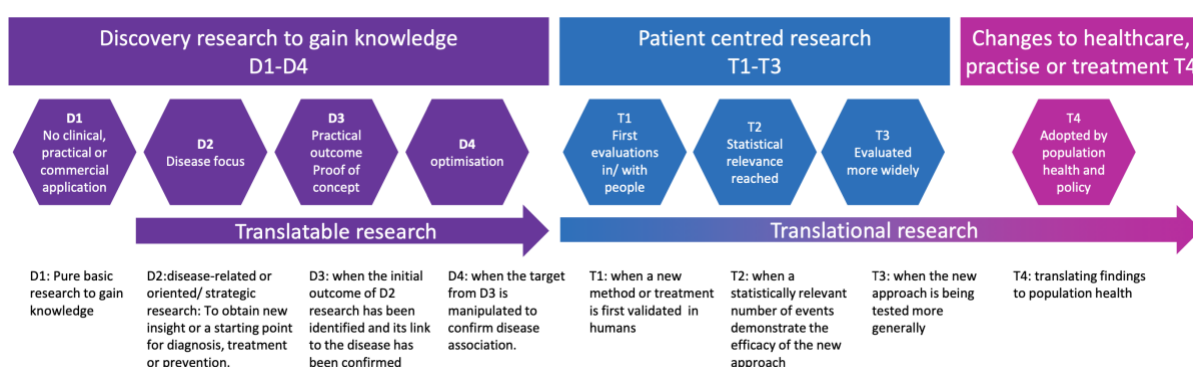


**Wellcome Trust Institutional Translational Partnership Award (TPA)
University of Manchester
Projects for Translation (P4T) Award 2021**

What research does the P4T fund?

The P4T scheme supports the progression of existing projects along the translational research pipeline but is not intended to fund an entire project. Projects at any stage of the [translational pathway](#) are eligible for P4T awards, nevertheless the vision to translation should be clearly stated. Projects must move the research to the next stage of the pipeline (i.e. D2 to D3 or T1 to T2) as a result of the P4T funding.



Translational research projects should address an area of unmet clinical need, or aim to improve an aspect of healthcare delivery. The funding can be used to tackle a **specific bottleneck or hurdle** within a wider project, examples included:

- **Method development;** adapting methods to meet regulatory requirements, scaling up production, prototype manufacturing, assay development, biomarker validation, developing a manufacturing process for a biological agent.
- **Translatable discovery research;** genomics, epidemiological studies, image analysis studies, proteomics, drug discovery, app or software development, toxicity studies, proof of principle in vivo studies.
- **Patient centred translational research;** public and patient engagement, testing a medical device, validating software in a clinical study, clinical trials, focus groups, field testing and survey data.
- **Collaborating with industry partners to progress translation;** working with an industry partner to move the research along the translation pathway. Consultancy work alone is not sufficient (see the A2E application brief, this scheme may be suitable if the industry partner is providing expertise). To be eligible for the P4T scheme the collaboration must involve both the academic and industry partner contributing to the project.

The Wellcome Trust and UoM wish to promote academic-industry interactions through the TPA scheme, applicants are therefore encouraged to explore how the P4T could be used to develop these interactions. We advise applicants to discuss their industry interactions with their [Faculty's Business](#)

[Engagement Team](#) and the [Contracts Manager](#) for your school/department. We also encourage interdisciplinary proposals, including collaborations across faculties and with associated NHS Trust partners. Investigators are strongly advised to consult with a clinician on the area of unmet need that their project is addressing.

Projects could be linked to the following:

- [NIHR BRC themes](#) (advanced radiotherapy; cancer precision medicine; cancer prevention and early detection; dermatology; hearing health; musculoskeletal diseases; respiratory diseases)
- [FBMH research domains](#) (cardiovascular, endocrine and metabolic science; cellular and developmental systems; evolution, systems and genomics; infection, immunity, inflammation and repair; neuroscience and mental health; cancer; applied health; digital health)
- [MAHSC research domains](#) (cancer, cardiovascular and diabetes, inflammation and repair, neuroscience, women and children).
- [FSE research themes](#) with a link to healthcare
- [FH research](#) with a link to healthcare
- [University research beacons](#) linked to medicine and healthcare (advanced materials; global inequalities; industrial biotechnology; cancer)
- Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Matrix Research [themes](#)
- COVID-19 related research

The P4T will not support:

- Fundamental or basic research that is not translational
- Entire translational projects
- Projects with no clear translational agenda or applied outcomes
- Staff between posts/funding (i.e. as “bridging” funds)
- PhD studentships
- Continuation or extension of existing research grants

What funding is available and what is the project duration?

Costs will be provided for 100% of directly incurred costs only, up to £55,000. The P4T award will fund projects with a duration of 6-9 months (but will exceptionally consider projects up to 12 months). Due to the short timeframe, projects should have the necessary resources readily available and in place. Applications will, in part, be judged on their feasibility and deliverability within timeframe.

Strict adherence to spending regulations will be mandatory for successful applicants. Expenditure will be permitted to the end of the agreed time-frame for the project. No spending will be permitted after this date. Clearance of invoices will be permitted for 3 months after the project end date.

Who is eligible to apply?

The scheme is open to applicants from FBMH, FSE and FH undertaking health related translational research. The lead applicant's contract of employment should exceed the duration of the proposed project and cover the duration of a potential follow on project. Applications are welcomed from both UoM researchers and partner NHS Trust clinicians.

Post-doctoral researchers are also encouraged to apply with a senior academic as co-PI or co-I. For post-doctoral researchers, their current contract of employment with the university must cover the duration of the proposed project. The senior academic will be considered as a guarantor on applications made by post-doctoral researchers and will be expected to oversee completion of the project and potential follow on projects. Awardees from the 2020 call are not eligible to apply unless their project is completed, refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for details.

How do I apply?

The application form can be downloaded from our [website](#). Before submitting your application, please contact Translation Manchester notifying us of your intent to apply, we can provide advice and confirm the eligibility of your project.

Please include the following information in your email to translation@manchester.ac.uk

- Name(s) of the applicant and co-PI/co-I(s), faculty, school/department
- Project title
- Brief overview of the unmet clinical need been addressed by the research
- Where on the translational research pipeline your current project sits and where it aims to go (e.g. D1 to D2, or T2 to T3)
- What is the specific hurdle or bottleneck that you will overcome with the funding?

Funding call opens	Monday 5 th July
RSMs costings deadline	Monday 26 th July
Application deadline	Thursday 26 th August
Notification of outcomes	w/c 25 th October
Projects start	November onwards

If you are applying, Research Support Managers (RSMs) and Research Support Officers (RSOs) **must be contacted** as soon as possible. Applications might not be accepted for processing if RSMs/RSOs have not been notified by Monday 26th July 2020. All projects should be costed (100% fEC). Contact details for the RSMs/RSOs in your faculty can be found [here](#).

Applicants with projects that will require support from the Contracts team should have identified and contacted the [Contracts Manager](#) in their school/department to make them aware support will be needed when project starts. This is essential to prevent any delays due to contracts, if awarded.

Given the ongoing **COVID-19** pandemic, we ask applicants to consider if/how the project could be undertaken if remote working and/or restricted lab access comes into force during the project.

Additional Information

Intellectual Property

You are not required to seek consent from Wellcome before you make any commercial use of, or grant to any third party any exploitation rights over, any Wellcome-funded intellectual property that arises from the P4T Award. Nevertheless, **you will be required to accept Wellcome's standard [revenue-and-equity sharing agreement](#) as set out in [Wellcome's grant conditions](#)**. This includes the requirement to report to Wellcome once a year on IP and commercialisation activities; this will be performed by The University of Manchester Innovation Factory (former UMIP).

Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to submit a short interim report halfway through the project and a final report at the end of the project. Applicants will be contacted to report on their post-award progress up to 5 years after the award has been completed. This is mandatory to ensure evaluation of the translational impact of this scheme. You will also be required to engage with Translation Manchester activities such as blogs and events.

Previous P4T awards

Information on projects that have been funded by the P4T scheme in 2018 and 2020, including case studies can be found at www.translation.manchester.ac.uk.

Proposals MUST be submitted to translation@manchester.ac.uk

The final application deadline is 5pm Thursday, 26th August 2021.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Notification of outcome will be week commencing 25th October, 2021 via email to the PI.

For any other query refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for the 2021 call or contact translation@manchester.ac.uk.