PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE- GRANT CALL 2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Over 300,000 men die from prostate cancer each year, worldwide. The Prostate Cancer Research Centre (PCRC) charity is dedicated to improving treatment and survival for men suffering from prostate cancer, particularly those with advanced disease.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to obtain enough information on the proposed project to enable us to understand how well the proposal aligns with the grant call. Applications that successfully make it through the EOI stage will be invited to the second stage which is to submit a Full Application. We strongly advise that you carefully read through our [2020-2023 Research Strategy](https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PRC_Strategy_Plan_2020-23-3.pdf) for further details before applying.

**Areas of research interest for this funding call**

While we are interested in the areas of research below we will consider any research avenue relevant to men affected by advanced prostate cancer:

1. Early stage research that can lead to future, larger research awards. Collaborative research is encouraged. Interest from early career scientists is strongly encouraged.
2. Research focusing on improving the quality of life for people affected by prostate cancer.
3. Research addressing a critical knowledge gap, such as but not limited to, co-morbidities, ARVs, or bone metastasis. The proposal should clearly outline the knowledge gap and why it matters.

**What is funded?**

* Up to £500,000 for each awarded project between 3 to 5 years in duration. The funding can be used to cover directly incurred research costs such as: salaries, consumables, travel and equipment.
* We may at our discretion, if an applicant has not had sufficient resources to gather strong preliminary data, or a project is felt to be particularly high-risk, award a pilot grant of £100,000 for up to 18 months, with the possibility of subsequent further funding.

**Eligibility**

* The project should boost prostate cancer research and build capacity in advanced prostate cancer research.
* The lead applicant and academic or clinical institution must be based in the UK. National or international collaborations will be considered as long as the award can be administered through a UK-based lead host institution.
* The lead applicant must at least have a PhD (or equivalent higher research degree). However, if you have less than three (3) years of independent research experience, the mentorship of a senior researcher is required as a joint lead applicant or co-applicant.
* The project must align with our research strategy.

**Please tick to confirm this applies to you.** [ ]

**Timeline and Key Dates**

Please note that the situation around COVID-19 may affect our ability to complete this process according to our planned timeline. In the event of any delays, all applicants will be kept fully informed.

1. Expression of interest: **Deadline is 8th May 2020.** All applicants will be notified of the outcome in early June 2020. Applicants that are shortlisted will be invited to complete a full application.
2. Full application: **Deadline is 24th July 2020**. Applications will then be sent out for international peer review, and review by patient panels. Applicants will have a right of reply to peer review and patient comments.
3. Awarded grants: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the full application and funding decisions will announced in **November 2020**.

If you are unsure about the eligibility of your proposal, or if you have queries about completing the EOI, please contact the Research Team at grants@pcr.org.uk.

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| *Please fill in the form below. If there are parts of the Project Proposal form that are not relevant to your project, or which you cannot yet complete, please submit the information you can, and we will discuss your proposal on that basis.*

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| Project title:  |  |
| Lead applicant name: |  |
| Lead applicant contact details: |  |
| Date of submission:  |  |
| Application keywords (up to five): |  |

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| Department: |  |
| Faculty: |  |
| Contact email:  |  |
| Tick to confirm that you have discussed this project with your Head of Department: [ ]  |
| Please list any additional partners (e.g. additional cultural partners, students, community groups) and their role and responsibilities within the project: Name: Organisation/status if applicable: Contact details: Role and responsibilities in project:  |
| 1. Please provide a short scientific description of your project. (approx. 200 words)
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| 1. What is the proposed start and end date of your project? Please include timings of key milestones and events. (up to 200 words)
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| 1. What is the key question or hypothesis that your research proposal will seek to explore? (up to 100 words)
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| 1. How will you evaluate its success? (up to 200 words)
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| 1. A brief, itemised, breakdown of the funds requested.
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| 1. What resources do you have available to you? These can include facilities or collaborations already available (up to 200 words)
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| 1. Please describe any wider benefits or changes that it might inform in the longer term. (up to 200 words)
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| 1. How will this proposal impact prostate cancer patients and the field? (up to 200 words)
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| 1. How does your proposal align to the PCRC Research Strategy, and this grant call? (up to 300 words)
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| 1. List up to five of your recent publications relevant to the proposed research
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**Confirmation of commitment:**

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| Name of Lead Project Partner | Click here to enter text. |
| Signature | *Or provide letter or email confirming agreement*  |
| Date | Click here to enter a date. |

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| Name of Head of Department | Click here to enter text. |
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| Date | Click here to enter a date. |

Expression of interests must be received by email at grants@pcr.org.uk by **11:59pm on Friday 8th May 2020**.

Successful applicants will be notified by June 2020 with the details of how to prepare a full application. We will acknowledge receipt of your application – if you do not hear from us within 4 working days of submitting your application, please email us at grants@pcr.org.uk to check we have received it.