

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The new GE Excite short-bore 3 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner, at the Epilepsy Society at Chalfont, is the only MRI scanner in the UK dedicated to identifying the causes of epilepsy. The scanner is a critical component of the Epilepsy Society's research programme.

The scanner was purchased in part by a successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund by the Epilepsy Society and the Epilepsy Research Foundation (now Epilepsy Research UK), the only national charity dedicated to funding independent epilepsy research. The research programme is driven by the Epilepsy Society and the Department of Clinical and Experimental Epilepsy of the Institute of Neurology, University College London. The collaboration with Epilepsy Research UK ensures the widest dissemination of the research results and their potential application to other patient groups.

The Epilepsy Society and Epilepsy Research UK jointly oversee the research projects carried out on the scanner, and as part of this there is the possibility of access to the scanner for research projects proposed by other groups.

Proposals for research projects into the causes and treatment of epilepsy involving the use of the new 3T MRI scanner are invited from research groups in the UK.

Projects will be assessed by the scientific advisory committee of the Epilepsy Society and Epilepsy Research UK. Funding is not available from the Epilepsy Society or Epilepsy Research UK under this call for proposals; access to the scanner is conditional on adequate funding being available.

For more information about the 3T scanner, please contact: Prof John Duncan, Medical Director, Epilepsy Society, Chesham Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks SL9 0RJ. Tel: 01494 601300.

To apply, please contact: Miss Delphine van der Pauw, Research and Information Executive, Epilepsy Research UK, PO Box 3004, London W4 4XT. Tel: 020 8995 4781.

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