

Environmental sustainability

Climate change represents an unprecedented challenge of our time, impacting our planet and human lives. In line with Barts Charity's vision of healthy East London lives we are committed to play our part by ensuring that meaningful consideration is given to environmental sustainability in our funding activities and delivery of our mission.

We ask our grantees to consider the environmental impact of the delivery of the project itself, as well as the potential outcomes. In case of adverse impact, applicants are asked to state how these would be mitigated.

Barts Charity will only fund essential travel related to the projects we fund. Project teams should limit travel by using alternatives where possible (for example video conferencing). Where travel is required, we expect the low carbon option to be chosen, where practical, and we will fund this even if this is more expensive (within reason).

Sensible project design can reduce carbon waste. For laboratory-based research projects, we ask our grantees to sign up to the [Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework \(LEAF\)](#) scheme. For healthcare research in the NHS, we ask our grantees to consider the [NIHR Carbon Reduction Guidelines](#), a set of recommendations and strategies for researchers to reduce the carbon emissions from health research in the NHS. For healthcare projects, we ask grantees to align with [Barts Health's sustainability strategy](#).

Barts Charity is a supporter of the [Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice](#).