



British Aphasiology Society Small Grants for Initiatives in Aphasia

OVERVIEW

Amount: up to £5000 per project

Deadline: **Friday 22nd of November 2024**

Application process: Application form to be submitted through the BAS website (see below for further details), and accompanying aphasia-friendly summary should be emailed to smallgrants@bas.org.uk.

Review process: At least two committee members and one person with aphasia will review each application and present their views to the Small Grants Coordinator, who will then present an overview of the reviews to the BAS Committee for a final decision. The Committee reserve the right to decide how many awards are made in any year.

Final report: a 500-word (maximum length) summary for inclusion in the BAS newsletter and on the BAS website, plus an aphasia-friendly summary for the BAS website that takes the form of EITHER (i) a poster (created in PowerPoint or similar, and submitted as a pdf) OR (ii) a video report of maximum length 5 minutes (choice of poster/video lies with funded individuals). In addition, a final one-page report on how funds were spent is required (with receipts attached).

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The British Aphasiology Society offers small grants to fund Initiatives in Aphasia - activities that involve and benefit people with aphasia and their family members/carers. Some examples might be: support for events/ new initiatives in aphasia, focus groups, or pilot research. This list is not intended to be prescriptive (BAS is very much open to ideas for Small Grant projects). Such activities may be led by or organised with the involvement of people with aphasia, and will meet one or more of the following aims:

1. To promote knowledge of aphasia
2. To promote knowledge of aphasia treatment, and make its evidence base accessible



3. To promote and draw upon the expertise of people with aphasia
4. To share, discuss and collaborate on research with people with aphasia and their family members/carers

Funding of up to £5000 is available per project and can be used to supplement other funding that the applicants have already secured (we will ask you to provide evidence of this).

The BAS Committee reserves the right to decide how many awards it will make in any one year. Funding must be spent within 12 months of the project start date, at which point any unspent funds are to be returned to BAS. Funds will be provided to successful applicants in the form of a cheque at the start of the project.

This scheme does not fund the purchase of resources for individual people with aphasia.

Successful applicants are responsible for seeking advice about, and where appropriate securing, ethical approval for their project work from the Ethics Committee of the organisation that they work for or through which they will be carrying out the project (e.g. recruiting participants). You may be asked to provide the Committee with documentation to confirm ethical approval is in place/not required prior to the release of funds. If you intend to make a video final report (see below for details) for upload to the BAS website, you must have specific consent from all participants to permit this. Similarly, you will need consent from anyone whose photograph you include on a poster. In these cases, you will be required to show the Committee the consent forms.

Successful applicants agree to **acknowledge the support of the BAS Small Grant for Initiatives in Aphasia** during their project work and at any associated events (by using the BAS logo on materials, etc.), and by name in any subsequent written report, presentation or media coverage.

Successful applicants are required to submit a **6-month update** including a summary of funds spent to date – this document should be no longer than 1 page of A4 and should be emailed to smallgrants@bas.org.uk

At the end of the project, the project team are required to submit a **Final Report** that summarises their activities and key outcomes. The Final Report will take the form of a 500 word (maximum length) project summary for inclusion in the BAS newsletter, plus an aphasia-friendly summary for the BAS website that takes the form of EITHER



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The deadline for submission of these documents and materials to smallgrants@bas.org.uk is one month after the end of the project. Posters/video reports will be uploaded to the BAS website. All applicants are asked to refer to the checklist below when preparing their application.

Eligibility:

The lead applicant must be a member of BAS and based in the UK.

Application process:

The lead applicant(s) should email a completed application form to smallgrants@bas.org.uk this form will also ask for details of named person on the application.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on **Friday 22nd of November 2024**

Checklist for applicants:

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you have considered the following:

- Information on ethical approval – will your project need approval by a Research Ethics Committee? You should detail your plan to obtain this on your application form.
- Consent for video recording and photographing participants – how will you ensure you have informed consent for participants to be video recorded and/or photographed and for clips/images to be put on the BAS website?

Finally, have you included:

- Your completed application form (submitted through the BAS website)?
- Your aphasia-friendly summary (emailed to smallgrants@bas.org.uk)?