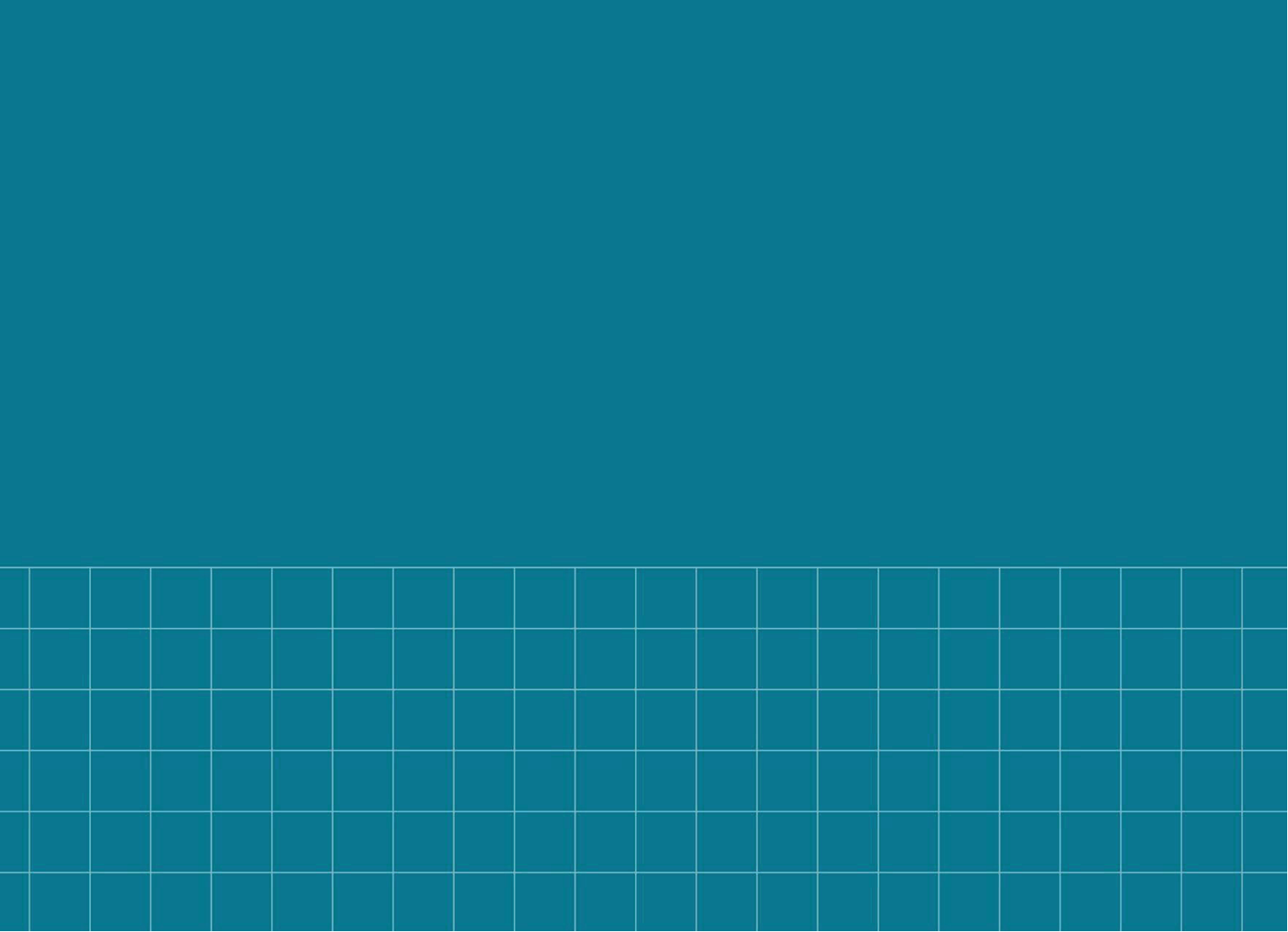




Changing Policy and Practice Award

Guidelines for Applicants: Full Application



Summary

This document guides you through the preparation and submission of an application for the Eating Disorders Research Changing Policy and Practice Award.

Submissions will take place via a two-stage process. Expression of Interest (Eoi) applications will be accepted from eligible researchers who will be asked to provide a short overview of planned dissemination activities.

Full applications will be by invitation only, applicants who have not submitted an Eoi application, will not be able to submit a full application.

You will receive notification of your invitation to submit a full application within two working weeks of the Eoi submission, following eligibility checks. Eoi's will be assessed on a rolling basis.

Deadline for Expression of Interest form:

12:00 Tuesday 10 December 2024

Deadline for full submission:

12:00 Tuesday 11 February 2025

Additional Co-Investigators and Collaborators can be added at the full application stage, in addition to those included in the Eoi application, by invitation from the Lead Applicant.

Full applications must be submitted and approved by all signatories and the application received in its entirety by this deadline. All applications must be submitted via our online grants management system (<https://medicalresearchfoundation.flexigrant.com/>). Paper application forms will not be accepted.

We advise that you prepare your application in good time to allow for your Research Organisation's checks and approvals to take place in accordance with its internal timelines. You will not be able to submit applications after this deadline. We recommend that you submit your application in advance of the deadline so that any technical issues can be resolved in good time.

The Medical Research Foundation is committed to making this application process accessible to all and will provide assistance where needed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Research Team if you have any questions or concerns about the application process.

Email: research@medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk Tel: +4420 4581 2435.

Overview

The Medical Research Foundation is inviting applications from researchers in the field of eating disorders for this round of the Changing Policy and Practice Award. This scheme is designed to support the dissemination of research findings beyond the scientific peer reviewed press, with the aim of maximising the impact of medical research by taking the results directly to the patients, healthcare practitioners and policy makers intended to benefit.

Eating disorders have a high impact and burden and are increasing in incidence. Eating disorders can have long-term effects and are associated with high mortality, particularly compared to other mental health conditions. This highlights the importance of taking research insights to policy makers and healthcare practitioners.

The scheme is designed to support researchers in disseminating a specific research finding to a specific audience to inform and influence healthcare policy or practice, or to change patient and public behaviour

and opinion. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include plans for the involvement of people with lived experience and other relevant stakeholders within their proposal.

Applications can focus on any specific target group.

The Funder

The Medical Research Foundation is an independent charitable foundation. Formed by the Medical Research Council (MRC) over 100 years ago, we grow and nurture people and ideas wherever we see research opportunities with great potential.

Support for this funding competition comes from the Fleming Memorial Fund for Medical Research, which was established in 1959 in memory of Sir Alexander Fleming.

The Funding

Applicants may apply for up to £30,000 over a flexible time period, typically one year.

Who can apply

This competition is open to grant and fellowship holders based at eligible institutions (UK HEIs, Research Council research institutes, hospitals, and other independent research organisations).

The specific research finding forming the basis of the dissemination work must have been published in a peer reviewed journal prior to applying to the scheme and should have been funded by a UK-based funding agency, organisation or charity. The funding supporting the research should be acknowledged in the publication. The grant should have been reviewed in line with the processes set out by the Association of Medical Research Charities' Principles of Expert Review. Applicants with queries about the eligibility of their research funding should contact the Medical Research Foundation Team before applying.

To be eligible for funding the applicant should be listed as either the PI or as a Co-investigator on the original grant. Funding supporting the research should be within one-year prior to the grant finishing or within two years after the grant has finished. This time restriction may be reconsidered in exceptional circumstances i.e. for large scale clinical trials which take longer to publish their findings. Applicants must hold a PhD, DPhil or MD.

To assess eligibility, applicants are required to complete a short expression of interest application form. Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be invited to submit a full application.

Only one application will be accepted per applicant per funding round, though individuals can hold more than one Medical Research Foundation grant at any one time.

Applicants who had their eligibility confirmed in a previous funding round but did not apply should contact the Medical Research Foundation Research Team.

Responsibilities of the Lead Research Organisation and the Principal Investigator

Principal Investigator (PI)

The PI is responsible for the intellectual leadership of the dissemination project and for the overall management of the dissemination activities. They will be the Medical Research Foundation's main contact for the proposal. There can only be one PI on any proposal.

The PI must be based at the RO at which the award will be administered.

Lead Research Organisation

By submitting an application, a Lead Research Organisation (RO) indicates their formal acceptance of the proposal, approval of the salaries and resources sought and, if the application is successful, acceptance of the terms and conditions of a Medical Research Foundation award.

Administrative authorities have responsibility for ensuring that salaries and resources cited in the proposal are sufficient to undertake the proposed research, attract sufficiently experienced and skilled staff and represent good value-for-money.

Application process

Full applications will be assessed by a panel of independent experts against three core criteria, the significance of the research finding, the merit of the dissemination plan and the implementation of the findings. Applicants are encouraged to consult or include a science communications professional (i.e. from their university) on the application, although this is not a requirement.

Please see annex A for details of the scoring range the Panel will use to assess applications.

Significance of Research Finding

- Prevalence of condition (if disease-related)
- Potential impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice.
- Contribution of results to current practice or knowledge
- Consideration of other relevant research
- Publication of findings in peer-reviewed journal(s)

Dissemination

- Need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community
- Appropriateness of the target audience and method of delivery
- The value-for-money of the individual elements of the dissemination activities
- Effectiveness of the proposed activities and likelihood of reaching the target audience

Implementation

- Impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience
- Potential of the dissemination activities to change behaviour, policy and practice
- Any plans to evaluate change in behaviour, practice and policy

What makes a successful application?

- A clear understanding of the significance of the research findings and the need for dissemination beyond the normal scientific press to the target audience
- A strong consideration of how disseminating the finding will influence behaviour, healthcare policy or practice
- Appropriateness and suitability of the target audience
- Justified and appropriate methods for disseminating the research findings that are effective and likely to reach the target audience.
- Clearly defined objectives that help to guide project activity and facilitate effective evaluation.
- Detail of the longevity of developed dissemination resources (if applicable).
- Considered or defined expected outcomes, influence or impact from disseminating the key finding to the target audience.

- Detail of the planned methods of assessing, recording and evaluating the impact of the results on the target audience.
- Appropriate stakeholders involved at all stages of the dissemination activities; applicants are strongly encouraged to include plans for the involvement of people with lived experience and other relevant stakeholders within their proposal.

What is not within remit for this scheme?

- Applications requesting funding to continue existing research or conduct new research.
- Dissemination plans that are too broad and incorporate multiple messages or are not targeted to a specific audience.
- Applications focussing on disseminating research findings to other researchers (for example requests for academic conference travel).
- Applications that request funding for Public Engagement with Science activities without a target outcome.
- Applications that are principally educational in nature.
- Applications focussing on increasing participation in research.

Examples

Below are examples of previously successful applications

Example 1: Fluid management of severely ill children in Africa

The dissemination work supported meetings with key international policymakers, development of training resources, production and distribution of a film and development of information packs. Policy changes were made as a result with amendments to Médecins Sans Frontières and WHO guidelines.

Example 2: The molecular causes of five novel disorders affecting developmental processes within North American Amish communities

The team worked with the local community and developed a strategy to share clinically relevant findings with affected families, education providers, clinicians and other healthcare professionals. This involved generating culturally appropriate disorder specific literature, holding family information days and educational meetings for local healthcare providers and special educational needs (SEN) teachers, and online educational tools for specific audiences. The dissemination activities have been linked to a rise in diagnosis rate of these disorders from 5% to 70-80%, with a large effect on the developmental, clinical and social outcomes of the affected individuals.

Example 3: A checklist for designing and conducting research studies that evaluate end-of-life care services and treatments

An accessible e-learning course was developed, enabling the recommendations to be taken to the target audience, including health and social care workers, clinicians, policy makers and funders. The course was subsequently added to the curriculum of three postgraduate courses and a palliative care leadership course.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted and approved by all signatories and the application received in its entirety by the deadline. All applications must be submitted via our online grants management system (<https://medicalresearchfoundation.flexigrant.com/>). Paper application forms will not be accepted.

Queries

Any queries on the competition, the application process, or eligibility should be sent to research@medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk.

To assess eligibility, applicants should submit a short Expression of Interest form including details of the original grant, the published research they plan to disseminate and the planned dissemination activities.

Eligible applicants will be sent a link to the Full application form.

Please refer to the sections below to complete your application form. If you have any questions about any of the application process, please contact a member of the Medical Research Foundation Research Team research@medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk or 020 4581 2435.

Terms and Conditions of Award

Awards made through this competition will follow standard Medical Research Foundation Terms and Conditions. The Medical Research Foundation Terms and Conditions spell out the responsibilities of the joint Principal Investigator and the Lead Research Organisation. The Principal Investigator and the Lead Research Organisation are required to indicate their formal acceptance of the application, their acceptance of the terms and conditions of a Medical Research Foundation award, and the approval of the salaries and resources sought in the application. The Medical Research Foundation may add additional conditions to an award to reflect the particular circumstances and requirements of the funding, or the nature of a particular award. Acceptance of an award constitutes acceptance of both the core conditions and any additional conditions. The Medical Research Foundation reserves the right to vary these Terms and Conditions.

Guidance for Applicants

The information provided in this section provides guidance on completing the application form through the online grants management system (<https://medicalresearchfoundation.flexigrant.com/>). Guidance is also provided within the system itself.

Please clearly label all uploaded files and ensure that all relevant documents are suitable and present.

If you have any questions about any aspects of the application process, please contact a member of the Medical Research Foundation's team.

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Completing the narrative CV

Lead applicants are required to submit a CV using the Medical Research Foundation Résumé for Researchers CV template. A word version of the template is available on our [website](#) and within the online application form.

The Résumé for Researchers is an open-source template which has been developed by The Royal Society as a tool to more broadly evaluate researchers, particularly at the early career stages. The template has been adopted and adapted by the Medical Research Foundation as it supports the Foundation's approach of considering a wider view of contribution to the research landscape, at all career

stages, not based solely on publication record.

Applicants are encouraged to provide examples of their impact outside of publications lists, although these should still be provided. Examples such as collaborative working, effective leadership, coaching and mentoring as well as inspiring others are welcomed.

Career progression disruptions and Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant and variable impact on researchers' careers across the world. The Foundation is committed to helping mitigate this as much as possible through our grantmaking policies and practices, we are pleased to support the UK Academy of Medical Sciences Cross-funder COVID-19 memory statement as co-signatories, please see [our website](#) for further details.

There is a dedicated space within the application form, to detail how your career progression has been impacted by COVID-19. Additionally, guidance will be given to our Expert Reviewers and Panel Members so that they are able to take these impacts on an applicant's career into account when they are making funding recommendations.

Applicants are also provided with space to detail any other career disruptions (e.g. parental leave, ill health) that may have impacted their progression. Please only share details that you are comfortable with being shared with the Panel and do not include identifying information about third parties.

Contribution to knowledge generation

This section can be used to explain how you have contributed to the generation of new ideas and hypotheses and which key skills you have used to develop ideas and test hypotheses. It can be used to highlight how you have communicated your ideas and research results, both written and verbally. It can include a small selection of outputs, with a description of why they are of particular relevance and why they are considered in the context of knowledge generation. Outputs can include (but is not limited to) open data sets, software, commercial, entrepreneurial or industrial products, clinical practice developments, educational products, policy publications, evidence synthesis pieces and conference publications that you have generated. Where outputs have a digital object identifier (DOI) please only include this.

Contribution to the development of individuals

This section can be used to highlight expertise you provided which was critical to the success of a team or team members including project management, collaborative contributions, and team support. It can include your teaching activities, workshops or summer schools in which you were involved (for undergraduates and post-graduates as well as junior colleagues), and the supervision of students and colleagues. It can be used to mention mentoring of members in your field and support you provided to the advancement of colleagues, be it junior or senior. It can be used to highlight the establishment of collaborations, from institutional (maybe interdisciplinary) to international. It can be used to describe where you exerted strategic leadership, how you shaped the direction of a team, organisation, company or institution.

Contribution to the wider research community

This section can include various activities you have engaged in to progress the research community. It can be used to mention commitments including editing, reviewing, refereeing, committee work and your contributions to the evaluation of researchers and research projects. It can be used to mention the organisation of events that have benefited your research community. It can highlight contributions to increasing research integrity, and improving research culture (gender equality, diversity, mobility of researchers, reward and recognition of researchers' various activities). It can be used to mention appointments to positions of responsibility such as committee membership and corporate roles within your department, institution or organisation, and recognition by invitation within your sector.

Contribution to broader society

This section can include examples of societal engagement and knowledge exchange. It can include engagement with industry and the private sector. It can be used to mention engagement with the public sector, clients and the broader public. It can be used to highlight positive stakeholder feedback, inclusion of patients in processes and clinical trials, and other impacts across research, policy, practice and business. It can be used to mention efforts to collaborate with particular societal or patient groups. It can be used to highlight efforts to advise policy-makers at local, national or international level and provide information through the press and on social media.

Application form question guidance

Section 1: Lead Applicant details

There can only be one lead applicant. Additional project Co-Investigators can be included in the sections 2-5. A maximum of four Co-Investigators can be included.

Any other individuals involved in the application can be listed as collaborators in section 6, unless they will be employed on the grant, in which case they should be named as staff members. Collaborators will need to provide a signed declaration on letter-headed paper confirming that they have consented to co-operate in the research project and explaining the role they will play.

Additional Co-Investigators and Collaborators can be added at the Full application stage, in addition to those included in the Expression of Interest application, by invite from the Lead Applicant.

Section 2-5: Co-Investigator details and career summary

Please provide career history details of up to four Co-Investigators. A Co-Investigator is a person who assists the Principal Investigators in the management and leadership of the research and is named as such in the application.

Please note that Co-Investigators must also upload their CV's using the *Résumé for Researchers* template which can be found on our [website](#).

Section 6: Published research and funding

Published research findings

Applications should be based on research findings from a grant supported by a UK-based funding agency, organisation or charity.

Please provide details of the grant that supported the research to be disseminated in this proposal.

The research finding to be disseminated must have been published in a peer reviewed journal prior to submission of an application. Please detail the journal reference of the published article include a DOI where possible. Publications must be full, peer-reviewed articles. Pre-prints are not eligible.

Lay description of published research

The lay description should be written in a form understandable by members of the public (e.g. current or potential supporters) who are not specialists in the research field.

Please provide a summary of the research findings to be disseminated, highlighting key findings to be

disseminated and indicating the research significance.

We may use this section for external communications associated with the Changing Policy and Practice Award and we aim to publish the lay summary of successful applicants on our website. The text style should be suitable to a lay audience and not contain specific details of any sensitive information.

The funding supporting the research should be acknowledged in the publication.

Section 7: Dissemination Activities

The detailed Dissemination Plan should not exceed 3 A4 pages (size 12 Arial font). References, diagrams, tables or charts can be included within the text or as an appendix.

The detailed Dissemination Plan should include the following information:

1. **Key message** – The key message or implication from the research finding that is to be disseminated.
2. **Target audience** – The specific target group that can act upon the research finding.
3. **Background** – Provide relevant background information that is needed to understand the wider context of your application. Detail the original aims of the research and the subsequent published research result. Explain the need for dissemination of the research finding and the rationale of the dissemination activities planned. Place the published research finding in the context of existing evidence. Detail any previous dissemination activities and the impact of prior dissemination if applicable. Justify the significance of the research finding to be disseminated, in terms of its potential to improve health in the target group, effect a behaviour change or impact on healthcare practice and/or policy.
4. **Aims and Objectives** – Outline the changes in practice, policy or behaviour that the dissemination plan is aiming to achieve.
5. **Dissemination Programme** – Indicate the proposed methods of dissemination. Include information about who will deliver the programme, how the activities will be undertaken, where the activities will take place and the timeframe in which the programme will be completed. Indicate the numbers of the target audience that the dissemination activity is expected to reach. If applicable, outline any expert advice sought in preparation of, or involved in, the dissemination programme.
6. **Evaluation** – Identify how the impact of the dissemination programme will be assessed. Provide details of how the behavior/practice/policy change will be measured and evaluated.
7. **Justification for support** – Justify the resources requested.

The Medical Research Foundation expects that before work commences, the Principal Investigator will have ensured, in collaboration with the lead research organisation, that all appropriate regulatory approvals are in place. These could include those relating to human participation, personal safety and health and safety.

Section 8: Funding requested

The Medical Research Foundation will meet the full direct costs of the dissemination activities.

Direct costs are those that will arise from the conduct of the research project and can be charged as the cash value spent and can be supported by an auditable record. In line with other UK medical research charities, the Medical Research Foundation will not meet directly allocated or indirect costs as standard.

If the planned dissemination activities are to be carried out outside of the UK, and cannot be facilitated without the inclusion of indirect costs, up to 15% of the total budget can be attributed to reasonable directly allocated and/or indirect costs. Please contact the Research Team prior to submission research@medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk if you require further advice. Indirect/directly allocated costs

can be added as an additional line in the budget table.

Applications should be costed at today's prices and inflation should not be included.

Dissemination activities will be dependent on the nature of the research finding and the target audience. Applications could include requests for the costs of:

- Writing, publicising and disseminating non-specialist reports for a target public audience or wider network of healthcare practitioners
- Developing online resources or posters for target audiences
- Organising events, policy working groups or seminars
- Professionals key to dissemination i.e. science communicators, educators or health professionals, as long as this is in relation to a specific research finding and appropriate for the target audience.
- Travel and subsistence
- Research staff (who will directly support the dissemination project, but not the salary of the PI)
- Access charges for specialist equipment or services
- Any other direct costs of dissemination

Medical Research Foundation Changing Policy and Practice Awards will **not** fund:

- Any directly allocated costs i.e. estate costs and costs of shared resources such as staff and equipment
- The salary of the PI
- Any indirect costs which cannot be allocated to individual projects (including but not limited to computing and information support, general maintenance and other infrastructure costs, HR and recruitment costs etc.)
- Cost of general public engagement in science work

Applicants should justify the budget requested and provide details of any costs to be met through other funding sources.

Section 9: Human participation and ethical approval

If the project involves the use of human participants and/or organs, tissues or cells relevant to The Human Tissue Act 2004 (England, Wales and N. Ireland) and The Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 in the UK, please detail the relevant ethical approvals. SSA Human use ethics, Ethical approval justification.

If ethical approval is required for the research proposal, please provide details of the relevant approvals.

If your research involves the use of human participants and/or organs, tissues or cells outside the UK, please provide details in the relevant questions. Describe how your research complies with relevant UK regulations. Applications involving human participants in countries outside of the UK may be subject to additional ethical implications.

Please see the MRC guidance related to [Using human samples in research](#) and [Human Participants in Research](#) for further direction on research involving human participants in countries outside of the UK.

Section 10: Intellectual property

Please detail any intellectual property that this project will generate, either during or beyond the lifetime of the award. Please include details of any existing background intellectual property that will need to be used and/or modified and plans for ownership of this intellectual property.

If intellectual property is likely to be generated, a letter of support will be required from your departmental IP Manager/Head of Technology Transfer Unit.

Section 11-13: Declaration

Authorisations and/or declarations are needed from the following application participants:

- Principal Investigator
- Research Administrator
- Head of Department

Participants should be invited to complete their sections of the application by following the instructions under the participants tab on the Application Summary page. Please check which email address they would like to use, as they may already be registered on Flexi-Grant and mistakes may lead to a delay in processing the application.

Applicants can keep track of the progress of submission completion status on the Application Summary page. Applicants can issue a reminder email to the invited participants through the participants tab on the Application Summary page. If the instruction email from the Medical Research Foundation has not been received please: a) double check the accuracy of the email address supplied on the application form; b) advise the intended recipient to check their spam filters/junk folders; c) contact the Medical Research Foundation with an alternative email address for the recipient. The Medical Research Foundation is happy to help where possible but cannot be held responsible for automated emails that are not received due to address errors or spam filters.

All declarations must be signed by the appropriate persons prior to the submission of the application. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that approval of the application by the Lead Research Organisations is completed before the closing date.

Annex A: Scoring Matrix for Expert Review Panel Members

Score Indicators	Fundable
10. Exceptional – Considerable potential to impact upon policy and practice	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Crucial contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge – Crucial medical or health condition to address – Excellent consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Exceptional understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Crucial need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Exceptional plans, with well justified dissemination activities – Highly appropriate target audience and method of delivery – Very high likelihood of successful delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Excellent use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – Very high impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Clear plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Fundable
9. Excellent - Significant potential to impact upon policy and practice	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Crucial contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge – Crucial medical or health condition to address – Excellent consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Excellent understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Very high need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Excellent plans, with well justified dissemination activities – Highly appropriate target audience and method of delivery – Very high likelihood of successful delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Excellent use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – Very high impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Clear plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Fundable
8. Very High Quality – Significant potential to impact upon policy and practice	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Key contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge – Key medical or health condition to address – Very good consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Very good understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice	Fundable

■ Dissemination – Very high need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Very good plans, with well justified dissemination activities – Highly appropriate target audience and method of delivery – Very high likelihood of successful delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Very good use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – Very high impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Clear plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	
7. High Quality – Potential to impact upon policy and practice	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Key contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge – Key medical or health condition to address – Good consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Very good understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Very high need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Very good plans, with well justified dissemination activities – Appropriate target audience and method of delivery – High likelihood of successful delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Very good use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – High impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Clear plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Fundable
6. Very Good Quality – Potential to impact upon policy and practice	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Worthwhile contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge – Worthwhile medical or health condition to address – Good consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Good understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – High need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Good plans, with adequately justified dissemination activities – Appropriate target audience and method of delivery – Likelihood of successful delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Good use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – Good potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Some plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Fundable
5. Good Quality – Some Potential to impact upon policy and practice but not fully demonstrated	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Worthwhile contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge	Not

– Worthwhile medical or health condition to address – Some consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Some understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Moderate need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Mostly good plans, with adequately justified dissemination activities – Adequate target audience and method of delivery – Likelihood of adequate delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Some proposed use of funds essential for the activities ■ Implementation – Some potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Limited plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	fundable
4. Good quality with some weaknesses	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge is potentially useful – Potentially useful medical or health condition to address – Limited consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Some understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Some need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Mostly good plans, with some justification for dissemination activities – Some gaps in the target audience and method of delivery – Some potential for adequate delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Some proposed use of funds essential for the activities – Some gaps in the understanding or plans for delivery ■ Implementation – Some potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Limited plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Not fundable
3. Acceptable quality with major weaknesses	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge is potentially useful – Potentially useful medical or health condition to address – Limited consideration of other relevant research (where appropriate) – Some understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Some need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Limited plans, with limited justification for dissemination activities – Considerable gaps in the target audience and method of delivery – Some potential for adequate delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Proposed use of funds not necessarily essential for the activities – Gaps in the understanding or plans for delivery ■ Implementation	Not fundable

– Some potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Limited plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	
2. Poor quality – bordering on unacceptable	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge is limited – Limited importance of medical or health condition being addressed – No consideration of other relevant research (where would have been appropriate) – Some understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – Limited need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Inadequate plans, with little justification for dissemination activities – Extensive gaps in the target audience and method of delivery – Little potential for adequate delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Proposed use of funds not essential for the activities – Major gaps in the understanding or plans for delivery ■ Implementation – Little potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Limited plans for evaluation of change (where appropriate)	Not fundable
1. Unacceptable quality	
■ Significance of Research Finding – Contribution of scientific results to current practice or knowledge is inappropriate – Inappropriate medical or health condition to address – No consideration of other relevant research (where would have been appropriate) – Limited understanding of the impact of findings for public health or on healthcare policy/practice ■ Dissemination – No need for wider dissemination beyond the scientific community – Inadequate plans, with no justification for dissemination activities – Extensive gaps in the target audience and method of delivery – No potential for adequate delivery (change in behaviour, policy and practice) – Proposed use of funds not essential for the activities – Major gaps in the understanding or plans for delivery ■ Implementation – Little potential for impact of the dissemination plan on the target audience – Plans for evaluation of change have major flaws	Not fundable
0. Ineligible for funding	
Unacceptable quality or has serious ethical concerns	Not fundable