

## Guidance for external researchers recruiting via NASS

### Criteria for approval

External researchers wishing to recruit NASS members and supporters are required to go through the 'External Research Request' procedure.

To gain approval external research to NASS members and supporters via our channels, researchers should send their responses to the five criteria below to Jill Hamilton on [jill@nass.co.uk](mailto:jill@nass.co.uk).

1. Please provide a justification for why NASS members and supporters need to be recruited for the study.
2. Provide a brief description of the study with particular focus on the involvement of participants (e.g. who, when, where and why).
3. Provide study specific documents such as participant information sheets, consent forms, screening documents if available.
4. Provide evidence that the study has ethical approval if applicable.
5. Provide assurance that results will be shared with NASS. NASS will not expect any intellectual property rights unless a separate contract is entered into.

**NASS involvement may be subject to costs. Please contact [jill@nass.co.uk](mailto:jill@nass.co.uk) for more details.**

### What NASS can offer

#### Recruitment

- Advertising to NASS membership and other subscribers via the monthly e-newsletter.
- Advertising via social media channels.
- A link on our dedicated page.
- Participant screening for qualitative research projects.

#### Support

- Review studies
- Collect and analyse data
- Host and facilitate focus groups
- Letters of support
- Co-author

### Terms and Conditions

- Projects relating to axial spondyloarthritis specifically will be given priority although other projects will be considered.
- If a project clashes with a major NASS communication, NASS's own work will be given priority.
- NASS will make the final decision on the level of advertising.
- Any incentive to participants must be arranged without NASS involvement.
- NASS reserves the right to refuse any project without giving reason.
- Agreement to advertise does not entitle the researcher to any financial support from NASS.

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