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| **MCRC Springboard Award – Guidance notes** |
| **Total grant award** | * The total award comprises of £92,500
* Applicants can apply for up to £30,000 of funding.
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| **Eligible costs** | * Directly incurred costs only, indirect costs are not covered.
* Funding can cover costs including staff time, core services, and consumables.
* Funding can also cover external expertise and field testing – please justify why this external resource is required in your application. These costs should only constitute part of the project.
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| **Eligibility of applicants**  | * Applicants must be employees or students of one or more of
* The Univeristy of Manchester,
* The MCRC-affiliated Trusts (The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Northern Care Alliance, or Manchetser University NHS Foundation Trust)
* Manchester-based CRUK-funded programmes.
* Early career researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.
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| **Length of project**  | * Maximum project term 1 year
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| **Project scope** | * MCRC Springboard Awards aim to support projects that align with the CRUK Manchester Centre themes:
	+ Cancer Early Detection
	+ Radiotherapy BioAdaptation
	+ Cancer Biomarkers
	+ Digital Cancer Centre
	+ Integrative Pathology
	+ Experimental Cancer Medicine
* Project activities and costs need to fit to the themes.
* Projects should be focused on translating innovative research to delivering patient benefit and demonstrate commercial potential
* This is a translational research fund (we will not support fundamental research proposals) that will help unblock specific bottlenecks in projects that are preventing commercialisation and/or accessing bigger translational funds
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| **Application form** | * Please download the application form from <https://www.mcrc.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/mcrc-springboard-awards/>
* Please send the completed application form to nathalie.dhomen@cancer.org.uk
* No other supporting documents are required other than what is specified in the application (detailed project plan and/or GANTT chart as appropriate).
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| **Closing date** | * The closing date for applications is 29 September 2023
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| **Review process** | * Assessment is on the application form, shortlisted applicants will be asked to give a very brief pitch.
* Applications are assessed by a review panel, and applicants will be notified of the outcome within four weeks of closing date.
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| **Successful applicants** | * Following notification, we will inform you of the next steps of getting the relevant contracts and funding in place, to ensure a prompt start to your project
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| **Unsuccessful applicants / resubmission** | * Following notification, if requested, reviewer feedback will be anonymised and passed onto the applicant.
* This is currently a one-off award and resubmission is therefore not possible
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| **Reporting** | * The review committee will expect an update at the end of a project. This is likely to be in the form of a brief report/case study document detailing how MCRC Springboard funding has positioned the project for commercialisation or accessing bigger translational funds.
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