

Guidelines for 2019 call for applications:

Project Grants for research into childhood cancer treatment and survival

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the **Children with Cancer UK 2019 Grant Call Tender Document**.

We are seeking proposals for research projects that address improved treatment for and survival from childhood and young person cancer and into improved quality of ongoing life.

We will not consider requests to fund large case-control epidemiological studies except those that propose to use existing data or sample collections to test specific hypotheses.

We particularly welcome submissions relevant to the teenage and young adult age group.

What can the funding be used for?

Our project grants are intended to provide funds for the employment of suitably qualified staff and the purchase of essential equipment and consumables for projects lasting up to three years that address the objectives outlined above. Please note that we will not contribute towards the cost of tenured posts nor can we contribute towards institutional overheads. The maximum amount that can be applied for is up to £250,000 for applications from a single institution, or up to £350,000 for collaborations involving more than one institution, though most grants will be for less than this. **Applications for smaller grants, up to around £50,000, to fund pilot investigations to test hypotheses, will also be considered.**

Who may apply?

Proposals must be submitted by a UK academic institution (university, hospital or research institute). We will consider funding international collaborations where researchers from a UK institution play a leading role. In the event that a grant is awarded to such a collaboration, the UK institution must take overall responsibility for management of the project and must undertake to administer the funding.

Please note that we will accept no more than two proposals from a single research group.

Application process and timetable

There is a two-stage application process. The first stage is submission of a preliminary proposal which must be submitted using the application form provided and following the guidelines below. Preliminary proposals are reviewed by our grant panel who will decide which to put through to the second stage. Decisions are based on the perceived **NEED** of the proposed research, the potential **IMPACT** of the proposed research and the capacity of the research team to deliver the proposed research.

Second stage applications will be subject to full, external peer review to assess the scientific quality of the detailed research proposal.

Deadline for preliminary proposal	5pm, Friday 5 th April 2019
Invitations for full proposals TBC	By Friday 3 rd May 2019
Deadline for full proposals	5pm, Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Awards made TBC	By end of November 2019

Guidelines for completion of outline application form

- 1. Project title.** Please provide a title for the project (20 words max).
- 2. Lead applicant.** Please name *only one lead applicant*. The lead applicant must be employed by the Host Institution, which must be in the UK, and should be the person who will have lead responsibility for managing the project. The lead applicant will be our named point of contact for all correspondence in relation to this application and, in the event that funding is awarded, this person will be responsible for managing the grant, providing progress reports etc.
- 3. Co-applicants.** In addition to the lead applicant you may identify *up to three co-applicants* who will have a central role in the proposed project. You may identify any other key collaborators under the Project details section.
- 4. Maximum funding required.** Our project grants are intended to provide funds for the employment of suitably qualified staff and the purchase of essential equipment and consumables for projects addressing the objectives outlined in the call.

We do not require a detailed budget at this stage, but please try to consider and include all necessary costs in order to avoid having to inflate the budget at a later stage. You are asked to justify the costs under *Section 12 Project details*.

Please note that we will not contribute towards the cost of tenured posts. Please also note that we can only fund direct research costs, we cannot fund institutional overhead costs. Children with Cancer UK meets the qualifying criteria for HEFCE's Charity Research Support Funds, through which you may be able to recoup some of the full economic costs of the research.

- 5. Duration of project.** Our project grants provide funding for defined projects lasting up to three years.
- 6. Lead applicant funding.** Please indicate whether your post is tenured. Please note that we will not contribute towards the cost of tenured posts, or otherwise fund the salary of the Principal Investigator.
- 7. Repeat proposals.** You may reapply for projects which have previously been turned down, as long as the proposal has been updated to take into account any reviewer feedback and any developments in the field.
- 8. Previous applications to Children with Cancer UK.** Please detail all previous applications from the Lead applicant (whether successful or unsuccessful).
- 9. Research objectives.** Please summarise using up to 150 words how the proposed research addresses this Grant Call as set out in the tender document.
- 10. Type(s) of cancer to be addressed.** Please indicate which type(s) of childhood or young person cancer are covered by your project. You may use the term "All Cancers" if your proposals apply to cancer in general.
- 11. Lay summary.** Please provide a project summary using up to 100 words. Please use plain English, suitable for a reader with no specialist knowledge.
- 12. Project details.** Please address all headings and respect the 1,000 word limit. Use the template provided for the CV of the lead applicant.

Submitting your application

Applications should be made through our online grants portal at cwc.flexigrant.com. A link can be found on the grant call website page.

Note: File Names; please ensure that all files uploaded through the portal are given an appropriate file name, including the lead researcher's name and the nature of the file.

Darwin, Charles, Table 1; Figures, CwCUK 2019 Project Grant (Treatment & Survival) Preliminary Application

Queries

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