



Foundation for Liver Research Small Grants Scheme

Supporting Translational Research in Liver Disease and related Health Impacts

Background

The Foundation for Liver Research is a charity, registered in England and Wales (RCN1134579). It was set up in 1974, initially with a remit to support the pioneering work of Professor Roger Williams who established the world leading Institute of Liver Studies at King's College Hospital. The Foundation has funded many ground-breaking areas of work that have led to advances in diagnosis and treatment of patients with liver disease.

Call for Applications 2023 – closing date 5pm Friday 14th April 2023

The aim of this translational research programme is to support experimental studies in the following key areas:

- (1) Improved understanding of the pathogenesis of liver disease
- (2) Development of accurate tests for early diagnosis
- (3) Accelerated translation of research discoveries from bench-to-bedside
- (4) Prevention of liver disease through early risk identification and promotion of lifestyle and protective measures including vaccination

This pump-priming award is intended to support acquisition of preliminary data leading to an application to a Research Council or similar funding body for a programme grant/fellowship award. The overarching purpose of the scheme is to enable translational research to benefit liver disease patients.

Application process

Pre-submission enquiries are encouraged and should be directed to Dr Shilpa Chokshi, Acting Director & Chief Scientific Officer of The Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology (s.chokshi@researchinliver.org.uk).

Please be aware in preparing your submission that the application review panel will include non-medical/scientific persons and include a 'lay' explanation of technical sections/data where appropriate.

Proposals are invited for submission by 14th April 2023 using the application form provided: [FLR-Small-Grant-Outline-Application-Form.docx](#)

The application should also include a two-page CV (for each applicant) and a list of relevant and recent publications (maximum one page of A4).

Applications should be submitted by email to Natalie Day, Chief Executive, Foundation for Liver Research: n.day@researchinliver.org.uk by 14th April 2023.

Proposals will be assessed by the FLR Small Grants Scheme Research Review Committee against the following criteria:

1. Potential for clinical benefit to patients with liver disease
2. Potential for the proposed research to inform further studies
3. Feasibility of proposed project and its likely outcomes
4. Value for money
5. Relevance to the objectives of the Foundation for Liver Research

Applicants whose outlines are shortlisted by the Committee for further consideration may be contacted for further details. Additional opinions may be sought from external peer reviewers.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications in the first 10 days of June 2023. Feedback will be provided for all unsuccessful candidates.

Successful applications

Successful applications will be funded from 1st July 2023. The award/s will be given annually but individual projects may run for between 12-24 months. Payments will be made to the grant recipient's host institution quarterly in arrears. Invoices must be accompanied by a detailed breakdown of expenditure. See the application for Terms & Conditions of awards.

At the time of the award, we will agree outputs for the project with the grant recipient (eg peer reviewed journal articles). Successful applicants will be required to provide a brief progress report for the IoH/FLR Annual Report and/or a 6 month summary of progress, as well as a final project report within six weeks of the end of the project. These reports should include a summary of progress, outcomes and planned outputs, and future plans. It is hoped that grants will lead to peer-reviewed publications or larger research proposals to other funders.

It is expected that funding by the Foundation for Liver Research will be acknowledged in all published materials and mandatory text for acknowledging the funder will be provided to successful applicants.

Website of the Foundation for Liver Research and the Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology:

www.liver-research.org.uk

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