

Faculty of Medicine Postdoctoral Career Track Award

Guidance for completing the application

Eligibility

Applicants should normally be in their second postdoctoral position and between 3–8 years following award of their PhD. They should also be within 12 months of the end of their current salary funding at time of interview. All applications must have the full support of the Head of Academic Unit.

Current Funding

Provide the details of the current funding source(s) of your salary including the end date of the funding.

Previous funding awards

Provide details of all funding that you have received since being awarded your PhD.

Lay Summary (200 words max)

This statement should be presented in simple language that would be understood by a non-scientist.

Statement of Proposed Research (2 A4 pages max)

Your statement should include a full scientific and strategic justification (with reference to the application criteria) including hypothesis and aims, plan of investigation, references, expected outcomes and milestones. You should also include details of existing and planned collaborations and how you propose to communicate your research.

Costs and Justification of Resources

You should provide a detailed breakdown of the costs involved in your project and fully justify the costs in the Justification of Resources statement. You should ensure that you cross refer your justification with the itemised list to ensure that each cost is justified (and to help reviewers easily link the two). Please append quotes where relevant. You should also consider costs relating to achieving the impact described in your Pathways to Impact statement. A number of headings are given to assist you in clearly identifying the costs. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list and you may add further headings where relevant.

NB. The Faculty of Medicine Postdoctoral Career Track Scheme provides funding for the awardee's salary only. However an assessment of the costs will be made to ensure that they are realistic and justified appropriately. Support for project costs will form part of the Head of Academic Unit's supporting letter (see Letter of Support below).

Plan for future funding

There is a strong expectation that winners of a Faculty of Medicine Postdoctoral Career Track Award will make every effort to obtain external fellowship funding. You should provide information on how you intend to achieve this including giving the names of funding bodies, funding calls to which you are intending to apply and the approximate timing of these applications.

Pathways to Impact

The impact of research is becoming an essential part of funding applications. This section is to help you consider potential beneficiaries of your research and the pathways to maximising its academic, economic and societal impact. In presenting your Pathways to Impact to enhance the potential impacts of research, it is helpful to explore first what is reasonable and/or expected for research of this nature. Please see the [RCUK Pathways to Impact website](#) for further guidance.

Career Intentions

Please explain your career aspirations for the future particularly over the next five years.

Additional documentation required for the application

Letter of Support

A letter of support from the Head of Academic Unit must accompany the application. This should confirm the Academic Unit's commitment to providing you with consumable funding for the duration of the award. Any other costs relating to the project apart from your salary must be obtained either through the Academic Unit or via other internal or external sources.

Curriculum Vitae

Please append your full CV including publications, research awards, teaching and supervisory experience plus any other additional experience and skills that are relevant to a career in academic research.

Application and selection process

Applicants should submit by the advertised deadline:

- a completed application form
- a full CV
- a letter of support from the Head of Academic Unit which also confirms the Academic Unit's commitment to provide the applicant with consumable funding for the duration of the award.

Late submissions will not normally be accepted.

All applications are reviewed by senior members of academic staff from across the Faculty of Medicine research divisions. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed by a separate panel of senior members of Faculty academic staff. The Faculty retains the right not to make an award if the quality of the applications does not meet the required standard of excellence.