

Translation for ECRs (T4E) 2023 Application Brief

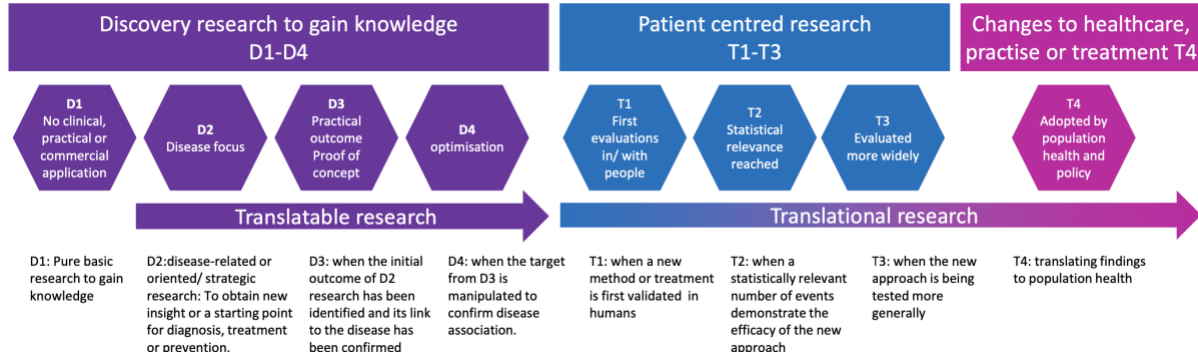
Who is supporting this call?

The University of Manchester is in receipt of the **Institutional Translational Partnership Award (TPA)** from Wellcome which is managed by [Translation Manchester](#). Supported by the TPA, we run a number of annual funding calls for [Translation Manchester Accelerator Awards](#) to pump-prime research aimed at translating discoveries into healthcare impact and patient benefit. The Translation for Early Career Researchers (T4E) scheme is one of the four schemes Translation Manchester coordinate.

Aims of the fund

The T4E funding call aims to provide support to Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to establish their independent translational research career by generating pilot data for research grant applications or fellowship applications. Collaborative projects involving a cross disciplinary partner are particularly encouraged. For the purposes of this call ECRs are defined as individuals whose primary responsibility is to conduct research and who are usually supported by grants which are of a fixed duration. This includes, research associates, postdoctoral research associates and research fellows, including Presidential Fellows.

Projects at any stage of the translational pathway are eligible for T4E awards, nevertheless the vision to translation should be clearly stated. Projects must move the research to the next stage of the pathway (i.e. D2 to D3 or T1 to T2) as a result of the T4E funding.



Information for Applicants

1. All applications must be made using the template application form and submitted to the Translation Manchester at translation@manchester.ac.uk
2. Applicants can apply for costs up to a maximum of **£5,000** to undertake a project which will help them establish an independent translational research career. The funds can cover networking costs, workshops costs, staff and consumable costs for feasibility and pilot studies or preliminary research data collection in an interdisciplinary area which has the potential to lead to an external funding bid. For this scheme **we DO NOT request** that the costing sheet is signed off by the Research Support Manager.
3. The duration of the project should be from three to nine months and completed by November 2024 the latest..

4. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and where possible should be made three months prior to the start date of the project where possible. Applications will be reviewed by the panel board on a monthly basis.
5. A full breakdown of all estimated costs is requested on the application form; where costs are reported in a foreign currency, applicants should convert to sterling and quote details of the exchange rate used.
6. Applicants should ensure all sections of the application form are complete including a summary of the project, how the funding will help the applicant become an independent translational research (e.g. future funding plans). and requested budget. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Awards are made on the basis of estimated costs and if the actual costs incurred are lower than the amount stated, the award will be reduced accordingly.
8. Successful applicants must follow Faculty and University guidance in relation to project set up, financial processes and procedures.
9. It is a condition of awards that, following completion of the activity, applicants should complete and submit a final report form and any follow up output requests.

Criteria for Awards

1. At the time of application the lead applicant must be a member of staff at the University employed on a research only contract.
2. Research staff will not be eligible to receive more than one award from the T4E scheme.
3. Awards to successful applicants are not transferable and apply only to the researcher stated in the application.
4. If there is a collaborative partner they do not need to be external or from a non-academic sector, however, evidence that the partnership is interdisciplinary should be provided.
5. Assessment is to be based on four criteria:
 - i. Quality, strength and interdisciplinary nature of the proposed collaboration
 - ii. Alignment to the University's research priorities
 - iii. Potential for a future external research funding/fellowship application

Please submit your application form to translation@manchester.ac.uk. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and where possible should be made three months prior to the start date of the project. Applications will be reviewed by the panel board on a monthly basis and outcome will be communicated to applicants once funding decisions have been made.