

Guidelines for 2019 call for applications:

Clinical PHD Studentships 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**.

Children with Cancer UK are pleased to announce the availability of one or two 3-year Clinical PhD Studentships specialising in the field of cancer treatment and survival relevant to children and young adults, aged 0 – 24 years.

What can the funding be used for?

The studentship aims to offer an opportunity for clinicians to develop a robust research foundation and provide the first step in the pursuit of an independent career as a leader in clinical research. The proposed research project must be hypothesis driven and represent an area of research, which you intend to further develop in your future career. It is important that you include the aims and objectives of the research together with the techniques and training required to deliver them. Devising a justified programme of development and demonstrating knowledge and appreciation of research methodologies are vital attributes in the pursuit of a PhD and further research experience.

Our training studentships will support both existing research scientists and practicing clinicians undertaking a project aimed at award of a PhD. We do not fund recent graduates under this scheme. We will only cover salaries up to NHS level ST2 plus London Weighting. Candidates at higher pay scale points will either need to adjust their paid hours or carry out their study part-time with the approval of their institution. Applications are accepted up to a value of £200,000.

Please note that application for a one-year MRes is not available in this grant round.

Who can apply?

We are looking to support clinicians who are sited in the UK and have completed their foundation training by the closing date of the preliminary proposal (5th April 2019).

The Studentships are typically aimed at Specialist Registrars to provide them with the opportunity to pursue research ideas with the aim of translating them into practice to improve healthcare for paediatric cancer patients.

The PhD must be at a recognised UK Higher Education Institution. The relevant clinical host should also be aware of the application. Early discussions with the academic partner are strongly recommended.

How will applications be assessed?

Children with Cancer UK's independent Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) will assess preliminary applications on the following four criteria:

1. Quality of the applicant in terms of ability, career direction and commitment to clinical research in cancer in children and young adults;
2. Importance and viability of the chosen PhD research topic;
3. Quality and effectiveness of the available PhD supervision;
4. Extent and quality of the support provided by the host institution.

Selected candidates will form a shortlist to be invited to proceed to a second stage application.

How to apply

Applications can be completed by visiting our grants portal at **cwc.flexigrant.com** and completing the form '**Clinical PHD Studentships Treatment and Survival Preliminary Applications**'.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Bryan, Research Grants Manager, on **0207 404 0808** or by email at **joseph.bryan@childrenwithcancer.org.uk**

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