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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. |
| **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. |
| **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. |
| **Length of project** | * Maximum project term 1 year |
| **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 |
| **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](mailto: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). |
| **Closing date** | * The closing date for applications is 29 September 2023 |
| **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. |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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. |