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PURPOSE

The aim of Diabetes Wellness Suomi (DWS) Research Strategy is to clearly set out the Foundation's objectives and priorities for research funding.

The Research Strategy demonstrates a knowledge and understanding of the role the Foundation plays in consideration of the needs and requirements of its members and the wider community. It provides a clear focus for stakeholders, illustrating the Foundation's commitment to its aims and plans for achieving its goals.

The provision of a clear research strategy allows researchers to determine whether their research falls within funding remit of the Foundation. Furthermore, it enables the DWS Research Advisory Board to make recommendations for funding in line with the aims and objectives of the Foundation, whilst assisting the Trustees to assess the effectiveness and impact of the Foundation's activities.

MISSION

DWS has been founded in order to increase the public awareness of the existence, causes complications and treatment of diabetes.

Our vision is for a world free of diabetes, and our goal is to fund the very best research possible to ensure that we work towards a cure for the disease, investigating better management and treatments and helping people to stay well until that cure is found.

ROLE OF THE CHARITY

The aim of DWS, through its research strategy, is to fund clinical and non-clinical research projects related to both type 1 and type 2 diabetes with focus on the

- prevention, complications and treatment of diabetes
- causes
- cure

Each year our goal becomes more important as the number of people diagnosed continues to rise. Today more than 537 million people worldwide are living with diabetes according to the International Diabetes Federation* and by 2030, this total is expected to increase to around 640 million people worldwide.

Research with a strong relevance to diabetes and patient benefit is paramount. This reflects the views and wishes of our donors.

Our ultimate goal is to discover a cure for diabetes. We know that this is a long road but we are intent on maximising the potential by funding the highest quality clinical and scientific research at the very best research institutions in Finland and around the world. We are committed to investing in research projects with tangibly beneficial and practical outcomes for people living with diabetes. Our research funding programme and successes are proof of this.

Through fundraising, donations and legacies and in line with the charity's mission of supporting people living with diabetes, each year DWS offers financial support for a selected number of projects associated with diabetes research.

*According to IDF Diabetes Atlas 10^{th} edition – Key global findings 2021









RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMME

The Diabetes Wellness Suomi research programme is designed to support projects offering hope of improving and enhancing the lives of those living and coping with diabetes on a daily basis. Our aim is to support promising researchers as they strive for innovative treatments or cure.

Current awards are offered for research projects, either clinical or non-clinical related to type 1 and 2 diabetes.

Funding is awarded against:

- Value to the DWS
- Feasibility of the Proposed Work
- Quality of the Science

Essentially these are the crux of the RAB discussions and awards.

Diabetes Wellness Suomi Structure

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A Board of Trustees governs "Diabetes Wellness Suomi" – the Trustees' role is to guide, advise and support the Executive Director as he and his team implement the vision of the charity.

It is imperative that the DWS research portfolio facilitates first class research into the cause, care and advances in the treatment of diabetes. With the guidance and recommendation of our Research Advisory Board, the charity Trustees make funding decisions with these priorities in mind.

RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD

The DWS Research Advisory Board comprises experts in a wide variety of research disciplines in the field of diabetes to ensure that all applications are assessed knowledgeably and fairly.

The Research Advisory Board review research grants and The Research Advisory Board meeting is typically held one or twice yearly.











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EVIDENCE OF TRANSPARENCY

Website - www.diabeteswellness.fi:

- Details of the members of the Research Advisory Board
- **Board of Trustees**
- Funded research (lay summaries, researchers and institutions).

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