# Translational Research Manchester 2023

## **Opening Session**

Translational Partnership Award Introduction and Opening Keynote

**Chair:** 

Prof Nigel Hooper



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## Translational Research



## Manchester 2023

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**Chair:** Prof Nigel Hooper, Associate Vice-President for Research at the University of Manchester

9:55 - 10:00	WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR	
	Translation Manchester and the Translational Partnership Award	
10:00 - 10:15	<b>Prof Nigel Hooper</b> , Associate Vice-President for Research at the University of Manchester	
10:15 – 10:40	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
	Drug discovery and brain cancer: the industry perspective of (a former) academic	
	Prof Petra Hamerlik, Chair of Translational Neuro Oncology	
10:40 - 10:45	Questions & Answers	



# **Translational**Research

Manchester 2023







# TranslationManchester



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Professor Nigel Hooper

Associate Vice-President for Research Translational Partnership Award Co-Chair







## Aims of the event



- Promote a translational research culture amongst our up-and-coming researchers
- Showcase the **support available** for translational researchers
- Introduce **new people** to translational research
- Provide opportunities for networking and facilitate the establish new links/collaborations
- Promote upcoming opportunities from Translation Manchester



## Programme of the day

WHEN	WHAT
9.30 - 9:55	Registration and coffee
9:55 – 10:45	TRANSLATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD INTRODUCTION AND OPENING KEYNOTE Chair: Prof Nigel Hooper, Associate Vice-President for Research at the University of Manchester Opening Keynote address: Prof Petra Hamerlik, Chair of Translational Neuro Oncology
10.45 - 11:15	SESSION 1: TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH FUNDING & GENERATING IMPACT FROM TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH Chair: Laura Breen, Research Development & Impact Manager
11.15 - 11:45	Coffee Break
11.45 - 12:15	SESSION 2: TEAMSBUILDDREAMS: ENHANCING CULTURE AND RESEARCH THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY, COLLABORATIVE WAYS OF WORKING. Chairs: Nicola Telfer and Karon Mee
12.15 - 13:30	Lunch and Poster Competition for Early Career Researchers
13.30 - 14:00	SESSION 3: BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH INDUSTRY TO TRANSLATE RESEARCH Chair: Chris Hepworth, Business Engagement manager
14:00 - 14:20	SESSION 4: SUPPORTING THE NEXT STEPS IN YOUR TRANSLATIONAL PATHWAY Chair: Lloyd Gregory, Academic Partnerships Director, Health Innovation Manchester
14:20 - 14:50	CLOSING KEYNOTE SESSION Chair: Professor Luke Georghiou, Deputy President and Deputy Vice- Chancellor at the University of Manchester  Closing Keynote address: Professor Rachel Lennon, Professor of Nephrology and Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist
14:50 - 15:00	CLOSING REMARKS AND PRIZE GIVING
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon tea & Networking



- Inspiring presentations from successful innovators
- Informative sessions on translational research topics:
  - Funding and Impact
  - Team Research
  - Industry collaboration
- Networking lunch with poster competition

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## Supporting Academics to translate their research

#### TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH



**Pronunciation:** 

/tranz'leif(ə)n(ə)l/ /ri'səːtf, 'riːsəːtf/

#### noun:

the process of applying ideas, insights, and discoveries generated through basic scientific inquiry to the treatment or prevention of human disease in the contract of the con

or prevention of human disease | leif(ə)n(ə)|/ /risə:tf, 'risə:tf/ 'systematic effort to convert basic research knowledge into practical applications to enhance human health/and/well-being'

'applying knowledge from basic biology and clinical trials to techniques and tools that address critical medical needs'

'research process that investigates and translates nonclinical research results into clinical applications'

'involves moving knowledge and discovery gained from the basic sciences to its application in clinical and community settings'

#### **COMMERCIAL**

#### **NON-COMMERCIAL**









## Who are **Translation Manchester?**

- In 2018 the University of Manchester was awarded <u>a Wellcome Trust</u> <u>Translational Partnership</u> <u>Award</u> (TPA, £1.2m).
- In 2021, TPA was renewed for a further 3 years (£2.4m) ending November 2024.
- The TPA provides funding to support the progression of academic health related research into real world benefit for patients and society.
- The TPA award is delivered through Translation Manchester.





## Translational Manchester Team





**Dr Alessandro Faroni** Translational Research Manager

- Post doc, Division of Cell Matrix Biology
   & Regenerative Medicine, 2012-2020
- Neuroscience, regenerative medicine, POLYNERVE clinical trial

**Dr Lijing Lin**Translational Research Bioinformatician

 Post doc, School of Health Sciences (2014-2021), Statistics, Machine Learning



 Post doc, Department of Mathematics (2011-2014), Scientific Computing



**Dr Fiona Foster** Translational Research Manager

- Institute manager for the Lydia Becker Institute / MCCIR (2012 – 2021)
- Post doc Breast Cancer Research (2001 – 2012)

#### **Vacant**

Translational Research Support Officer

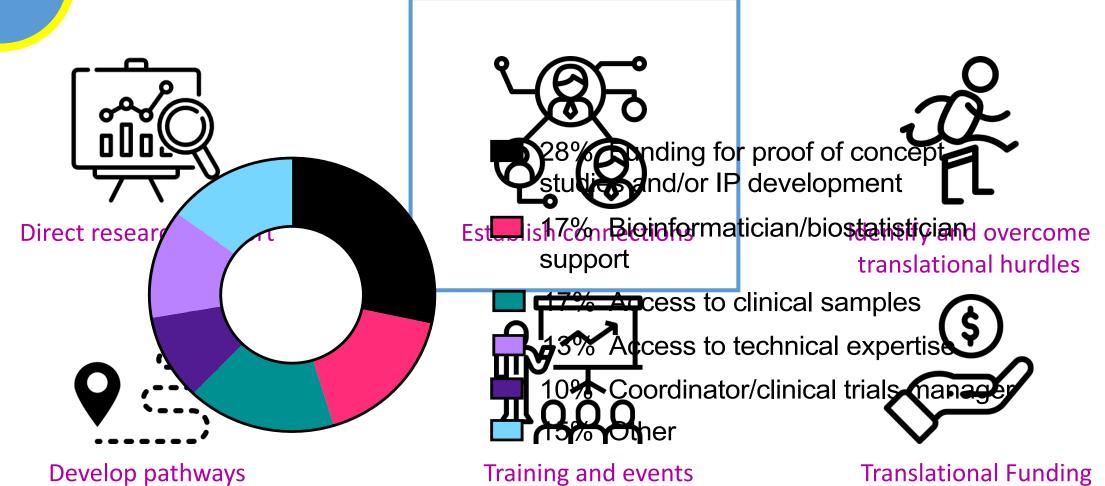




## How?

#### **Translation** Manchester

#### Tackling Translational Bottlenecks









# TranslationManchester Research Network





Download the booklet https://bit.ly/3dEBTEs
Available in the useful links box



> 70 partners



- Industry
- Research Facilities



- Networks
- Biobanks
- **■** Clinical Trials Support
- NHS

## **Supporting Translational Research**



















Focus Groups **Ongoing** 

## **Translation** Manchester

Research Connections Tool

A 'Dating App' Concept for Research Connections



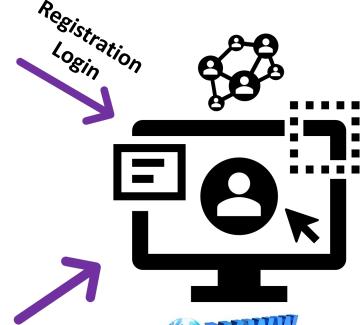




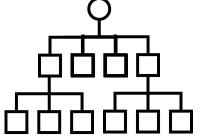
Academics Clinicians **PS Staff** 











#### **Smart Search Functionalities**

Based on MESH hierarchy





#### **Keyboard database:**

MESH (with hierarchy) Free format Keywords





Based on keywords and Availability to collaborate





Find expertise Find Collaborators

Facilitate Multidisciplinary Research

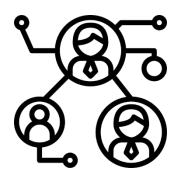
## Translation Manchester



Direct research support



Develop pathways



**Establish connections** 





Identify and overcome translational hurdles



**Translational Funding** 





## **Translation**Manchester

## Research Skills Training







Building on success of the Innovator Training Scheme We are developing a Translational Research Skills Training Portal together with SLD / e-learning team and our BRC colleagues including live and on demand training on:

- Team science
- Network and collaboration
- Entrepreneurial mindset
- Research Impact
- Public and patient engagement
- IP, licencing, commercialisation, spinouts
- Pitching ideas to potential investors
- Negotiating skills

- Regulatory bodies and routes into the NHS and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector
- Setting up clinical trials
- Healthcare policy and NICE
- Economic value and feasibility of health interventions
- Collaborating with industry









**Translational Research Skills Training Portal Coming in 2023** 

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**▶** Bioinformatics Expertise



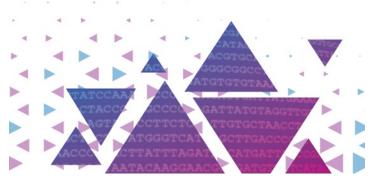
Request Bioinformatics Expertise **Applications Open** 





Bioinformatics Training / Learning Repositories **Updated Weekly** 





Informatics Training Scheme Runs Annually







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Training and events



**Translational Funding** 





# TranslationManchester Accelerator Awards











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Access 2 Expertise





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Translation 4 ECRs





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Access 2 Tissues





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Confidence 4 Translation







## TranslationManchester Translation 4 ECRs











- Promote translational research culture in the Early Career Researchers Community.
- Fund independent small scale projects to gather pilot data for fellowship or grant applications.
- We will fund up to 9 projects at £5k each.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds spent. Panel meets monthly.
- Currently accepting applications





## TranslationManchester Access 2 Expertise









- Engage technical expertise external to their immediate research group
- Not to fund an entire project, designed to overcome a bottle neck or hurdle
- Provides up to £25k for projects 6-9 months in duration
- Salary or consultancy costs, not consumables focused



#### **Call Opens for applications:**

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



#### **Deadline for applications:**

12th December 2023



#### **Peer Review:**

December 2023 - January 2024



#### **Outcome to Applicants:**

February 2024





## **Translation**Manchester

- Innovation Labs
- Half day workshop to fund new collaborations between academics and industry partners.
- Delivered by Translation Manchester, FBMH Business Engagement and other partners (Pankhurst, BRC, DiTA, FSE, Bruntwood Scitech)
- Themed workshops around addressing a business challenge, round table discussions, pitching of ideas at the end of the session to win seed funding (£20k per project) to kick start the collaboration.
- Funding available from TPA, HEIF, BRC and FSE.





# **Innovation labs 2022:** Digital Health and Al

# **Innovation labs 2023: Diagnostics in Healthcare**

# Innovation labs 2024: Theme to be decided

Digital oncology



Mental health in chronic diseases



Diagnostic technology utilising DNA sequencing



Evaluation of a diagnostic for respiratory diseases



Mental Health app technology



**Data Visualisation** 



Use of imaging biomarkers for patient stratification





#### **Recruiting Businesses:**

November – December 2023



#### **Recruiting Academics:**

January February 2024



#### **Sandpit Event:**

March 2024



#### **Projects Start:**

April 2024



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