**Neuroscience Research Domain**

**Small Award Scheme**

**Background**

The Neuroscience Domain of Health Innovation Manchester (HInM) is providing small awards for NHS and university staff from across Greater Manchester to pump-prime small or pilot research projects intended to drive new and developing research collaborations and result in grant applications.

Applicants can apply for up to £10,000 to support a specific piece of research or pilot data collection, with a view to providing a strong basis for an externally funded grant application that must be submitted within the next 6-12 months.

**Guidance**

Awards can be used to cover the direct costs of carrying out research, including lab costs, imaging, data and digital costs, and access to research support. Applications that are supported by matched funding from another source are welcome. Applications for clinical PA funding will not be supported via this scheme. The project must fall within one of the domain’s themes or a theme which crosses over between neuroscience and another domain, including:

* Neurology
* Neurorehabilitation
* Neuro-oncology
* Neuropsychology
* Neuroimaging
* Paediatric neurology and neurosurgery
* Adult inherited metabolic disorders
* Neuroimmunology
* Stroke
* Dementia

Informal enquiries on planned applications can be directed to the domain leads Andrew King (Andrew.King@manchester.ac.uk) and Stuart Allan (stuart.allan@manchester.ac.uk).

**Application Process**

* Applications must have been correctly costed with the support of the finance team at the applicant’s employer and will be confirmed prior to funding being awarded.
* Applications should be made on the form below and submitted, as an email attachment, to Natalie.garratt@Srft.nhs.uk by Friday 5th February 2021.
* ***Applicants who have previously been awarded domain pump-priming funding may only apply for support for a significantly different project. Evidence of the progress of previously funded projects will be required.***

**Selection Process**

Selection of Neuroscience Small Awards will be made by the Neuroscience research domain operational group.

Applications will be rated according to whether they:

* Fall within one of the HInM Neuroscience Domain specialities
* Work across the speciality areas in the domain
* Involve collaborators across the HInM academic health science system
* Will generate data to secure high quality external funding, particularly NIHR and MRC

**Reporting**

Award holders abide by applicable internal peer review processes prior to external funding application. They are required to submit copies of their follow-on grant applications to the HInM domain and any feedback received on the application. If an external grant is not applied for within 6 months of the award ending, the award holder shall submit a report detailing achievements and the reasons why an external application was not made, to the HInM Neuroscience Domain operational group. They will be expected to present their research at the Neuroscience domain annual showcase event.

**Neuroscience Small Award Scheme 2021**

**Application Form**

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| **Name:** |
| **Role:** |
| **Employing organisation:**  |
| **Contact details:****Primary Email:****Telephone:** |
| **Project details (400 words max):**  |
| **Collaborators and timescales:** |
| **Funding requested (breakdown):**  |
| **Do you have matched funding from another source?**  |
| **Planned external funding sources and deadlines:**  |

Please return via email to Natalie.garratt@srft.nhs.uk by 5pm on Friday 5th February 2021.