation UK has adopted the following peer review process for all proposals submitted for funding:

1. Requirement for Peer Review

All proposals submitted for funding are subject to independent peer review prior to any funding decision. This process ensures that each submission receives a rigorous and unbiased assessment of scientific merit, feasibility, and potential impact.

2. Selection of Reviewers

We commission at least two external reviewers with subject-matter expertise relevant to the proposal.

- Reviewers are selected to ensure independence and are not affiliated with the applicant's institution, the research team, or our organisation.
- All reviewers are required to declare any potential conflicts of interest before accepting an invitation to review.

3. Assessment Criteria

External reviewers evaluate proposals using the following criteria:

- Scientific merit and methodological rigour.
- Feasibility of the proposed work.
- Potential impact on mental health and well-being.
- Alignment with our organisational priorities.

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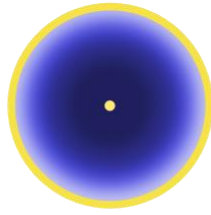
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4. Integration into Funding Decisions

Funding decisions are made on the basis of the peer review assessments. Feedback from reviewers is considered by the Foundation's funding committee before any final decision is reached. This process ensures that all funding awards are based on external expert assessment and meet the highest standards of scientific integrity.

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