**Wellcome Trust**

**Institutional Translational Partnership**

**Award (iTPA)**

**Deadline: 24TH OCTOBER 2019**

**Guidance Notes**

The Wellcome Trust Institutional Translational Partnership Award (iTPA) aims to support a diverse portfolio of early stage translational activities and types of translational engagement, including;

* Skills development via industry secondments, academic placements or people exchanges, or specialist training
* Laboratory studies: proof of principle / concept / repurposing
* Market research or intellectual property reviews/ freedom to operate / regulatory guidance
* Analysis of data, application of statistics to develop translational opportunities
* Development of policy, implementation of best practices, educational purposes

**All proposals should have a clear translational focus. High potential translational projects will be considered for an award of up to a maximum of £20,000**. **(direct costs only). Although the focus of the funding is Wellcome Trust funded researchers, high quality translational projects with no current Wellcome funding, but with a clear link to the Wellcome Trust remit (as specified below), will be considered by the panel.**

**Wellcome Trust Remit**

The Wellcome Trust funds scientific research to improve the quality of health of everyone. This covers all aspects of science – from molecules and the cells vital to life, to the spread of diseases and vectors of disease around the world, to clinical and public health research. This broad remit includes:

* Genetics and molecular science
* Cellular and developmental science
* Neuroscience and mental health
* Infection and immuno-biology
* Physiology
* Population health
* veterinary diseases in draft and food production animals
* animals as models for human medicine

**For more information visit** <https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/guidance/science-remit>**).**

**Eligibility & Guidance**

* **All proposals must fit to the Wellcome Trust remit.**
* **All proposals must be translational rather than basic research. No basic research will be funded.**
* **Principle Investigators funded by the Wellcome Trust, or high quality translational projects from PI’s with no current Wellcome funding are invited to apply.**
* **Post Docs are particularly encouraged to apply with the support of a nominated PI (the nominated PI will be responsible for management of the award and ensuring the grant conditions are met).**
* **The involvement of third party participants (NHS, NGO’s, charities, industry, other) is viewed positively by the panel.**
* **Shorter, more intensive projects of 1-6 months duration will be received positively by the panel.**
* **Previous unsuccessful applications may reapply, and we strongly encourage those who do, to dialogue with the Entrepreneurs to strengthen their proposals.**

**Key Dates**

OPENS END AUGUST 2019

**SUBMIT BY midday on 24th OCTOBER 2019**

Feedback END NOVEMBER 2019

Project Start Date before June 2020 at latest

**Application Support**

**We encourage applicants to be in dialogue with the** Wellcome Trust Entrepreneurs in Residence (Dr Jeff Wright and Dr Lysimachos Zografos) who can work with you to develop your translational proposal. **The Entrepreneur’s-in-Residence may also be able to provide further resource and assistance to your project through other elements of the WT iTPA Programme, or via coordinating to other Edinburgh Innovations support available to researcher’s at the University of Edinburgh.**

**If you have an existing Edinburgh Innovations Business Development Executive working with you, please feel free to discuss your application with them and they will coordinate to the ITPA Team.**

**Application Procedure**

**The final section of your application MUST be completed by either the Wellcome Entrepreneurs-in-Residence or by an Edinburgh Innovations Business Development Executive. Please ensure you have discussed your application with your contact person and given them adequate time to complete this section ahead of the deadline.**

**Costings MAY be required from your Research Support Office –please ensure you leave enough time for these to be calculated for you. Any relevant costing that is not provided from the RSO will be rejected.**

**All applications must and have received approval through their usual departmental systems and ensure that the Terms and Conditions of the application form understood.**

**All completed application forms must be emailed as both a PDF and Word Document to (**iTPA@ed.ac.uk**) by 12 noon on the deadline date.**

**Your application will be acknowledged and reviewed and evaluated shortly thereafter by a pan-university academic and business panel. The iTPA team may contact you in this period to discuss your application.**

**All applicants will receive feedback on their application.**

**Successful applications will be notified and if there any conditions precedent to the award the ITPA Team will work with you to quickly complete or resolve these, before issuing a formal R number.**

**The funds are managed by the University of Edinburgh and a grant code will be established via the Research Support Office.**

**Award Conditions & Guidance**

**The Award funds are provided for the activities detailed in the submitted application. Any deviation from this may result in the reward being rescinded and the funds recovered.**

**Any changes to the project or planned expenditure must be approved in writing in advance by the iTPA team.**

**Successful applicants are required to:**

***Participate in quarterly project progress meetings with the iTPA Team during the period of the Award- including written reports where required.***

***Submit CHANGE REQUEST forms to the iTPA team IF changes to the project become necessary.***

***Provide a written report on completion of the funded project.***

***Work with their iTPA Team and EI to progress the identified translational opportunities referred to in the Application, and to maximise the translation outcomes, including working collaboratively to identify and capture intellectual property.***

***Provide updates to the iTPA Team on related awards stemming from the project for a period of three years after completion of the project.***

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