

NOTA Research Grants Scheme for 2025-26

Call for Research Proposals: Examining Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Practice and Representation in the Field of Sexual Abuse

On behalf of the NOTA Board and NOTA Research Committee, we are pleased to announce the launch of the NOTA Research Grants Scheme for 2025-26.

There is a growing perception that EDI populations are underrepresented in this sector—particularly among frontline professionals and within the organisations that support them, including NOTA. In contrast, EDI populations are often more prominently represented among service users. This research aims to investigate this imbalance, understand its scope and implications, and suggest ways forward.

The NOTA Research Committee is therefore seeking proposals for a research project that investigates the extent to which Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles are embedded in the professional practice of those working in the field of sexual abuse.

We welcome submissions from individuals or research teams, including partnerships between professionals and academic researchers. Proposals are encouraged from researchers and practitioners at all career stages. Students, early-career researchers, and practitioners may request support from the NOTA Research Committee to help develop a robust application.

Funding of up to £10,000 is available. If multiple applications are received, the Research Committee may decide to fund more than one project, with awards made up to the total available funding. Partial funding may be offered to some proposals. The grant may not be used to fund attendance at conferences, the writing up of the research for submission for publication, or some other reporting, nor, to assist with educational qualification fees.

The successful applicant(s) will be expected to develop and implement an appropriate methodology, engage with relevant stakeholders, and are encouraged to present their findings at the NOTA Annual Conference and submit a written article for *NOTA News*.

We expect the project to be completed and written up within 12 months. If your proposal falls outside of this timeframe, please provide a clear justification. Proposals requiring a longer timeline will not be disadvantaged if well-reasoned.

Eligibility criteria

- A named Principal Investigator (PI) must be included; this individual will be responsible for the management of the grant.
- The PI must be a NOTA member. (Note: Membership is not required at the time of application, but the grant will be awarded on the condition that the PI becomes a NOTA member.)
- The proposal must clearly address the aims of the research call.
- Inclusion of a named practitioner is strongly recommended but not essential.
- A brief CV for the PI must be submitted with the application.
- The successful team must commit to providing a mid-term and final report to the NOTA Research Committee.

Applications must be submitted online by 30th November 2025. The link to submit the application and guidelines can be found at [Research Grants – NOTA](#)

All applications will be independently reviewed by members of the NOTA Research Committee. Funding decisions will be made during **December 2025 and January 2026**. All applicants—successful or otherwise—will receive feedback by **28th February 2026**.

For any enquiries, please contact notaoffice@nota.co.uk with “NOTA Research Grant” in the subject line.