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**Confidence in Concept: University of Cambridge**

**Application Form**

**Internal Funding Call – Round 4**

**Remit**

In 2013, the MRC has renewed its Confidence in Concept (CiC) award to the University of Cambridge of £600,000 following an application led jointly by the Schools of Clinical Medicine and Biological Sciences.

The aim of the Confidence in Concept scheme is to accelerate the transition from discovery science into new therapies, diagnostics and medical devices by pump-priming translational research projects.

It is intended to support the development of **concrete pilot data** which will make projects more competitive when seeking external substantive translational funding such as from the MRC Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme, the Wellcome Trust Translation Fund, the BBSRC Follow on Fund or from Industrial Collaborators.

Each project should have a specified quantifiable deliverable that, if realised, will be the project endpoint. These deliverables must be SMART; that is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time framed. The endpoint should provide clear evidence for the translational potential of the hypothesis.

This funding is not intended to support discovery science or entire translational projects.

**Eligibility**

* Investigators at the University of Cambridge’s Schools of Clinical Medicine or Biological Sciences are eligible to apply for this award. Investigators from other Schools can be applicants, but should pre-discuss their applications with the Office for Translational Research
* Individuals may only be the Principal Investigator on one application per CiC call for proposals and may only hold one CiC award at any time
* Collaborative applications with other institutes, charities or companies are permitted where it is agreed in advance between all parties that Cambridge will be the consortium lead for future translational funding applications
* For industrial collaborations people exchange (in either direction) is permitted, where focused on the delivery of the project objectives. Other routes (e.g. co-funding projects, developing early-stage collaborations) are also possible. However, please note The MRC’s standard terms and conditions apply (see in particular the “MICA” webpage <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/MICA>).
* Where an applicant is expected to retire during the course of the award or early in the planned period of further translational work, the proposal must state who will take over responsibility for the award at the point of the awardee’s retirement
* All responsibilities of Investigators, Collaborators and Heads of Department are as stated in MRC guidance to applicants for the Developmental Pathways Funding Scheme.

**Funding**

Applicants can request up to **£70,000** in directly incurred research costs (100%) for a maximum period of 6 months. Please note that the full economic costs of the work will have to be prepared as an X5 (see budget section).

Research costs usually eligible to the MRC are allowable. Whilst staff costs are allowable, these can only be used for staff that are in post by the time of the application and will have to be named individuals on the project proposal.

Due to the fixed duration of the institutional award, any research project will have to start no later than 3 months from the notification of the award and the latest by 1st March 2015.

**Deadline**

The completed application form and a copy of the X5 should be returned by email to Dr Jana Voigt at the Office for Translational research at translation@medschl.cam.ac.uk by **Tuesday** **23rd September 2014.** Please also submit your X5 to the Research Office by this deadline.

**Contact**

Any enquiries about this call should be addressed to Dr Jana Voigt at the Office for Translational Research: translation@medschl.cam.ac.uk ; 01223 760684

For further information on how to complete the application form below, please refer to the accompanying guidance.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

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| **1.1 TITLE OF PROPOSAL:** |
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| **1.2 DATE OF SUBMISSION:** |
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| **1.3 CONTACT DETAILS:** |
|  | Principal Investigator 1 | Principal Investigator 2 |
| Name |  |  |
| Department |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |
| E-mail Address |  |  |

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| **1.4 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT (ABSTRACT)**What is its aim; what activities will funding support; what will a successful outcome look like? (max 200 words) |
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**2. THE NEED**

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| 2.1 PRIMARY MEDICAL NEED:What is the therapeutic, diagnostic, or healthcare technology development need that is being addressed?What is the primary indication?Comment on the unmet need for the indication and the target population (max 150 words) |
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| **2.2 YOUR SOLUTION**What is your proposed solution to the need identified in 2.1? (max 250 words) |
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**3. PROJECT PROGRESSION**

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| **3.1 CURRENT STATUS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**Describe the current stage of the project: what work has already been completed; and what the key hurdles to progress are.* For Therapeutic projects include information on target selection, mechanism of action and validation.
* For Diagnostic projects include information on test development and validation.
* For Healthcare Technology Development projects include information on the technology’s development and validation and, its clinical utility/purpose.

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| **3.2 PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:**What are the main objectives of the proposed work?(max 150 words) |
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| **3.3 PROJECT WORKPLAN:**Describe the work/deliverable that the funding will support, refer to guidance as necessary.* For therapeutic projects include an assessment of the target tractability and a complete description of the proposed screening cascade.
* For diagnostic projects include a description of the target product profile for the test, covering target sensitivity, specificity, acceptable positive and negative predictive values and other relevant parameters.
* For healthcare technology development projects include a brief risk analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed approach.

(max 750 words)Please include estimated timeframes (in weeks/months) for any interim steps in the work |
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| **3.4 SUSTAINABILITY:**Assuming a successful outcome to the CiC funded work, what would be the next steps for the project and how is it anticipated that these would be funded and supported? Indicate which translational funding scheme and deadline will be targeted.(max 150 words) |
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**4. COMPETITIVE POSITION**

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| **4.1 COMPETITION:**What is known about competition in the research area?(max 150 words) |
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| **4.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:**Does Cambridge Enterprise or the applicant hold any IP in the area?If not, what might arise during this award?If you have discussed the project with Cambridge Enterprise, please give the contact.(max 150 words) |
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| **4.3 EXTERNAL COLLABORATION:**Outline any external collaborations (academic or commercial) relevant to the project.(max 150 words) |
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**5. JUSTIFICATION OF RESOURCES AND FUNDING**

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| **5.1 JUSTIFICATION OF RESOURCES**Please provide a justification for the requested resources. Where this includes staff, please name these and explain what their roles will be. Please note, due to the short duration of the institutional award, staff costs are only allowable where individuals are already in post. |
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| **5.2 ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES:** Have alternative sources of funds been sought (incl. from industrial partners)? If yes, please indicate source, type, amount and request outcome. |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| Source | Type | Amount | Request Outcome |
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**6. REFERENCES**

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| **6.1 REFERENCES**Please provide a few key references (max 5) and indicate their relevance. |
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**7. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Budget and Signature Form**

**Details of support requested:**

* *This grant application requires the preparation of an X5 with Full Economic Costing. Please contact your DA/Research Finance Officer for help with your costing*
* *The award will cover 100% of the Directly Incurred costs only and the costs should include indexation.*
* *Please submit your X5 to the Research Office by the deadline who will then check your costings whilst your application is under review. In addition, please email a copy of your X5 with your proposal to the Office for Translational Research*

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| **PROJECT DATES** |
| **Proposed start date (no later than 01 Mar 15)** |  | **Duration (max 6 months):** |  |
| **BUDGET:** |
| **X5 number** |  |  |  |
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| Directly Incurred Costs |  |
| Staff Costs  |  | £ | £ |
| Equipment |  | £ | £ |
| Consumables |  | £ | £ |
| Other (please specify) |  | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated Costs |
| Staff Costs | £ |  |
| Estates | £ |  |
| Indirects | £ |  |
| **TOTAL** | **£** | **£** |

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| **SIGNATURES:** |  |
| **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**I declare that the information given on this form is complete and correct. |
| Name (print) | Signature | Date |
| **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**I confirm that I have read and support the application. I agree to the research being carried out in my department, and will provide the necessary accommodation and facilities. |
| Name (print) | Signature | Date |
| **DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY** I confirm that the application has been submitted with the agreement of the host institution and, if awarded, would administer the grant. |
| Name (print) | Signature | Date |