

Rosetrees Trust Interdisciplinary Award FAQ's



Who can apply?

Does the Medicine lead have to have a clinical position or can they be scientists (e.g. biomedical) that works in clinically relevant medical research?

A biomedical scientist working in clinically relevant medical research is acceptable. The clinician or biomedical scientist must have an established academic track record and be in a tenured position at least for the duration of the award.

Would it be possible for one of the lead applicants to be based outside the UK?

Both lead applicants should be UK based and preferably from the same institution. Overseas collaborations can assist if this enhances the research but the funding can only go to the UK based lead institution.

One of the potential PIs is employed by the hospital Trust. Do both PI's have to be tenured in a University, rather than a hospital trust?

A PI from the Hospital Trust is acceptable and presumed will be Medicine lead.

Can we put in an application for a project with an academic from a different University/Institution?

Yes as long as the lead institution is agreed and this becomes that institution's one and only application. The funding must be managed by that lead institution.

I understand that only one application per institution is accepted, does this mean one application across all departments of a larger institution or is it possible for an institution within a larger institution to submit an application independently?

Your application would have to be selected on behalf of the whole institution

Do the applicants need to be in a tenured position?

The past ID winners have all been in tenured position and the applicant must be in-contract for at least the duration of the project.



What collaborations are acceptable?

Is collaboration with a corporate partner acceptable?

Yes once you have your cross discipline lead PIs then additional collaborations are possible.

Can industrial collaborators, bring in in-kind contribution?

Yes, we're happy to consider applications where the company is contributing matched-funding. Our preference is for 50:50.

Can we have collaborations outside the UK?

Yes once you have your cross discipline lead PIs then overseas collaborations are possible.



Will my project fit the remit of this call?

Would you consider line of sight to clinic a key requirement in writing a competitive application?

Line of sight to clinic is essential for a successful application. It doesn't have to result in patient benefit by the end of the grant but must be a clear plan on how this will be achieved within 3-5 years post-grant.

Do you prefer a particular area of medicine?

The projects are chosen on their own merits and interdisciplinarity and not biased towards any particular area of medicine.

To what extent is the Rosetrees focussed on benefits to UK population health? Is there scope for something that would bring benefits to developing countries instead?

The quality of the project and the potential impact on human health is of highest importance. We usually fund research that affects UK patients and some of our research is from tropical medicine which may affect a small population in the UK with an impact worldwide. There is therefore scope if a small UK population will also benefit.

Does the funded project have to focus exclusively on clinical research or it can also have elements of translational research in pre-clinical animal models?

Yes it can have elements of translational research in pre-clinical animal models



What can I include in the costing?

Is the costing the same as other charitable funders i.e. no directly allocated costs, overheads or PhD students?

Yes it is the same.

Can Post Doc Research Associates (Directly Incurred –temporary staff) can be lead on applications for the RT ID Award?

We will fund directly incurred costs associated with the project e.g. salaries, consumables and animal costs. We will consider travel costs (max. £1000) and small equipment costs (max £1000) that are essential to the project. We do not fund directly allocated or indirect costs, PhD tuition fees or publication costs.

Would I as a PI qualify for a 1PA salary over 3 years as a back fill giving up one PA of my clinical time?

We do fund clinical time however this will come out of the total £300,000 award.

Would we be able to claim £300,000 even if the project has 2 years also how will the funds be released? Also should we send invoices upfront and do you pay quarterly or annually?

The grant offer is for £300,000 over 3 years i.e. £100,000 p.a. Even though you justify in your application why the research can be completed in 2 years the £300,000 will still be released over 3 years if you are successful. You will receive payment at the start of the project as soon as all the relevant paperwork and agreement is in place. After that progress updates will determine the next payments. No invoices will be necessary.

Is only one award made per year?

Depending on the quality of the applications we have funded up to 3 ID prizes. One fully funded by RT, one with a co-donor and one part funded (50%) with funds made up by the university. However this is a decision made by our advisory panel on a yearly basis.