

COMPETITION BRIEF

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Summary

The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Brain Injury MedTech Co-operative is delighted to launch the Seedcorn Funding Competition 2019. The NIHR Brain Injury MedTech Co-operative is funded by the NIHR Clinical Research Infrastructure under the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) scheme for NIHR Medtech and In vitro diagnostic Co-operatives (MIC).

Applications are invited for funding up to £10,000 to support early development of novel technology-based solutions applicable to the brain injury pathway, from prevention through to long term rehabilitation, that include Patient and Public Involvement, Participation and Engagement (PPIPE).

Eligibility

Novel proposals are invited that are led by academic institutions, NHS Trusts, Third Sector organisations and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME's). Collaborations and partnerships across sectors are encouraged. Preference will be given to collaborative projects that have a near term clinical impact or the potential to secure further substantial funding after proof of principle has been established.

Application Form

- Please adhere to the page restrictions and font type (no smaller than 10pt Arial).
- Confirmation signature from principal applicant is required; either wet ink signed and scanned or electronic signature.

Ethics and Governance Framework

All projects must be delivered in accordance with the following where appropriate:

1. *UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research (NHS Health Research Authority)*

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/uk-policy-framework-health-social-care-research/>

2. *The Concordat to support Research Integrity*

<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/highereducation/Documents/2012/TheConcordatToSupportResearchIntegrity.pdf>

3. *Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees (GAfREC)*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-research-ethics-committees-governance-arrangements>

Data

Subject to the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) legislation, the NIHR reserves the right to have access to and use the data compiled during the course of the research and will respect existing guidance on confidentiality of any data it receives.

Confidentiality

Where applicable, a non-disclosure agreement and/or a collaboration agreement will be discussed and agreed with the principal applicant upon project kick-off.

Intellectual Property

The NIHR have provided a helpful FAQ's document which details the central policy regarding IP: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/documents/funding-for-research-studies/manage-my-study/NIHR-Intellectual-Property_FAQs.pdf

Publication

All projects are to adhere to the NIHR policy: 'Announcements of NIHR funded or supported research'. It is a requirement of NIHR funding in general that the principal applicant must notify the NIHR Brain Injury MIC at least 14 days prior to any public announcements including presentations at conferences or publication of any project-related papers, this obligation continues after the end of the research period. A standard NIHR-MIC acknowledgement should be included in all affiliated publications.

Competition Timelines

Competition Opens (Registration)	Thursday 4 April 2019, 5pm
Deadline for Applications	Thursday 6 June 2019, 5pm
Notification of Decision	Thursday 8 August 2019
Project Kick-off	Monday 5 September 2019

** Please allow enough time for submission*

From the date of submission, the MIC will inform supported-project applicants whether they have been shortlisted within 4 weeks (4 July 2019).

Competition Process

The initial registration/expression of interest should be sent electronically to info@brainmic.org. Once registered, applicants will receive an application form.

Final submission should be sent electronically to info@brainmic.org, in line with the requirements set out in this document.

Following submission, the shortlisted applications will undergo peer review through an independent expert panel. Decisions and feedback from the evaluation panel will be sent to principal applicants

anonymously. The award letter will set our project requirements and will be circulated on 8 August 2019.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Life Sciences Industrial Strategy:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/650447/LifeSciencesIndustrialStrategy_acc2.pdf

NIHR Briefing on Medtech and In vitro diagnostic Co-operative's (MICs):

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/how-we-are-managed/our-structure/infrastructure/Documents/medtech-and-in-vitro-diagnostic-co-operatives.htm>

NHS Long Term Plan

<https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk>

Neurological Alliance - The long term plan for the NHS: Getting it right for neurology patients

<https://www.neural.org.uk/assets/pdfs/2018-08-long-term-plan-for-nhs.pdf>

NIHR Brain Injury Healthcare Technology Unmet Needs Directory

<http://www.brainmic.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/UNMET-NEED-DIRECTORY-Brochure.pdf>

More Information: Please contact the MIC core team on 01223 336 944 or info@brainmic.org