Expression of Interest

**STAGE 1 APPLICATION FORM**

Over 300,000 men die from prostate cancer each year, worldwide. In the UK, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and one that disproportionately affects the Black community. This year, Prostate Cancer Research (PCR) has decided to launch a dedicated grant call focused on addressing racial disparities in prostate cancer. We are aiming to fund both medical and social research to gather a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced and the cross-discipline actions that need to be taken.

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 and the research strategy. Applications that successfully make it through the EOI stage will be invited to the second stage which is to submit a Full Application. Please note, the EOI stage is highly competitive, with less than 30% of EOIs being shortlisted last year. Although this form is designed to be brief, we recommend that you put care and attention into it, and we strongly advise that you carefully read through our [**2020-2023 Research Strategy**](https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PCR-Research-Strategy.pdf) for further details before applying.

AREAS of interest

This grant call aims to address some of the key challenges contributing to the health inequalities experienced by the Black community, including:

1. Research addressing the lack of diversity in clinical research studies, the barriers that exist to participation in research by members of the Black community and how can these be overcome.
2. Research looking at the biological factors that affect prostate cancer prognosis for Black men, including further investigation into what genomic and epigenetic alternations are in order to develop targeted treatment options or whether Black and White men fare equally on prostate cancer therapies.
3. If and how genetic screening can be used to reduce the number of Black men being diagnosed with advanced and/or aggressive prostate cancer.
4. The fears, perceptions and psychosocial impact of prostate cancer in the Black community and how to make public health messaging more appropriate, effective and supportive to the needs of this community.
5. If and how NHS cancer service experiences differ between ethnicities, and if a disparity in care is found, how it can be resolved.

While we are interested in the areas listed above, we will consider any research avenue relevant to men affected by advanced prostate cancer.

WHAT IS FUNDED

* Up to £300,000 for each awarded project between 1 to 3 years in duration. The funding can be used to cover directly incurred research costs such as: salaries, consumables, travel and equipment.

ELigibility

* The project should be solution-oriented and seek to develop recommendations.
* Applications are accepted from academic or research institutions, or hospitals that are based in the UK or USA. National or international collaborations will be considered as long as the award can be administered through a UK or USA-based lead host institution.
* The lead applicant must be based in the UK or the USA and at minimum have a PhD (or equivalent higher research degree). However, if you have less than three (3) years of independent research experience, you may still apply under the mentorship of a senior researcher.
* The project must align with our research strategy.
* We encourage involvement from community groups and patients, including as co-investigators and/or collaborators.
* The project should boost prostate cancer research and build capacity in advanced prostate cancer research.

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

Timeline and Key Dates

1. Expression of interest: **Deadline is 17th October 2021 at 23:59.** All applicants will be notified of the outcome by early November 2021. Applicants that are shortlisted will be invited to complete a full application.
2. Full application: **Deadline is 19th December 2021 at 23:59**. 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. Final funding decisions: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the full application and funding decisions will announced in **mid-2022.**

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

***Please fill in the form below. If there are parts of the EOI 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 (host institution address and telephone number):** |  |
| **Lead Applicant email address** |  |
| **Faculty and Department**  |  |
| **Application keywords (up to five):** |  |

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| **Tick to confirm that you have discussed this project with your Head of Department**  |  **☐** |
| **Please list any additional partners (e.g. additional co-investigators, collaborators, community groups) and their role and responsibilities within the project:** |
| Name: Organisation/status if applicable: Contact details (email address): Role and responsibilities in project: |
| **1. Please provide a short summary of your research project. (up to 200 words)** |
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| **2. What is the proposed start and end date of your project? Please include timings of key milestones and events. (up to 200 words)** |
| **Start Date:** **End Date:** **Duration (in months):** **Key Milestones:**  |
| **3. What is the key question or hypothesis that your research proposal will seek to explore? (up to 100 words. You may include preliminary data here if you have it)** |
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| **4. How will you evaluate the project’s success? (up to 200 words)** |
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| **5. A brief, itemised, breakdown of the funds requested.** |
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| **6. How will this proposal impact prostate cancer patients and the wider field? (up to 200 words)** |
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| **7. How does your proposal align to the** [**PCR Research Strategy**](https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PCR-Research-Strategy.pdf)**, and this grant call? (up to 300 words)**  |
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| **8. List up to five of your recent publications relevant to the proposed research.**  |
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| **9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us in support of your application? (up to 250 words)**  |
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Confirmation of Commitment

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| **Lead Applicant Name** |  |
| **Lead Applicant Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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| **Head of Department Name** |  |
| **Head of Department Signature** | *Or letter or email confirming agreement* |
| **Date** |  |

The Expression of Interest must be received by email at grants@pcr.org.uk by 11:59pm on **17th October 2021.**

Successful applicants will be notified by **early November 2021** with the details of how to prepare a full application. We will email a receipt of acknowledgement for 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 if we have received it.