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| **PhD Studentship/Research Grant**  **(please delete as appropriate)**  **Preliminary Application Form 2026**  Applications should be emailed to [research@macularsociety.org](mailto:research@macularsociety.org)  no later than 5pm on **30th May 2025**.  This completed form should be formatted in Arial 14 point.  Please ensure your Lay Summary is written in plain English, suitable for lay members of our Research Committee and Lay Panel.  **ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED** | | |
| **Title of Project** |  | |
| **Name, post, department, institution, address, phone and email** | | |
| **Applicant** | | **Co-investigator(s)** |
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| **Proposed Budget** |  | |
| **Proposed Duration** |  | |
| **Is / has a similar application been submitted elsewhere. If so, with what outcome?** | |  |
| **Did you use AI tools (such as ChatGPT or Microsoft Copilot etc.) to help write this application? If so, please specify which tool(s) and how they were used.** | | |
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| **Short Lay Summary of project (200 words)** | | |
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| **Detailed description of project, to include:**   * **Aims** * **Background** * **Methodology (please justify sample size- include power analysis, if relevant)** * **Outcomes** * **Potential clinical benefit** * **Details of training programme for the PhD student – where applicable**   **(1500 words)** | | |
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