Early Diagnosis Advisory Group (EDAG): Open funding call 2020

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) has a range of funding opportunities for early detection and early diagnosis research\textsuperscript{1}, one of our strategic priorities. EDAG is focused on timely research with implications for policy and practice.

By driving the translation of evidence into policy and practice we can accelerate efforts to reach our ‘75% early diagnosis ambition’ and improve outcomes for patients.

The type of research funded by EDAG is used by CRUK to:

- Set agendas – Raise an issue with decision makers
- Explore an issue – Gain understanding of a problem that needs solutions
- Investigate healthcare systems – Investigate efficiency and effectiveness of the current system demonstrating areas of need or improvement
- Demonstrate need or benefits – Show where policy or practice change could be beneficial
- Inform future policy/strategy – Review evidence from a range of sources and make recommendations for future policy solutions or strategies
- Pave the way for implementation – Generating evidence that will help facilitate implementation, such as cost implications or recommendations on funding levers
- Monitor impact of a policy change – Highlight where policy has or has not been successful

EDAG will consider all applications that fit within its remit, but this year it is particularly welcome of applications which:

- Investigate the quality of smoking-related data held in primary care, and make recommendations for improvements/levers to address
- Provide reasonably representative estimates of the proportions of GP requested diagnostic tests that are requested on an urgent versus non-urgent basis, and where the term cancer is or is not included, and any implications on the service/timeliness thereafter
- Generate evidence as to the cancer conversion rate for GP routine referrals
- Model the impact on treatment capacity associated with shifts towards more favourable stage in order to inform workforce and service planning

Applications made to EDAG will be judged on quality of the science, strategic importance and timeliness as well as strength of Public and Patient Involvement. The CRUK Patient involvement toolkit for researchers provides guidance, tips and templates to help you plan, deliver and evaluate your patient involvement.

\textsuperscript{1} \url{http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/research-opportunities-in-early-detection-and-diagnosis/funding-opportunities-for-early-detection-and-diagnosis}
Application logistics

- Project grants can request up to £100k per year (max)
- To reflect the timely nature of EDAG the maximum funding period is 18 months
- Applicants are asked to submit an expression of interest for consideration by the committee before invitation to submit a full application and peer review

Expression of Interest

If you would like to submit a proposal under this call, please first notify the Committee secretariat by emailing EDAG@cancer.org.uk. You will be sent an Expression of Interest form which will need to be completed and returned by the deadline below. It will be considered by the secretariat and the Committee to determine if your proposal fits with the scope before a full application is opened.

Timelines:

- Expression of Interest should be submitted by 11am on Monday 30th March 2020.
- Notification of Expression of Interest triage: May 2020
- Deadline for full application: Thursday 1st August 2020
- Notification of funding decision: Mid December 2020
- Projects expected to start: Early 2021

Further information:

If you have any questions about this brief, please email EDAG@cancer.org.uk