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i. ‘BEFORE YOU SUBMIT’ – CHECKLIST

Please ensure you complete everything in this list before you submit your full application. Instructions for the outline application can be found in Section 3.3.

- Does your application have a title?
- Is your CV fully completed?
- Have you added all your publications and research outputs with a full author list?
- Have your supporting roles completed their tasks?
- Have you added any named research staff as a supporting role on eGMS?
- Is your research abstract correctly structured?
- Are your costs completely justified?
- Is your research proposal within the word limit?
- Have you completed the required uploads?
- For multi-site applications, has an approval letter been uploaded from the Host Institution of each Joint Lead Applicant?
- Is your appendix within the page limit?
- Is your Host Institution ready to approve your application?
1  INTRODUCTION

1.1  PURPOSE OF THE GUIDELINES

These guidelines outline the steps required to submit a Multidisciplinary Project Award outline and full application. You should only submit a full application if you’ve already completed the outline stage of the application.

To get your application right first time, you will need to read these Application Guidelines (including the eGMS guidelines in Section 5) and the Costs Guidance. You can access these by clicking on the icons below.

Before you start, please also read our grant conditions for our T&Cs and administrative guidelines.

These guidelines can be easily navigated by clicking on any of the headings listed in the table of contents at the beginning of this document.

1.2  ABOUT CRUK AND EPSRC

Cancer Research UK’s vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. In our research strategy we’ve outlined our ambition to accelerate the progress of cancer research over the next 20 years, so that by 2034 three in four people diagnosed with cancer will survive for at least ten years. We will achieve our ambitions by funding a broad range of high quality research to help us better understand, prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.
The **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)** is the main UK government agency for funding research and training in engineering and the physical sciences. EPSRC invest more than £800 million a year in a broad range of subjects - from mathematics to materials science, and from information technology to structural engineering. Collaboration with Cancer Research UK through the Multidisciplinary Awards scheme aligns to EPSRC’s Healthy Nation agenda, as part of the current Delivery plan.

The purpose of this scheme is therefore to combine the interests of both organisations to support and encourage ambitious and novel research in EPS (Engineering and Physical Sciences), capable of making a contribution to biological and/or clinical problems in cancer. Through the Multidisciplinary Project Awards we seek to bring ambitious new EPS thinking to deliver transformational breakthroughs in cancer.

For more information on Cancer Research UK’s overarching aims please read our [Research Strategy](#). The types of funding schemes and awards available from Cancer Research UK are listed on our [Funding Schemes website](#). More information on the EPSRC’s Strategic and Delivery plan can be found [here](#).

### 13. ABOUT THE AWARD

To fulfill the ambition to beat cancer sooner, Cancer Research UK is working jointly with EPSRC to develop and diversify its portfolio to fund more multidisciplinary-based projects. The Multidisciplinary Project Award supports collaborations between clinical and non-clinical cancer researchers, and researchers from the engineering and physical sciences (EPS), where the aim is to generate creative research ideas and explore their applicability in cancer research.

Upon completion, this award intends to act as a stepping-stone with successful projects taken forward and expanded for Cancer Research UK Programme Award proposals. The Award offers the opportunity to establish new collaborations and is the first dedicated multidisciplinary scheme funding research across all cancers. We encourage EPS researchers who haven’t applied their skills to cancer to consider how they might contribute.

The peer review of these awards is being administered by Cancer Research UK, but proposals should be presented in a way which aligns to the interests of both funders.

### 14. ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

Multidisciplinary Project Awards are considered by the Cancer Research UK Science Committee. The Science Committee also considers applications for Programme Awards, Programme Foundation Awards and projects in cancer immunology. Meeting dates and deadlines can be found on the [Cancer Research UK Science Committee webpage](#).
2. SCHEME GUIDELINES

2.1 SCIENTIFIC REMIT

A.1 What is suitable for the Multidisciplinary Project Award?

Multidisciplinary Project Awards are intended to develop novel approaches to address fundamental problems in cancer and projects can be in basic research or translating novel EPS towards application in the cancer field.

Cancer Research UK and the EPSRC will only consider proposals for this scheme that i) are cancer-related, contain a definite research aspect and ii) develop or advance novel EPS techniques for use in cancer.

Table 1
Eligible Research Areas

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<tr>
<th>NOVEL EPS APPROACHES</th>
<th>The development of novel EPS approaches to further the understanding of the underlying physical processes of cancer, including tumour initiation, growth, invasion and metastasis.</th>
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<tr>
<td>NOVEL EPS TECHNOLOGIES</td>
<td>The development of novel EPS technologies or methodologies with potential or direct clinical application in the prevention, detection, diagnosis or treatment of cancer. Proposals for the first applications of EPS technologies and techniques in cancer research and those which demonstrate potential clinical applicability are encouraged.</td>
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We welcome proposals across all EPS disciplines including physics, engineering, mathematical and computational modeling, chemical and molecular sciences, materials science and molecular/tissue engineering. Proposals that are based around novel drug delivery vectors and technologies are considered to be in the remit of Multidisciplinary Project Awards and not Drug Discovery Project Awards.

A.2 What is not suitable for the Multidisciplinary Project Award?

The following types of research areas fall outside the remit of the Multidisciplinary Project Awards:

- Early stage technology and methodology development of physics, engineering, chemical or mathematical concepts with no clear relation to or engagement with a cancer application
- Projects that fall within the breadth of the remit of Programme Awards: well established and widely used engineering/physical science techniques and concepts
that are already being applied in cancer research (such as bioinformatics and the -omics, and traditional imaging techniques) or those that require no further engineering/physical sciences research to enable translation.

- Research proposals falling within the remit of the Drug Discovery Project Awards.
- Funding of research falling within the remit of the Clinical Research Committee and the New Agents Committee
- Funding of research falling within the remit of the Population Research Committee
- Infrastructure support to clinical trials units, tissue banks, Cancer Research UK Centres (e.g. existing or new Cancer Research UK Centres infrastructure staff)

Multidisciplinary Project Awards are designed to fund individual project proposals. For research proposals of a similar nature that encompass a more detailed or expansive body of work, please refer to the Programme Award funding scheme. More details on the remits of our other funding committees can be found on the Funding Committees webpage.

2.2. PREPARING YOUR PROPOSAL

This call is being administered by Cancer Research UK. Please take care in presenting your proposal so that the multidisciplinary nature of your research is clear. It is essential that applicants articulate their contribution to the interests of both funders by:

1) Demonstrating in your application how novel research in the Engineering and Physical Sciences contributes to making problems in cancer more tractable.

2) Giving both the EPS and cancer aspects of the proposal equal weighting. We seek to support applications where a strong contribution to both cancer and EPS research is clear.

3) Demonstrating how the two disciplines will be integrated and highlighting the potential for broader applicability to other cancer problems, where appropriate.

Applicants should bear in mind that reviewers will be sought to represent both the cancer and EPS aspects of the proposal, and that representatives on the Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel (MDERP) and Science Committee panels come from a range of disciplines relevant to the remit of this call.

For novel clinical proposals, applicants are encouraged to discuss the clinical need for the application including a comparison to existing available methods and the predicted clinical impact.
2.3. **ELIGIBILITY**

A.3. **The Applicant**

Applications will be accepted from scientists, clinicians or health care workers in UK universities, Cancer Research UK core-funded Institutes, medical schools, hospitals and research institutions. At the time of funding, applicants must be in a fully funded post by the relevant national Higher Education Funding Council, the National Health Service or equivalent. This post must be guaranteed for the duration of the award. Please note that Multidisciplinary Projects Awards cannot be used to fund part of an applicant’s salary.

Applications must include:
- a minimum of two Principal Investigators (PIs) working in distinct scientific disciplines
- at least one PI working in cancer research
- at least one PI from an engineering/physical science discipline

The award is not required to be co-located and can be held across institutions in the UK. Supporting roles from international and commercial organisations may also be included as co-investigators and collaborators.

We also encourage applications from research teams, which can be located across different institutions in the UK. Supporting roles from international and commercial organisations may also be included as co-investigators and collaborators.

**One PI must assume the responsibility of named Lead Applicant on the application for the purposes of the eGMS application process.** Joint Lead applicants must be added as supporting roles once the full application is opened on eGMS (For more information on supporting roles please see Section 3.6). The Lead Applicant and Joint Lead Applicants will be recognised with equal status.

Applicants must ensure that their host institution will provide sufficient space and access to resources to undertake the proposed research. Most university departments in the UK are eligible as host institutions for a Multidisciplinary Project Award. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact the Research Funding Manager responsible for this funding scheme at science.committee@cancer.org.uk.

A.4. **Applications to other funding bodies**

If you are applying to other funding bodies at the same time, please note that we cannot accept the same application. If you submit an application to CRUK that is already being considered by another funding body, your application will not be accepted.

We may consider joint funding with other funding bodies. Please discuss with both CRUK and the other funder before you submit an application.
2.4. WHAT IS FUNDED

Multidisciplinary Project Awards provide funding to support postdoctoral researchers, technical staff and PhD students (stipend and fees) with associated running costs. The duration of an application which doesn’t include a request for a PhD studentship can be up to 36 months. Applications that request a PhD studentship as part of the grant should be 48 months in duration. Equipment can be requested up to a value of £50,000. If equipment exceeds this value, please contact the office to discuss your requirements. Requests for funding up to a total value of £500,000 will be accepted. See section 6.6 for more information on eligible costs.

Upon completion, an end of project report will be required detailing the success and outputs from the Award and submitted on ResearchFish.

2.5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Science Committee and Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel will judge your proposal based on:

- Scientific excellence – all applications must have a strong scientific rationale, as well as appropriate experimental design and statistical analyses, to support the proposed research proposal.
- Cancer relevance – value of the proposed work in advancing the fundamental understanding of cancer or improving how cancer is diagnosed and/or treated.
- Track record – the lead applicant and/or team members should have an excellent track record and potential to produce outstanding results.
- Excellent team and collaborative environment – suitability and feasibility of the Lead Applicant(s) (and supporting roles) to carry out the proposed research with access to the resources and facilities required for the successful fulfilment of the Project Award. The added value of the proposed collaboration and the individual contributions, as well as the steps taken to ensure an effective collaboration.
- Resources requested – the costs requested in an application should be for the direct costs of the research and be reasonably justified in line with the experimental plans, leveraging existing resources where appropriate.

Additionally, we are DORA (San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment) signatories. As such, we are aligned with DORA principles through our commitment to assess the quality and impact of scientific research through means other than journal impact factors. This means that our reviewers will:
• Consider the value and impact of all research outputs in addition to research publications (e.g. preprints, training delivered, contribution to consortia, community outreach, patents, key datasets, software, novel assays and reagents etc.).

• Recognise that the content of a scientific paper and its influence in the field holds more significance than publication metrics or where it was published.

3. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

3.1  PROCESS OVERVIEW

Before applying, please contact the Multidisciplinary Project Award team to discuss the application process. Application deadlines are listed on the scheme homepage.

Please also inform the Lead Applicant’s host institution that you intend to apply: your full application will only be submitted to us once they have approved it. An outline application doesn’t require host institution approval.

Multidisciplinary Award applications involve a two-step process:

1. Submission of an outline application via eGMS, which will be considered by the Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel. Please visit the scheme homepage for a link to access eGMS.

2. Once an application has passed the outline stage, applicants will be invited to submit a full application on eGMS. Your proposal will be peer-reviewed by international experts in the field, before review by the Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel and the Science Committee.

The Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel is comprised of members of the Science Committee and experts relevant to the applications under consideration. The Panel will provide recommendations to the Science Committee based on the scientific quality of your application. These recommendations will be considered when making final funding decisions at the Science Committee meeting.

3.2.  EGMS

Both the outline and full application are submitted via our online Grants Management system, eGMS. Please see our eGMS guidelines in section 5 below for information about how to use the system and submit your application.
3.3. OUTLINE APPLICATION

An outline application can be opened in eGMS, following the link provided on the scheme website. Please see our eGMS guidelines in Section 5 below for information about how to use the system and submit your application.

One PI must assume the responsibility of named Lead Applicant on the application for the purposes of the eGMS application process. Joint Lead applicants must be added as supporting roles on eGMS and will be recognised with equal status.

An outline application form can be found within the eGMS application under the section ‘Uploads’ and all instructions for its completion are found within the form. Co-investigators may be listed within the outline form, but should not be added as supporting roles at this stage on eGMS.

The Multidisciplinary Expert Review Panel will assess your outline application. If accepted, you will be sent an invitation to submit a full application. Please note that during the outline application stage, we may feel that it is more appropriate to refer you to an alternative scheme.

3.4. FULL APPLICATION

For an outline application invited forward to full application, a new application will be opened on eGMS. If you have not yet had an outline application approved, please see Section 3.3.

Please see our eGMS guidelines in Section 5 below for information about how to use the system and submit your application. The following need to be uploaded to eGMS for a Multidisciplinary Project Award:

- Research Proposal according to Section 3.4.1 of these guidelines.
- Appendix according to Section 3.4.2 of these guidelines.
- Key research achievements form according to Section 3.4.3 of these guidelines.
- Nominated peer reviewers (and exclusions) according to Section 3.4.4 of these guidelines.
- Letters of support from each Joint Applicant’s institution (Administrative Authority), detailing the approval of the costs outlined in the proposal.
- Letters of support from any collaborators (including commercial organisations), detailing their participation in your research. Please detail:
  - Their agreement to be a named collaborator for the project
  - Their role and contribution to the project
3.4.1 THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

A formal template is not provided for the research proposal. Please use the format described below.

Throughout the proposal:

- Use single-line spaced text, in Calibri font, pt 11, black.
- Number all pages.
- Show the surname and initials of the Joint Lead Applicants in a header or footer on all pages.
- Do not exceed any given word limits.

The proposal should consist of two parts:

1) The Research Proposal which should not exceed 2,500 words (excluding figures, figure legends and references). See Table 2 for further details. You should upload your research proposal to eGMS under ‘Research Proposal’.

2) An Appendix which does not have a word limit; however, this must be no more than:

- **4 pages** of single line spaced, Calibri point 11 text if you are not using animals in your research
- **8 pages** of single line spaced, Calibri point 11 text if you are using animals

See Table 3 for further details. You should upload your appendix to eGMS under ‘Appendix’.

### Table 2
Contents of research proposal

The Research Proposal must not exceed 2,500 words and should include the following sections:

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<th>PURPOSE</th>
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<td>Clearly describe the hypothesis for your proposed project.</td>
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<td>Briefly describe the scientific need for your proposed work –</td>
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<td>why is it necessary to test this hypothesis?</td>
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<td>Describe why the hypothesis requires a <strong>multidisciplinary</strong></td>
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<td>approach and how novel research in the Engineering and Physical</td>
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<td>Sciences will contribute to making progress on the cancer</td>
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<td>problem.</td>
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<td>Describe the significance of the results you plan to obtain.</td>
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<td>In particular, the relevance of your expected results to cancer</td>
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<td>– for example, any future clinical application or impact on</td>
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<td>policy and practice.</td>
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12 SCIENCE COMMITTEE
MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT AWARD
FULL APPLICATION GUIDELINES – 2018

EPSRC
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

Cancer Research UK
### BACKGROUND
- Provide a succinct summary of each PI’s current and other published work relating to the research proposal, including major achievements over the last 5 years.
- Describe how this knowledge and experience can be integrated to address the goals and hypothesis of the proposed research project.

### RESEARCH PLAN
- Describe your experimental methods, techniques and analyses you will use to test your hypothesis. Refer to your own published work or indicate the availability of appropriate expertise for these methods.
- Any available preliminary data, unpublished research findings or methodologies supporting your research proposal (please include these in the text, not as an appendix). You might also refer to any relevant preprints or datasets in a citable format (e.g. including a Digital Object identifier) to support your proposal.
- The staff members associated with delivering the work.
- Applicants should show how the distinct disciplines involved in their multidisciplinary project will be brought together and integrated.
- Appropriate scientific references should be used, but do not append unpublished manuscripts or include figures that are not directly relevant to the application.

### EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS
- State the expected major outputs from the proposed research, if the research is successful. Given the multidisciplinary nature of this scheme, please take care in presenting your proposal so that the novelty in both the cancer aspects and the Engineering and Physical Science aspects are clear. With this in mind applicants are asked to specifically comment on:
  - What are the expected outcomes of the proposed research and how will these outcomes impact on the cancer field?
  - What novel Engineering and Physical Sciences outputs will be developed and what is their potential broader application to cancer research?
  - The potential for broader applicability on other cancer problems
  - Their vision for future research which may lead on from this work.

### 3.4.2. APPENDIX
An appendix is required as a part of the Multidisciplinary Project Award application. Please refer to Table 3 (below) for details on how to complete the ‘Appendix Template’ upload, which can be downloaded from the ‘Uploads’ section of eGMS. If you are not using animals in your research, make sure this upload does not exceed 4 pages. If you are using animals, do not exceed 8 pages.
Table 3
How to fill in an Appendix template

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<th>A1 JUSTIFICATION FOR SUPPORT REQUESTED</th>
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<td>Please complete these sections according to the following guidelines. Information on eligible costs is provided in our Costs Guidance.</td>
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<td>Please list all costs (staff, running expenses and animal costs) and provide scientific justification for the associated costs in the relevant box. Please insert extra rows in the table to enable you to detail all of the costs.</td>
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<td>For translational Multidisciplinary Project Award applications that require access to clinical infrastructure, applicants should investigate other sources of funding for staff employed to work across multiple research projects rather than solely on the Multidisciplinary Project Award, e.g. data managers and research nurses. Where possible existing infrastructure from the research centre to which the applicant belongs to should be used.</td>
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<td>Staff:</td>
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<td>• For awards requesting multiple staff, it should be clear from the justification how staff will be deployed across the different components of the research project over the course of the grant.</td>
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<td>PhD Students:</td>
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<td>• Give clear justification of the appropriateness of the project for doctoral training.</td>
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<td>Running Expenses:</td>
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<td>• Please list lab consumable costs for each staff member.</td>
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<td>• Please list any requested equipment under £5k.</td>
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<td>Equipment:</td>
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<td>• Please provide details and scientific justification for any items of equipment (over £5k) requested.</td>
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<td>• Include any details of contribution(s) made to the purchase of equipment by the host institute.</td>
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## A2. Collaboration

Please provide information on the details of the collaboration including:
- Whether this is a new or existing collaboration
- Whether the team or members of the team have published together previously
- Individual contributions of the PIs and supporting roles to the project where possible stating briefly the added value of the collaboration when compared to each PI working independently
- Give a time-scale of the various components of the project, indicating milestones and any details around the coordination and facilitation of the collaboration e.g. additional practices employed to enhance communication between investigators.
- The potential logistical or scientific problems that might arise in the project should be identified and solutions or alternative plans proposed.

## A3. Statistical Analysis Plan

Please complete this section if you intend to use clinical data, transcriptomic, sequencing, metabolomic or proteomic techniques, or other methods generating high volume data. Use the guidance in the template.

For each research question:
- Describe the statistical analysis used;
- Name the variables and describe the values;
- State the numbers of samples you plan to include in each analysis, describing what you can achieve with this number of samples;
- Include (where appropriate) the associated level of statistical power;
- Suggest any potential limitations;
- Clarify other relevant details (e.g. numbers of events in clinical outcomes, length of follow-up for clinical outcomes).

## A4. Cell Lines

Please use the appendix template to provide details of any cell lines you will use in your research. These should include:
- Details of how you will maintain good cell culture practices throughout your research project.
- If new cell lines will be introduced to your lab, please give the source of the cells (if it’s not a commercial provider, explain how the cell lines will be authenticated when they enter your lab).
- If new cell lines will be generated, please tell us how these will be made available for others to use.
- Justification for the use of any cell lines that have been misidentified (e.g. Chang liver cells).

You can request funding (under running expenses) to support cell line authentication (e.g. screening for contamination by mycoplasma, STR profiling for human cell lines or DNA fingerprinting for non-human cells). You’ll need to validate your cell lines according to the Guidelines for the use of cell lines in biomedical research (doi:10.1038/bjc.2014.166), which should be referenced in any publications resulting from the award.
You should complete this section if you are proposing to use animals in your research. You should ensure you are familiar with the relevant NC3Rs guidelines, in particular the Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research document, the ARRIVE Guidelines, and the NC3Rs Guidelines: Primate Accommodation, Care and Use. When completing this section, you should describe how your proposed research adheres to the expectations set out in these guidelines.

5.1 Animal Costs
- Please include a full breakdown of the purchase costs and husbandry costs (e.g. per mouse per week) listed in the ‘Costs’ section of your application on eGMS.
- Please list animal purchase, maintenance and experimental costs separately.

5.2 Justification of proposed animal research
Using the table provided in the appendix template, please briefly justify the use of animals by outlining:
- Why animal research is necessary for your award and details of all species you propose to use;
- Why the species/model you have chosen is the most appropriate physiological model to use for the research objective(s);
- If you are developing any new models why this is necessary and how you will ensure that these will be disseminated to the research community more broadly;
- The efforts you will take to minimise animal usage.

For your critical experiments, please provide an outline of your experimental design and power calculations. Where details of specific experiments are not known, you may provide an illustrative example. This should include:
- An overview of the experimental approach summarising; primary and secondary experimental outcomes, number of experimental and control groups, the number of experimental units in each experimental group, the total number of experimental units to be measured and the number of times each unit will be measured, number of independent replications of each experiment and how you plan to minimise experimental bias (e.g. randomisation and blinding) or an explanation of why this would not be appropriate.
- An explanation of how effect sizes have been calculated and a justification of their biological relevance
- The power calculations used to determine your sample size (or a principled explanation of an alternative basis for calculations, justifying why you haven’t used statistical calculations). Explanations based solely in terms of ‘usual practice’ or previously published data will not be considered adequate.
- Details of breeding strategies that will be implemented (if applicable).
- A brief description of your planned statistical analyses in relation to the sample size, and list any statistical advice available.
- You may present this in the form of a table or diagram, if appropriate.
Please note that the NC3Rs website includes a number of useful experimental design resources, including the Experimental Design Assistant (EDA), a free online tool to help optimise experimental design. The EDA can be used to create a visual map of your planned experiments (or a few of them) that may be useful in discussions with your team and statistical advisors. If you use the EDA, you are encouraged to submit the EDA report as a PDF upload along with the Research Features template (and you need not replicate information in the Research Features template that is covered in your EDA report).

Please note that applications proposing research on specially protected species or pigs must undergo an additional independent peer review by the NC3Rs. If your research involves specially protected species or pigs, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can coordinate this review alongside our standard peer review process by emailing science.committee@cancer.org.uk.

NB. Please note that the page limit for the appendix template for projects that include animal research is 8 pages, not 5, as is suggested in the template form.

3.4.3. KEY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS UPLOAD

Key Research Achievements – here you’ll need to highlight your 3-5 key research achievements, including both research outputs (e.g. preprints, training delivered, contribution to consortia, community outreach, patents, key datasets, software, novel assays and reagents etc.) and publications that are of particular relevance to your application. You can write up to 1 page maximum, describing what you have discovered/developed, why it’s important and what its impact and influence have been in your field.

Please note that each Lead Applicant, including Joint Lead Applicants, named on the application will each need to complete their own separate 1 page Key Research Achievements form and organise for their separate form to be uploaded.

3.4.4. NOMINATED PEER REVIEWERS

Using the template on eGMS, please nominate up to 10 peer reviewers with full contact details. You can also nominate up to two referees to exclude from the review process, but please provide justification for the exclusion. The final selection of peer reviewers will be decided by CRUK.
3.5. COSTS INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT AWARD

This section contains costs guidance specific to the Multidisciplinary Project Award. You should read this section along with our eGMS guidelines in Section 5 below, which give information about how to fill in the costs section of eGMS, and with costs guidance, which gives information about eligible costs.

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| Please tell us about all the equipment you’ll require for the full duration of your award. If there’s equipment you only need in the later years (2-3), please note this in the costs summary, and provide details in the ‘Justification’ section of your appendix. Please discuss any major equipment requests with us before applying. For all requested equipment:  
  * The ‘claim year’ is the year that your expense item will be purchased and first used.  
  * Please include any equipment that costs < £5,000 as a running expense.  
  * Please describe each item in its equipment category; (i.e. if equipment category is Laboratory Equipment, then the description could be PCR machine).  
  * Further equipment requests will not be considered in subsequent years of the award. |
3.6. SUPPORTING ROLES SPECIFIC TO THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT AWARD

*Table 5* shows the supporting roles that can be added to your Multidisciplinary Project Award application, and the tasks they will need to complete in eGMS. Our eGMS guidelines in Section 5 below describe the supporting roles, and explain how to fill in that section of eGMS.

*Table 5*

**Supporting roles**

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| CO-INVESTIGATOR | • Complete the ‘Agree to participate’ task in eGMS  
• Complete the ‘Collaborate on application’ task and submit a CV to eGMS  
• Contribute at least 2.5 hours per week to your research |
| COLLABORATOR | • Provide a letter to confirm their participation in your research (please upload this to eGMS as an appendix) |
| LEAD APPLICANT | • Complete the ‘Complete full application’ task  
• Contribute at least 5 hours per week to your research |
| JOINT LEAD APPLICANT | • Complete the ‘Agree to participate’ task  
• Complete the ‘Collaborate on application’ task and submit a CV to eGMS  
• Contribute at least 5 hours per week to your research  
• Note that the Joint Lead Applicant’s Host Institution must provide a letter of support detailing the approval of the costs outlined in the proposal. |
| NAMED RESEARCH STAFF | • Complete the ‘Agree to participate’ task  
• Complete the ‘Collaborate on application’ task and submit a CV to eGMS |
3.7. FEEDBACK

Feedback on your application will be provided, but please remember that all funding decisions made by the Committee are final.

The Discovery Research team provide feedback. Committee members cannot discuss their decisions with applicants, so please do not approach any Committee members directly. This allows our Committee members to keep the Code of Practice for Funding Committees, which protects applicants, Committee members and external reviewers, and keeps our review process fair. Our review process is extremely important to us, so we reserve the right to decline applications from anyone who compromises its integrity.

We do not accept resubmitted applications, unless recommended by the Committee.

4. APPENDICES

4.1. USEFUL CONTACTS

Once you have read these guidelines, please contact us at science.committee@cancer.org.uk for more information.
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5. INTRODUCTION

5.1 PURPOSE OF THESE GUIDELINES

These guidelines explain how to apply for one of our research funding awards, using our online application system - eGMS.

You should use them as you progress through the eGMS application on your computer screen (they won’t make sense on their own!).

Before you start, please also read our grant conditions for our T&Cs and administrative guidelines.
6. GETTING STARTED IN eGMS

6.1. EGMS OVERVIEW

To complete your eGMS application you need to carry out a series of tasks. You’ll be invited by email to complete each one.

6.2. SYMBOLS

You’ll see a number of symbols throughout the application process (shown in Table 1). These symbols help indicate what you need to do to complete each task.

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6.3. FUNCTIONAL BUTTONS ON EGMS

You’ll also see a number of buttons as you progress through your application. These buttons help you save information and move between sections.
• Save: Clicking on this button will save the information on that page and keep the page open.
• Save and Close: Clicking on this button will save the information on that page, and return you to the eGMS homepage
• Close: Clicking on this button will return you to the eGMS home page. You will lose any information you haven’t saved.
• Submit: Clicking this button will submit your completed task.

6.4. LOGGING IN TO EGMS
First, you’ll need to access our eGMS homepage (you can find this by googling ‘CRUK eGMS’).

If you’ve applied for one of our research awards before, you’ll already have an eGMS account. If you’re new to eGMS, you can create an account by clicking ‘Register Here’. If you’re not sure if you’ve made an account before, please contact the grants helpline.

Once you have an account, you can log in as shown in Figure 1.

![Figure 1 - Logging in to eGMS](image)

6.5. TIMESCALE OF AN APPLICATION

Once you’ve chosen which award you want to apply to, you’ll be able to see the deadline for the next round of funding, which is shown as the ‘due date’ of your task. Getting your application right might take longer than you think, so make sure you leave plenty of time to finish it. Anyone who is assigned a supporting role in your application will also need to complete their tasks before you can submit your application (section 4).
If your application requires Host Institution Approval (which is the case for most full applications, but not some preliminary applications), your Host Institution needs to approve your application before the deadline, so make sure you inform them before you start your application, and submit your application several days early to give them time to approve it. To do this, you’ll need to know the correct research office contact who can approve your application – please find this out before you start.

Please remember that, although the application deadline is at midnight, your administrative authority will probably finish work by 5pm (as does our helpline)! We can’t accept applications that haven’t been approved by your Host Application by the deadline.

6.6. STARTING AN APPLICATION

Once you’ve logged in, click ‘Apply for Funding’ to start a new application. Select your chosen award from the list, and click ‘continue’ to begin. If you can’t find the award you’re looking for on the list, it’s probably a Closed Scheme which means you’ll need to contact us to start an application. The office will open an application for you, that’ll be open the next time you log in to eGMS. This is indicated on eGMS, and in your application guidelines.

Whenever you log in after you’ve started your application, you can continue by selecting a task under the ‘My Tasks’ header on your homepage, which lists all your incomplete tasks. To view all tasks that you’ve been assigned (including completed tasks), click the ‘View All My Tasks’ button.

6.7. ELIGIBILITY TASK

For some awards, you’ll be asked to do an eligibility task. This involves answering some questions to check you’re eligible before you can start your application. For information about eligibility, please read the application guidelines for your chosen award.

If you’re eligible, you’ll be assigned the ‘Complete Full Application’ task (see section 3). If your scheme doesn’t require an eligibility task, you’ll be assigned the ‘Complete Full Application’ task straight away.
7. THE ‘COMPLETE FULL APPLICATION TASK’

In the ‘Complete Full Application’ task you’ll input/upload all of your application information (contact details, research costs, research proposal etc.).

The task involves a series of sections, which you can access by clicking on the tabs (left-hand side). Once you’ve finished all these sections, they’ll be compiled into a PDF for submission. You’ll be able to view and save this PDF before submitting.

Please refer to the specific application guidelines for your chosen award. If you have trouble, use the contacts in section 10 of these guidelines, or read the ‘common problems and how to solve them’ in section 9.

7.1. PROPOSAL OUTLINES

In this section, you’ll need to fill in the following details:

- Select your administrative authority from the drop-down list. This is the office at your Host Institution that’s responsible for confirming financial details and approving your application. (It’s important to get this right, or your application might not be sent to the right administrative authority in time for the deadline). If your chosen Host Institution isn’t listed on eGMS, please contact us.
- Give your project a title in the box provided. Please write your title in Sentence Case (not all capitals), and don’t put a full stop at the end.
- Select your proposed start date, which should be between 2 and 5 full months after the next funding committee meeting for your chosen award. Dates can be found on the relevant committee webpage.
- Input your proposed duration for the award. Please read our application guidelines for information about the duration of your chosen award. If you applying on a part-time basis, you should input the actual duration of the award re-calculated to account for a part-time award.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.2. CONTACT INFORMATION

In this section, please provide us with full contact details using the + symbols.

Your Host Institution is where you’ll carry out the majority of your research. If your chosen Host Institution isn’t listed on eGMS, please contact us. Please include both your institution and your department in your address.

If you’ve applied before you’ll already have contact details saved. These will be automatically entered into your application, and any changes you make will update your saved contact
details. You can also view and change your contact information by clicking on the ‘Profile’ tab on the eGMS homepage, followed by ‘View My Contact Details’.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

**7.3. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

In this section, please answer the questions about your role in your application.

- **‘Are you applying for your own support?’** – Select ‘yes’ if you’re applying for your own salary. Check our application guidelines to find out if you can apply for salary funding in your chosen scheme.

- **‘Number of hours for this project’** – Total the weekly hours of all research staff that will contribute to your project. Check the ‘Supporting Roles’ section of your application guidelines to see how many hours per week each research staff member will need to contribute. If you are applying for an award on a part-time basis, please discuss with the relevant research funding team first. You should enter the number of hours you will spend on research part-time and explain in your Justification for Resources that you are applying on a part-time basis.

Please read section 7.7 of these guidelines for definitions of research staff.

After completing this section, please click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

**7.4. CV POSTS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

In this section, please supply details of your academic qualifications and posts using the + symbol. You can add up to six academic posts (if you’ve got more, choose the most recent or relevant). Any details you enter will automatically be stored in your Master CV for future CRUK applications.

If you’ve applied before you’ll already have a Master CV and its information will automatically be entered into your application. Any changes you make will update your Master CV. You can also view and change your Master CV by clicking on the ‘Profile’ tab on the eGMS homepage, followed by ‘View Master CV’.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

**7.5. CV PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS**

Here you should supply details about your research publications and other research outputs.

As of May 2017, in addition to peer reviewed publications, researchers can cite other research outputs (including datasets or preprints) in their applications. To clearly distinguish between peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed material, please list your publications and research...
outputs in separate sections. Research outputs must be clearly labelled and must be in a citable format (e.g. including a Digital Object Identifier).

Please provide full references, listing all authors (don’t write ‘et al.’, if you do your application will be returned to you for resubmission). Please only include publications from the last five years (unless you’re applying for a Programme Foundation Award, a fellowship or a bursary, in which case you need to include all your publications). There’s a 5000-character limit, so we recommend you choose your most recent or most relevant publications and research outputs.

Again, if you’ve applied before, you’ll already have a Master CV containing information about your publications, which will be updated with any new information you enter.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.6. DIVERSITY MONITORING

Cancer Research UK is committed to being an inclusive funder and to ensuring the researchers we attract, support and retain are, not only outstanding, but as diverse as possible. This information helps us analyse and monitor who applies to us and who we’re funding to help inform future ways of working. You have the option to select ‘Prefer not to say’ in your answers. Completing this form fully will enable us to have more data to analyse.

The Lead Applicant should complete the information in this section, but it won’t be included in the application PDF that gets sent to the Committee. Diversity information will not form any part of Cancer Research UK’s decision making processes and will not be used for any other purpose other than analysis of our funding activities. Answers are treated confidentially and will be stored securely in accordance with UK law.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’.

7.7. SUPPORTING ROLES

In this section, submit the names and roles of the other researchers who’ll be involved in your research. Follow the on-screen instructions to add a supporting role.

Table 2 shows the different supporting roles that can be added to your application. You might not need to add all these - please check your application guidelines to see which are necessary, and for any award-specific requirements (e.g. hours per week).

If you cannot find the person you’d like to add as a supporting role in eGMS, then they may not have an eGMS account. You can ask them to register for an eGMS account by asking them to follow section 6.4 above.

They’ll need to complete these tasks before you can submit your application. When you add supporting roles, please click ‘Save and Close’. This will notify the named people that you’ve
added them to your application and email them a link to join eGMS (if he/she is already registered, they won’t need to re-register). If they don’t respond, you can re-notify them by clicking ‘re-notify’.

If you need to delete a supporting role from your application, please contact the grants helpline.

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<td>CO-INVESTIGATOR</td>
<td>Someone who’ll give significant intellectual input to your research. They’ll also be responsible for the day-to-day running of some of your work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>COLLABORATOR</td>
<td>Someone who’ll supply research materials, specific expertise or patient access, but won’t be involved in the day-to-day running of your research.</td>
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<td>HEAD OF DEPARTMENT</td>
<td>The head of the department where most of your research will take place. They’ll need to guarantee any necessary resources and lab/office space for the duration of your award.</td>
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<tr>
<td>JOINT LEAD APPLICANT</td>
<td>Someone who’s essential to the programme and who’ll contribute the same amount of time and intellectual input to your research as you (the lead applicant).</td>
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<tr>
<td>LEAD APPLICANT (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)</td>
<td>The principal investigator of your research proposal.</td>
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<tr>
<td>NAMED RESEARCH STAFF</td>
<td>Any named research staff that will be involved in your research.</td>
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<td>SUPERVISOR</td>
<td>Someone who’ll be involved in your training programme and give you advice and support for your research.</td>
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<tr>
<td>RESEARCH ASSISTANT</td>
<td>Someone who’ll assist in the day-to-day running of your research, but won’t be responsible for intellectual input.</td>
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MENTOR
A senior academic who'll provide you with independent support and advice for the duration of your award/fellowship. Please only select one individual to act as your official mentor.

ACADEMIC REFEREE
Someone who’ll provide a letter stating your suitability to hold the award/fellowship.

7.8. RESEARCH ABSTRACT
In this section, please add a research abstract (up to 400 words) in the box. We recommend you write this abstract in Word and copy it into eGMS to save your work being lost. Please write your abstract using the following headings:

- Background
- Aims
- Methods
- How the results of this research will be used

Please tick the ‘publishable abstract’ box to give us permission to send this abstract to peer reviewers.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.9. DATA SHARING PLAN
In this section, you should outline your Data Sharing Plan, explaining how you intend to adhere to Cancer Research UK’s data sharing policy. This policy requires you to make your research data available for sharing with other scientists, provided it's safe and feasible to do so.

You should consult the CRUK data sharing policy and the supporting guidelines and FAQs as you fill in this section. (Please note that applicants for the Population Research Committee only should leave this section blank and complete the more detailed CRUK Template for a Data Management Plan.)

In your Plan, you should consider outlining the different types of data your research will generate; any potential restrictions on data sharing; and plans for curation, storage and preservation of the data during your grant and, if applicable, in the longer term. You should explain how you will make your data discoverable by other researchers in your field, and the means by which other researchers will be able to access your data.

7.10. RESEARCH FEATURES
In this section, you’ll be asked a series of questions about your proposed research.
If you’ll use animals in your research, you must follow the ‘Guidelines for the Welfare and Use of Animals in Cancer Research’ (Workman et al, British Journal of Cancer (2010) 102, 1555 – 1577 – cite this reference in any publications resulting from your research). You’ll also need to demonstrate that you’ll replace, refine and reduce animals in your research according to guidance from the NC3Rs. If you plan to report in vivo experiments, please provide information in concordance with the ARRIVE guidelines.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

### 7.11. COSTS

In this section, please supply the costs that you’re requesting from us as part of your award. Please add all and only the costs you’re requesting from us under the relevant headings, and justify them in the ‘Justification for Support Requested’ section of your research proposal (for some schemes, this may be in the appendix upload). Table 3 explains the kind of information we’re looking for under each heading.

Please read costs guidance for information about eligible costs. For award-specific costs information and to find the maximum value you can request for your award, please see your application guidelines.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

**Table 3**

Adding costs to an application in eGMS

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<td>• Please list all your requested equipment for the duration of the award in year 1.</td>
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Please read our costs guidance for information about eligible equipment costs, and justify your costs in your research proposal appendix.
Under this heading, please list the costs for any research staff that you’d like to request on your award. Please read our policy on funding salaries for Senior Scientists and PhD students to check you comply with our terms.

- If you’re requesting funding for PhD students, you’ll need to list these as running expenses rather than as staff (see below).
- If you’re requesting salary funding for yourself or any staff salaries, you can notify us of any incremental salary rises due within the first 11 months of your award. Please enter the value and date of the increment (the date must be the 1st of the month). After the first year, we’ll add an annual salary increment.

Please read our costs guidance for information about eligible staff costs, and justify your costs in your research proposal appendix.

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<td>• Please cost all general running expenses for your proposed research. Where possible, please break these costs down into work packages (rather than listing individual items). For example microscopy costs, massively-parallel sequencing costs, etc.</td>
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<td>• If you’re requesting funding for PhD students, please list them as a running expense for the full amount in the first year of the studentship. We pay a fixed rate for all our PhD students* (detailed in costs guidance) so please request exactly this amount (no more, no less!). All running costs relevant to the PhD student will be paid under the studentship, so please don’t list them again separately.</td>
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<td>• If you’re applying for an award from the Population Research Committee, different funding costs may apply for PhD students, please check your application guidelines.</td>
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<td>• Please list all animal costs under ‘animal-related costs’, with animal purchase, animal maintenance and experimental animal costs under separate subheadings. Please fully justify any animal research in your research proposal.</td>
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Please read our costs guidance for information about eligible running expenses costs, and justify your costs in your research proposal appendix.

### 7.12. OTHER FUNDING

In this section, tell us about any research funding you currently receive. Details about any CRUK funding you or your supporting roles currently receive as the lead applicant will be entered automatically (funding you receive as a supporting role won’t be entered). Please add details of any other funding that you or your co-investigators currently hold.

If you don’t currently receive any other funding, please indicate in the box, or leave this section blank.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.
7.13. AMRC – FULL ECONOMIC COST INFORMATION
Please use this section to input the total cost of your proposed research programme. This information won’t be included in your final application.

- Full Economics Cost – Please enter the total cost of your proposed research.
- Charity Contribution – Please enter the total amount you’re requesting from CRUK.

For further information on our Full Economic Cost policy, please see Appendix 1.
After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.14. RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION
Please use this section to tell us about the cancer-focus of your proposed research.

- Add as many disease sites as required, up to a total of 100%
- Define how much of the project works on childhood cancers (up to 100%)

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.15. BIOMARKER RESEARCH
If your research proposal involves biomarker research, please complete the drop-down menus in this section. Otherwise, leave this section blank.
After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.16. UPLOADS
Use this section to upload all the necessary documents for your application. You’ll need to read the ‘uploads’ section of your application guidelines to see which documents you need. The application guidelines also explain the format and content of any uploaded documents. Some of these might have a template, which you can select and download from the list on the Uploads page.

When they’re ready, you can upload your documents by selecting the document type and clicking ‘Upload’. Make sure you don’t have a pop-up blocker activated on this page, or you might not be able to access the upload window.

After completing this section, click ‘Save and Continue’ so you don’t lose your details.

7.17. GRANT CONDITIONS
Please read and agree to our grant conditions. By submitting your application to us, you’re agreeing to be bound by our grant conditions, as amended from time to time.
7.18. REVIEW AND SUBMIT

This page will tell whether or not your application is complete.

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Once all sections are complete (showing a green tick or blue ‘i’), make sure all your information is accurate, and click ‘View PDF’ to view your completed application. We recommend you save a copy of this PDF – you won’t be able to access it after submission.

Finally, when you’re ready to submit your application, please click the pink submit button. Your application won’t be submitted until you’ve clicked this button.

After submitting your application, your Host Institution will be set a task to approve it and notified by email. Make sure you give them warning and plenty of time to do this or your application might be late. You’ll be notified when your Host Institution has completed their approval task.

Your Host Institution can send your application back to you for amendment. In this case, your application will be reopened. Once you've made the requested changes, you can resubmit to your Host Institution. If they’re happy, they’ll approve and submit your application.

Next, we will check the content of your application then progress it to the next meeting for consideration.
8. TASKS FOR SUPPORTING ROLES

This section is for you if you’ve been added as a supporting role to an application in eGMS. You’ll need to be registered on eGMS (see section 2.6 for how to register), and will be invited to complete tasks via email. If you have more than one task, you’ll be assigned the second task after you’ve submitted the first task. Table 4 explains the tasks that different supporting roles will need to complete.

Make sure you click ‘submit’ after completing your task.

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<td>In this task, you’ll be asked to do three things:</td>
<td>• Joint Lead Applicants</td>
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<td>1. Agree to Cancer Research UK’s <a href="#">grant conditions</a>.</td>
<td>• Co-investigators</td>
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<td>2. Explain what you’ll contribute to the research proposal.</td>
<td>• Some Named Research Staff</td>
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<td>3. State how many hours per week you’ll be dedicate to the research</td>
<td>• Head of Department</td>
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<td>Depending on your award, you may be asked to do any of the following in this task:</td>
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<td>• Complete your ‘CV Posts and Qualifications’, and ‘CV Publications’, as explained in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.</td>
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You’ll need to complete all of your tasks before your lead applicant can submit their application.
9. COMMON PROBLEMS AND HOW TO SOLVE THEM

9.1. I NEED TO RESET MY PASSWORD

Use the ‘Forgot your password?’ link on the eGMS login page to reset your password. A Password Assistance screen opens where you can enter your email address and press submit. An email will be sent to your specified email address that contains a link to generate a new password. Click on the link to enter a new password and update your eGMS account. If you have trouble, contact the grants helpline.

9.2. I CAN’T FIND THE SCHEME I WANT TO APPLY FOR

Your scheme might be Closed Scheme (this will be indicated in eGMS and in your application guidelines). Please contact the grants helpline for information about how to apply to a Closed Scheme.

9.3. I CAN’T UPLOAD MY RESEARCH PROPOSAL

You might have a pop-up blocker activated, which might prevent the upload window from opening. Try deactivating it. We’ve also found that using Internet Explorer (rather than another web browser) can help solve this issue, so you could give that a go too. If that still doesn’t work or if you have a different problem, contact grants helpline.

9.4. I NEED TO CORRECT A MISTAKE IN MY SUPPORTING ROLES SECTION

Contact the grants helpline for help with amending supporting roles information.

9.5. WHEN DO I NEED TO GET APPROVAL FROM MY HOST INSTITUTION?

Not all applications need approval from your Host Institution (some preliminary applications don’t, please check your application guidelines). Once you submit your application, it’ll be sent to your Host Institution for approval. They need to approve your application before the deadline, so make sure you give them plenty of time.

9.6. I HAVEN’T HAD CONFIRMATION OF MY APPLICATION

You might not have clicked the ‘Submit’ button on the last page of your application. If you’ve done this but haven’t received confirmation, contact the grants helpline.
10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10.1. USEFUL CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

If you need extra help completing your application or using eGMS, please use the following resources:

- FAQs: accessible within eGMS
- Grants helpline (for eGMS-related queries): 020 3469 5452 or grants.helpline@cancer.org.uk
- Your award’s Research Funding Manager (for remit/content-related queries): You can find their contact details on our website or in your application guidelines.
APPENDIX 1: AMRC FULL ECONOMIC COST FORM GUIDANCE

Full economic costing information (applicants based in UK Higher Education Institutions only)

As a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC), we monitor the full economic costs (fECs) of the research we support. Unlike some other funding bodies, AMRC member charities don’t fund the fECs, or a proportion of these. Please provide figures including the standard indexation rate used by your institution to calculate fECs. Only universities that are using TRAC costing methodology should enter actual values in the form.

Acceptance of a grant, if awarded, will imply that the institution is prepared to meet the full economic costs from its own sources of funding.

Monitoring the full economic costs of charity-funded research in UK HEIs

Background

AMRC issued updated guidance to its members and to universities regarding its position on changes to costing research applications and the move to a system of estimating fECs in 2004. AMRC member charities do not fund the indirect costs on grants awarded to UK universities as a matter of principle. The move to funding on a percentage basis by other types of funders, such as the research councils, is unlikely to be adopted by the charity sector in the foreseeable future; the reasons for this decision are set out in AMRC’s position statement and guidance document.

Following the 2004 Spending Review, the Government recognised the importance of charity funding in universities and announced that a separate stream of funding, administered by HEFCE to English universities, would be introduced from 2006/07 to provide additional support for charitable research. The allocation of the Charity Research Support Fund (CRSF) in England will be based on the amount of income from eligible charities; most AMRC member charities will be eligible for the CRSF. AMRC member charities have agreed that it would be helpful to collect information about the full costs of the research they support, in order to develop a better understanding of the charity contribution, inform future discussions about the CRSF and to assess future sustainability.

Applicants and host institutions should note that the data sought is for monitoring purposes only and will not form part of the peer review or decision-making process that AMRC members use.

Elements of the new cost headings are:

Directly Incurred Costs: these include the direct costs of research and it’s assumed these are included in the funds for which you’re applying to CRUK for. They may include:
- Staff (e.g. research assistant salaries)
- Consumables and other costs directly attributable to the project
- Equipment
- Travel and subsistence

**Directly Allocated Costs:** These are shared costs, based on estimates and don’t represent actual costs on a project-by-project basis. Previously, these costs came under the ‘indirect costs’ heading but the following items will now be calculated separately:

- **Investigators:** the time spent by the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators will be calculated and costed. (Cancer Research UK is unlikely to fund these costs).
- **Estates:** the way these are calculated may vary between institutions. Different categories of space will be costed differently, for example laboratory space will be different to office-based costs. (Cancer Research UK is unlikely to fund these costs).
- **Other Directly Allocated:** these include the costs of shared resources, such as staff and equipment. (Cancer Research UK is unlikely to fund these costs).

**Indirect Costs:** these costs are necessary for underpinning research but cannot be allocated to individual projects, and cover computing and information support, central services, general maintenance and other infrastructure costs. Indirect costs will be calculated separately by each HEI, according to TRAC methodology. (Cancer Research UK is unlikely to fund these costs).

For further information regarding AMRC’s positions on funding in universities, please refer to the web pages at: [http://www.amrc.org](http://www.amrc.org).