



Deanery of Clinical Sciences Funding Challenge 2019

Application Guidelines

This is a **small grant opportunity** for **early career researchers** (Postgraduate Taught, Postgraduate Research and early Post-Docs) within 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 Postgraduate Studies, Professor Margarete Heck) 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 2019**.

Applications should be written by the applicant (not their PI) and must be on the Application form which is available online: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/clinical-sciences/progression>. Documents must be either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

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:**
- **Strategic Benefit:** How the funding would add value to their work and, if appropriate, that of their research group/centre.
- **Collaborators:**

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 £2,500 will be accepted.

Joint applications are encouraged, especially those that are from individuals in different disciplines, research groups or across Centres.

Applications must be e-mailed to dcs.postgraduate@ed.ac.uk by 10:00am (sharp) on Friday 29th March 2019.

Scoring criteria

- a. Is this a clearly defined project that is achievable with the funding requested?
- b. Is there clear evidence that this is not just something that is being done in the PhD/PD anyway – i.e. is this distinct from main project?
- c. Will this funding be of benefit to others in lab/Centre?
- d. Does this involve a new collaboration that wouldn't happen otherwise?
- e. Will the funding generate data that would be used in a new funding application in the future?