**MANCHESTER ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRE (MAHSC)**

**COVID-19 Philanthropic Pump Priming Awards**

**October 2020**

Background

Following the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Manchester’s Division of Development & Alumni Relations launched a fundraising effort to support the University’s medical research response. The appeal focussed on securing funding in line with the priority areas below, including vaccine development and clinical trials, understanding the body’s immune and inflammatory response, and designing novel therapeutics and care pathways.

As a result of the appeal, we have been able to establish a special research fund which is now open for applications.

This research fund is intended to enhance what our scientists are able to deliver, providing the flexibility to think laterally, to be innovative and take risks, and build data in a timely manner for large-scale external grant applications.

Research can be linked to the University’s COVID-19 priority areas:

* Clinical Trials
* Mechanisms of Disease – e.g. Immunophenotyping, Virology, Opportunistic/secondary infection, Long-term Sequelae
* Data Analysis
* Patients with Chronic Illnesses
* Public Health, Epidemiology & Mental Health
* New Diagnostics
* Prevention & Vaccination
* Global Health
* Organisational Development

**Terms and Conditions**

* Applications **must** be led by a University of Manchester investigator from any of the three faculties but can involve co-investigators from across other MAHSC partners.
* The fund will support approximately 10 projects up to £50K in value
* The research needs to be pump-priming in spirit and deliverable now.
* Provide a clear plan for how further, more comprehensive external funding will be sought (this is not restricted to COVID-19 funding calls). We are very interested in pump-priming UKRI grants e.g. where COVID-19 might be an example within a broader biological or social mechanism. Applications that do not demonstrate this will not be considered for funding.
* Applications should include timelines for when further funding will be sought.
* The projects to which funds are allocated will be reported to donors and therefore recipients will be required to work with the Division of Development & Alumni Relations to update on progress and any resulting activity.
* Recipients may be asked to engage with donors and have their projects featured in donor communications

The Research Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the University’s Research Rapid Response Operations Group that has representation from across all three faculties.

Deadline for Applications: Please submit your application to covid19research@manchester.ac.uk by Wednesday 25th November 2020

**Application Form**

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| **Principal Investigator\*** |  |
| Faculty |  |
| School |  |
| Email Address |  |

\***Must** be a University of Manchester Investigator

**Project Title:**

**List Collaborators:**

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| **Name** | **Affiliation (UoM/MAHSC NHS Trust)** |
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 **Linked to University COVID-19 Priority Area**

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| **Priority Area** | **Please tick** |
| Clinical Trials |  |
| Mechanisms of Disease – Immunophenotyping, Virology, Opportunistic/secondary infection, Long-term Sequelae |  |
| Data Analysis |  |
| Patients with Chronic Illnesses  |  |
| Public Health, Epidemiology and Mental Health |  |
| New Diagnostics |  |
| Prevention & Vaccination |  |
| Global Health |  |
| Organisational Development |  |

1. **What is the Problem? [300 words]**

1. **What is the proposed solution? [500 words]**
2. **What is the outcome [300 words]**
3. **Please describe your next steps in terms of follow-on funding including timescales [200 words]**

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| Project Costs: **The proposal needs to be fully costed by your Research Support Manager, please notify them in advance of your intention to submit an application to this scheme.** |
| Directly Incurred (DI) |
| Fund | Breakdown and description/detail | Cost (£) |
| Staff |  |  |
| Consumables |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |
| Total DI Costs: |  |
| Directly Allocated Costs (DA) |  |
| Investigator |  |
| Estates |  |
| Indirect costs |  |
| Total DA costs: |  |

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| **This proposal is submitted by Principal Investigator**  |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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| **Costs authorised by Principal Investigator’s Research Support Manager** |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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| **Costs authorised by Principal Investigator’s Head of School/Division**  |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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