

Rosetrees Trust Interdisciplinary Award FAQ's



Who can apply?

Does the medicine lead have to have a clinical position, or can they be scientists (e.g. biomedical) that works in clinically relevant medical research?

A biomedical scientist working in clinically relevant medical research is acceptable. The clinician or biomedical scientist must have an established academic track record and be in a tenured position at least for the duration of the award.

Would it be possible for one of the lead applicants to be based outside the UK?

Both lead applicants should be UK based and preferably from the same institution. Overseas collaborations can assist if this enhances the research, but the funding can only go to the UK based lead institution.

One of the potential PIs is employed by the hospital trust. Do both PI's have to be tenured in a University, rather than a hospital trust?

A PI from the hospital trust is acceptable and presumed will be medicine lead.

Can we put in an application for a project with an academic from a different University/Institution?

Yes, as long as the lead institution is agreed, and this becomes that institution's one and only application. The funding must be managed by that lead institution.

I understand that only one application per institution is accepted, does this mean one application across all departments of a larger institution or is it possible for an institution within a larger institution to submit an application independently?

Your application would have to be selected on behalf of the whole institution

Do the applicants need to be in a tenured position?

The past ID winners have all been in tenured position and the applicant must be in-contract for at least the duration of the project.



What collaborations are acceptable?

Is collaboration with a commercial partner acceptable?

Yes, it is acceptable.

Can we have collaborations outside the UK?

Yes, overseas collaborations are possible.

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Would you consider line of sight to clinic a key requirement in writing a competitive application?

Line of sight to clinic is essential for a successful application. It does not have to result in patient benefit by the end of the grant, but must provide a clear plan as to how this will be achieved within 5-10 years post-grant.

Does the funded project have to focus exclusively on clinical research, or it can also have elements of translational research in pre-clinical animal models?

Yes, it can have elements of translational research in pre-clinical animal models.

To what extent is the Rosetrees focused on benefits to UK population health? Is there scope for something that would bring benefits to developing countries instead?

The quality of the project and the potential impact on human health is of highest importance. We usually fund research that affects UK patients and some of our research is from tropical medicine which may affect a small population in the UK with an impact worldwide. There is therefore scope if a small UK population will also benefit.



What can I include in the costing?

Is the costing the same as other charitable funders i.e. no directly allocated costs or overheads?

Yes, it is the same.

Would a PI qualify for a 1PA salary over 3 years as a back fill giving up one PA of my clinical time?

We do fund clinical time however this will come out of the total £330,000 award.

Would we be able to claim £330,000 even if the project has 2 years? Also, how will the funds be released?

The grant offer is for £330,000 over 3 years (i.e. £110,000 p.a.) and grants must be for a 3-year period.

Payments are made in advance in 6 monthly instalments from the start of the project as soon as all the relevant paperwork and agreement is in place. After the first six months, subsequent 6 monthly instalments will be made on receipt of a progress report.

Is only one award made per year?

Depending on the quality of the applications, we have funded up to 3 ID prizes. One fully funded by RT, one with a co-donor and one part funded (50%) with funds made up by the university. However, this is a decision made by our advisory panel on a yearly basis.