



CMVM Institutional Bridging Funding for Clinical Academics

Guidance for applicants

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Eligible candidates, i.e. post-PhD or MD, may apply for up to two years' salary (maximum) from the end of their current University of Edinburgh contract to allow time to construct and submit applications for an external fellowship based at the University of Edinburgh.

Successful candidates will be given a Senior Clinical Research Fellow contract with the University of Edinburgh and, an appropriate Honorary contract with NHS Lothian. For medical/surgical specialists this will be an Honorary Consultant contact and salary will be on the consultant pay scale (although there may be exceptions depending on individual circumstances). For GPs, NMAPS and vets, the honorary contract will be according to their clinical role and salary will be commensurate with their experience in this role.

EXPECTATIONS

If your application is successful and you are appointed to a Senior Clinical Research Fellowship, the following expectations will apply:

1. CLINICAL WORK

You must undertake your clinical work in NHS Lothian.

2. FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

You must provide updates on the progress of your fellowship application(s) as follows:

- a. at 6 months: a face-to-face meeting with the Deputy Dean for Clinical Academic Careers (Jürgen Schwarze);
- b. at 12 months: a written progress report and a face-to-face meeting; and
- c. at 18 months: a face-to-face meeting.

Ad hoc meetings can be arranged at any time.

3. CONTINUED EVALUATION OF FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL(S)

You must seek continued evaluation of your fellowship proposals and you must share your fellowship outline in good time – i.e. at least 6 months before the deadline. As well as seeking feedback from those in your own team/lab/centre, you must seek feedback

from those outside your specialist area. This is extremely important because funding panels consist of people from a wide range of disciplines who won't be specialists in your area. Everyone who reads your fellowship application must be able to understand it and find it compelling. There is a team of experienced and knowledgeable colleagues on-hand to assist with this (the Clinical Fellowship Support Group) that we can put you in touch with. Please get in touch as early as possible via CMVMCLAC.support@ed.ac.uk.

4. CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Early discussions should take place around contingency planning and exit strategies in case fellowship funding isn't achieved by the end of the bridging funding period.

5. ON SUCCESSFUL AWARD OF A CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

On successful award of a fellowship, you will move off bridging funding as quickly as possible and within three months of the date of the fellowship award letter.

APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Application documentation should be submitted by the relevant deadline. Applications will be reviewed by a panel chaired by the Deputy Dean for Clinical Academic Careers and comprising a selection of representatives from across the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine:

- Deputy Dean for Clinical Academic Careers (Chair of the panel)
- CMVM Academic Adviser
- CMVM Dean of Clinical Medicine
- CMVM Dean of Research
- Co-Head of the Edinburgh Cancer Research Centre
- Director of the Institute of Genetics & Cancer
- Director of the Institute for Regeneration and Repair
- Director of the Roslin Institute
- Director of the Usher Institute
- Representatives of the Institute of Neuroscience and Cardiovascular Research
- Representatives of the Multimorbidity Clinical PhD Programme
- ECAT (Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track) Programme Co-Directors
- TRACC (to Train and Retain Academic Cancer Clinicians) Programme Co-Director

Upon review, candidates may be asked to meet with representatives of the panel to discuss their application. Instead, or in addition, they may be asked to revise and re-submit their application for further scrutiny.

In the interests of fairness and equity for all candidates, the panel is not able to accept re-applications for bridging funding.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates should currently be employed by the University of Edinburgh in a clinical academic role. Medically qualified candidates must have obtained their CCT (or equivalent)

by the time their SCRF (Senior Clinical Research Fellowship) starts, and should be clinically active in NHS Lothian.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

You must indicate your intention to apply to the Clinical Academic Support Team via CMVMCLAC.support@ed.ac.uk.

You must notify your Centre Director and Head of Institute that, if successful, you will be based within their Centre/Institute. You may be asked to provide written evidence of their support.

You should also notify your NHS Clinical Director and obtain approval that your clinical work can be accommodated within the department. You may be asked to provide written evidence of this.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

	Document	Remarks
1	One-page supporting statement	The supporting statement should include: a) Details of the external fellowship(s) that you aim to apply for; date/deadline of proposed fellowship application(s); and b) A clear outline of your external fellowship plans (including your hypotheses; an outline of your research plan).
2	Two-page CV	
3	One-page publication list	Focus on your most important publications. The minimum font size is Arial 10.

All enquiries should be directed in the first instance to CMVMCLAC.support@ed.ac.uk.