



Deanery of Clinical Sciences Funding Challenge 2023/24

Application Guidelines

This is a **small grant opportunity** for **PhD and early career researchers** (Postgraduate Research and Post-Docs) who are **registered to the Deanery of Clinical Sciences** to apply for funds devolved from the [Institute for Academic Development](#) to support their current study and research. This is a good opportunity to gain some experience in writing a competitive funding application.

Applications will be assessed by a panel of academics (chaired by the Deanery Director of Research Programmes, Dr Sandrine Prost) from across the various research Centres at Little France. Applications should be for something which cannot already be covered by a lab/Centre grant.

Awarded funds must be **guaranteed to be spent before 31st July 2024**.

Applications should be written by the applicant (not their PI) and must be on the Grant Application form. The project should bring something new (not be something already part of the current applicant or their group project) and be achievable. We are seeking projects that will be beneficial to others in the Deanery, establish new collaboration, or generate data that can be used in future applications. These criteria will be assessed in the final decision.

Section 3: PROPOSAL DETAILS has a word limit of 500 words.

- **Brief Description including Timescale:** Confirmation and reassurance that the funds can be utilised within the required time period.
- **Rationale:** The scientific and strategic need for the request
- **Justification for Funds:** see above
- **Strategic Benefit:** How the funding would add value to their work and, if appropriate, that of their research group/centre.

Section 4: COST PLAN.

A detailed costing and copies of the relevant quotation(s) should be provided. Applications for funds **up to the value of £2,400** will be accepted.

Joint applications are encouraged, especially those that are from individuals in different disciplines, research groups or across Centres. However, please bear in mind that applicants **must be registered with the Deanery of Clinical Sciences** and not just be working in one of our labs, in order to be eligible for this grant.

Applications must be e-mailed to dcs.postgraduate@ed.ac.uk by 12:00pm (midday) on Sunday 14 January 2024. Documents may be either Microsoft Word or PDF format.