



2021 funding calls: Frequently asked Questions

Please also refer to the application briefs for each scheme downloadable on the funding page of [our website](#) for further information around both A2E and P4T schemes.

1. Can I apply for A2E and/or P4T if I have already been awarded funding from Translation Manchester in the past?

Recipient of an A2E/P4T 2020 award are not eligible to apply as PIs, unless the 2020 project is completed, and the final report submitted by the 26th August 2021. They can collaborate on projects led by a different investigator. All previous awardees from 2018 and 2019 are eligible to apply as PI.

2. Can I apply to both A2E and P4T awards?

Yes, a PI can apply to both schemes, however these need to be for two separate projects with no overlap. You can only submit one application for each scheme as PI, however you can be named as collaborator on other projects.

3. Can I apply as a post-doctoral researcher?

Yes, post-doctoral researchers are 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.

4. Do you exclusively fund projects that are at later translational stages?

No, projects at all stages of the [translational pathway](#) are eligible to apply.

5. Does the A2E/P4E project need to be part of a wider funded programme?

We would expect for the A2E/P4T award to support wider programmes of work, and address a specific bottleneck encountered at a specific stage of the translational pathway. In the first page of the application form, we ask you to describe the wider programme of work and to describe if this is currently supported by any internal or external funding.

6. Are conference/travel and publications costs eligible for funding?

Conference and publication costs are usually not eligible for this funding. Travel costs can be considered if essential for the project. Final decisions are made by the peer review panels.

7. What costs are covered by the TPA awards?

The TPA provide 100% of directly incurred costs only.

8. What is the selection process for these awards?

All applications will be reviewed and scored by three independent referees. Panel members will be a combination of senior academics and external experts. Projects will be scored for scientific quality, feasibility, potential impact, and alignment with Translation Manchester remit. Particular attention will be given on how the researchers aim to tackle a specific bottleneck that is stopping the project to progress along the [translational pathway](#), and the likelihood that the award will help overcome the bottleneck.

9. When can I expect to be notified of a decision?

We aim to notify successful applicants by the end of October, with projects starting from November onwards.

10. Does the expert for the A2E scheme need to be external to the University of Manchester?

No, your expert can be another UoM researcher with expertise [external to your research group](#) (e.g. bioinformaticians, health economist, etc). If your expert is an external consultant and/or company, please consider the time required to set up a contract and [notify the contracts team](#) of your intention to do.

11. Does the expert for the A2E scheme need to be named on the application form?

Yes, we expect you to have identified your expert and costed the expertise in your proposal to avoid any delay with the start of the project. We also expect you to [notify the contracts team](#) as soon as you receive confirmation of a successful award to start the process to draft a contract between you and the expert. Failure to do so can cause substantial delays to the start of the project and could result in the withdrawal of the award.

12. Do I need to identify the staff (e.g. PDRA) needed to carry out the work on the P4T project before applying?

Since these are short awards (6-9 months) the time required to advertise and recruit staff could affect the timelines required for the delivery of milestones and should be taken into account when preparing the project plan. If staff have already been identified, they can be named on the application form.