Sample application

Wellcome Accelerator Awards

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Contents

This sample form includes all the possible questions that you may need to answer as part of your application.

Application summary

Application title

Proposed length of funding (months)

Proposed start date

The date must be at least seven months after the application deadline.

You can change your start date if your application is successful. All grant expenditure and activities must be within the grant start and end dates.

Research subject area

Proposal summary

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Provide a summary of your proposed activity, including key goals. We will use this as a short abstract and to classify your proposal by subject. We may use it to describe your activities on our website and elsewhere (we publish summary details of all our awards). If your application is successful, this summary will be automatically uploaded, without editing, to our website. Take care not to include anything confidential or commercially sensitive.

The summary should be as complete as possible within the word limit. Include key words that best describe the activity to enable text searching.

Maximum 200 words.

Is this or a similar application for funding currently under consideration elsewhere?

We'll consider your application even if you have a similar application being considered by another funder. If the other funder offers you funding, you must tell us immediately. We will usually ask you to decide on that offer within one month. If you decide to apply to another funder with a similar application after you have applied to us, let us know.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Provide the names of any funders and expected decision dates.

Is this a resubmission of a Wellcome Accelerator Award application submitted to Wellcome?

If 'Yes' is selected:

How is this application different? Significant changes are needed for the second application. You do not need to contact us first.

Your Career Plan

Describe your career aspirations and outline how this grant will facilitate your journey towards reaching these goals.

In your description make sure you include:

- how you envision your career advancing by the end of the Accelerator Award, including specific goals you are aiming to achieve.
- how your future vision aligns with your longer-term career goals over the next five years, highlighting key milestones you aim to achieve and their significance to your overall career trajectory.
- how the proposed activities directly support your short-term (2-3 years) and long-term career goals. Be specific about the skills, experience, and training you aim to gain, including any offered by your institution if applicable, and their role in achieving your career goals.

Maximum 1000 words.

How will you contribute to promoting a positive and inclusive research culture throughout your award.

This could include for example, plans for collaborative activities, mentoring, research integrity training or diversity and inclusion activities.

Maximum 1000 words.

Your proposal

Describe your proposed activity.

We want to understand what you will use this funding for. In your description, make sure you include:

- Your aims and proposal plans
- Your background for yourself and any relevant work that has led up to this proposal
- Your approach and how you will address any challenges (for research activities, this may include a description of the methods)
- Key stages in your plans indicating locations and milestones

See the Wellcome Accelerator Award scheme webpage for more information on how we will assess your plan.

Your research must fit within what we support in Discovery Research: Discovery remit (opens in new tab).

Do not exceed 1,500 words.

Provide all relevant information with the application form; do not refer to additional unpublished information on personal websites.

Do not include any graphs, figures, tables or other additional information in your proposal description. Use the 'Additional Information' question to provide this type of information. Do not refer to additional unpublished information on personal websites.

You may provide your answer to this question in text entry format or as a PDF attachment. If you are uploading your research proposal, the uploaded document must be in 11 point Arial font and portrait format.

If 'Text Entry' is selected:

Research vision

If ‘File Upload’ is selected:

Research vision

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Additional information

Figures and additional information cannot exceed two A4 pages, excluding any Gantt charts illustrating the project timeline.

Upload additional information here. Do not embed it in the description of your research vision. If it’s more than two pages of A4 (excluding Gantt charts) we will return your application to you to reduce the amount of information.

This form asks for all the information we need to consider your application. You should not provide additional information (for example letters of support) unless specifically requested in the form.

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References

Include any references needed to justify your proposal. You should give the citation in full, including title of paper and all authors. ‘In press’ publications may be included only if they are available on preprint servers.

Ensure that your references are pertinent to your research proposal and are cited in full, including all authors, the full title of each publication, journal title, year, volume and pages.

You can shorten references with more than 10 authors to ‘et al’, but you must ensure that your position as author (if applicable) remains clear.

Maximum 1500 words.

Have you used generative AI in the writing of your application?

You should answer 'No' if you have only used Generative AI for translating your application from another language to English or to improve the standard of English of the application. For more information, see our policy on the Use of Generative AI in the Wellcome Application Process policy.

If 'Yes - I have used generative AI' is selected:

Provide brief details of how you used Generative AI.

Does your proposal involve human participants, human biological material (including cell lines) or data about living people?

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If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Does your proposal involve a clinical trial?

This scheme can support trials that aim to bring new understanding of the social and/or biological processes underpinning health and disease, including understanding how or why interventions work. It also supports proof of concept studies that may lead to future large-scale interventions. This schemes does not fund large clinical trials where the main purpose is to develop, test or implement a drug, product or intervention.

For more information, read Wellcome's clinical trials policy

If your proposal involves more than one clinical trial, contact Wellcome for advice.

Details of study design for research involving human participants

Describe the study design. This should include, as applicable:

- number of participants, respondents or ethnographic subjects in each group
- how you will allocate participants to study groups
- type, frequency and duration of interventions, health outcome measures, interviews, focus groups or participant observation sessions
- the countries where the research involving human participants will take place
- how you will account for sex, gender or both where appropriate (including use of tissues and cells). If you do not know the sex of the sample(s), describe how you will determine the sex. If you plan to use single-sex or single-gender, you should explain why. Read our sex and gender in health research policy (opens in new tab).
- details and justification for the sample size (including number per group), power calculation, and proposed statistical analysis – explain the methods for protecting against bias
- form, frequency and duration of planned follow-up
- long-term follow up or respondent care plans
- any other activity with potential significant risks to participants.

Maximum 800 words.

Outline your strategy for recruitment and describe the inclusion or exclusion criteria for study participants (if applicable).

If you are undertaking a clinical trial, describe how you will ensure the inclusion of under-served groups as outlined in our clinical trials policy.

Maximum 300 words.

How have you involved patients, participants, patient advocacy groups or communities in developing this proposal? What ongoing involvement will they have in the research?

Read Wellcome's advice on how to use an engaged research approach (opens in new tab).

Maximum 200 words.

Describe the oversight arrangements for the study. If your research will not have a separate group responsible for oversight you must explain why not.

For a clinical trial, describe the membership and composition of the Trial Steering Committee and Data and Safety Monitoring Board. For other study types (for example, a longitudinal or observational study) describe the membership and composition of any oversight group.

For research conducted in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs), any oversight groups should include stakeholders based in the relevant region(s).

Maximum 300 words.

Who has, or will, review the ethics of the project and when? Detail any other regulatory approvals you have, or will try to get.

Before research begins, you must have in place:

- ethical approval in every country where any part of the research will be carried out
- the relevant regulatory and ethical approvals for every site where research will be carried out
- appropriate governance mechanisms.

You must have ethical approval for any research Wellcome funds that involves:

- human participants
- human biological samples
- personal data.
- Any use of personal data or biological samples, relating to living or dead persons, must comply with all relevant legislation where you are working.

You must get approval from other regulatory bodies as required by the countries where the research is undertaken (for example, in the UK this may be the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) or the Gene Therapy Advisory Committee).

Researchers based outside the UK must tell us what the law and guidelines are in the area or jurisdiction in which they will be collecting samples, and how they will comply with these.

Maximum 200 words.

Will you be using facilities, staff or patients within the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK?

By agreeing to fund work which needs NHS support, Wellcome agrees to abide by the Statement of Partnership on Non-commercial R&D in the NHS in England (and the corresponding statements in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales). You must therefore meet the obligations of the Partnership and may not carry out any research until the NHS has given its consent.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Have you completed a Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Tool (SoECAT)?

This must be signed off by an AcoRD specialist. See the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) website for guidance on completing a SoECAT . Read our guidance on why you need to complete a SoECAT.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Upload the study information page and the summary page of your signed off SoECAT form as a single PDF.

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Upload one file. Your file must be a .PDF. Make sure your file size is less than 15MB

If ‘No’ is selected:

Explain why you could not complete a Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Tool.

You can submit your SoECAT while we are reviewing your application but Wellcome cannot make a funding decision without it. If you do not have a signed-off SoECAT you will not receive Health Research Authority approval (or equivalent).

Maximum 100 words.

Which organisation/s have agreed to act as the formal sponsor for your project?

All research involving human participants, tissue or data (including clinical trials) must have a sponsor who fully understands the responsibilities and costs associated with assuming this role. This is usually a university or a healthcare provider. Wellcome cannot act as a sponsor.

Maximum 100 words.

Confirm you have, or you will try to get, appropriate informed consent to use any potentially commercially exploitable results from data, tissues or samples derived from human participants.

Where data, tissues or samples used in your research have the potential to be used beyond their initial purpose or beyond the end of the study, include details for how the consent will be managed.

Answer ‘not applicable’ if no potentially commercially exploitable results (based on human tissues or samples) will be produced during your research, and if no potential future use of data.

Maximum 200 words.

Describe how you will undertake your proposed research in an environmentally sustainable way.

You should design your research to use the most sustainable approach you can access within your organisation. See Wellcome's Environmental Sustainability Policy for information on our expectations and some suggested approaches.

Include:

- how you will reduce, reuse and recycle resources, equipment, materials and consumables
- the tools and/or initiatives you will use to measure and reduce the environmental impact of your research. This report by RAND Europe identifies several tools that might be of use.
- how you will minimise travel, and the emissions from essential travel, for all grant participants. This includes the grantholder, coapplicants, collaborators and staff employed on the grant and research participants.

Maximum 300 words.

Enter the total additional cost of undertaking the research, including essential travel, in an environmentally sustainable way.

If there are no additional costs, enter 0.

Outputs management and sharing

Provide an outputs management plan

All Wellcome-funded researchers are expected to manage their research outputs in a way that will achieve the greatest health benefit, maximising the availability of research data, software and materials with as few restrictions as possible. Read our guidance on developing an outputs management plan , which includes a link to some good examples. If an outputs management plan is not needed, briefly explain why below.

Your plan should be clear, concise, proportionate and focus specifically on how outputs will be identified, managed and used to advance potential health benefits.

Answer the following questions where relevant to your research.

Data, software and materials outputs

1. What outputs will your research generate?
2. What metadata and documentation (for example, the methodology of data collection and way of organising data) will accompany the outputs?
3. When will these outputs be made available?
4. Where will you make these outputs available?
5. How will these outputs be discovered and accessed by the research community? (for example, through presentations or press releases)
6. Will there be any restrictions on the sharing of the final data set? If there will be, describe these restrictions.
7. How will data and metadata be stored, backed up and preserved?
8. What resources (for example financial and time) will be dedicated to outputs management and ensuring all data is findable, accessible, interoperable and reproducible?

If your study involves a clinical trial, please see the clinical trial specific guidance on the webpage. This includes additional points you must specify when your outputs include participant data.

Intellectual property (IP) outputs

1. What IP will your research generate?
2. How will you protect this IP?
3. How will the IP be used to achieve health benefits?
4. Are there any plans to allow collaborators or third parties to own, co-own, or have exclusive access to any Wellcome funded IP? If so, please consider any restrictions on this outlined in grant condition 8.

5. Provide the name and contact details for the person in your organisation (for example Technology Transfer Officer or Business Development executive) who can act as a point of contact for Wellcome to discuss the protection and commercialisation of this IP.

Maximum 500 words.

Select the approach you will use to maximise the impact of your significant research outputs to improve health and benefit the wider research community. If an outputs management plan is not needed, select 'Not applicable'.

Collaborations

Are any collaborations essential for this proposal?

A collaborator provides essential subject expertise, support or materials. They are not involved in the day-to-day running of the research. They are not normally involved in the intellectual design of the project.

They are not remunerated for their input, although expenses can be covered, for example for their grant-related travel and the costs associated with providing the agreed input into the research, including the materials and consumables involved.

Collaborators must assign Wellcome-funded IP to the lead applicant's organisation in accordance with grant condition 8.

If 'Yes' is selected:

List any key collaborators (name and organisation). Provide a very brief outline of their role in the proposed research and any key resources they will contribute.

You can replace the collaborators named here with suitable alternatives if it is necessary or appropriate to do so.

Name	Organisation	Outline of role in proposed research (75 words maximum)

I confirm that the collaborators named here have agreed to be involved, as described, in the proposed research and are willing for their details to be included as part of this application.

Location of activity

Will the funded activity take place at more than one location?

List any locations outside of your host organisation where you will be conducting research or redirecting funds. This includes, but is not limited to, anywhere receiving indirect funding, Wellcome Trust supported facilities, fieldwork sites, and time spent working in another organisation or laboratory. This does not include conference attendance.

If 'Yes' is selected:

For each location, enter the organisation, country and percentage of funds. You must include the administering organisation.

Enter the approximate percentage of the total funds that will be spent in each location. Enter zero for locations where activity will take place but no significant funds will be spent. If you are requesting salary costs, attribute them to the employing organisation.

Country	Percentage of funds	Organisation
Please select...		

Wellcome Trust supported facilities

Will the project be based in one of the following Wellcome Trust supported facilities:

- the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
- a Wellcome Trust Centre
- an Africa and Asia Programme
- the Francis Crick Institute?

If the project will be based at one of these facilities, you must add the facility as a location.

Research involving animals

Does your proposal involve the use of animals or animal tissue?

The following notes relating to 'Proposals involving animals' are intended to provide guidance and advice in completing the form, rather than a comprehensive review of the legal and regulatory environment in which the application is made.

Applicants must refer to our:

- policy on the use of animals in medical and veterinary research
- sex and gender in health research policy. We require use of female and male sexes, including tissues and cells, where appropriate.

For clarity when we mention "animals" we are using the definition with the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, which defines protected animals used in research as:

- non-human vertebrates
- live cephalopods
- independently feeding larval forms
- foetal forms of mammals in the last third of their gestation or incubation period.

In all animal experiments we support, the principles of reduction, replacement and refinement will apply. In all experimental studies, applicants must actively consider:

- the complete replacement of live animals with tissues derived from either animals or humans
- the possibilities of reducing the numbers of animals that need to be used
- refining the experimental design to obtain the maximum amount of information from the minimum number of animals.

Refined methods in animal research are those which alleviate or minimise any adverse effects for the animals involved, or enhance animal welfare. Refinements may be applied at any stage in the life of an animal. Thus, refinement encompasses all aspects of a procedure, including the:

- source, transport, husbandry and environment of the animals involved
- experimental design (for example, the choice of species and the group size employed)
- techniques applied
- end points of the procedures
- care of the animals before, during and after a procedure.

For more information, check the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research NC3Rs website.

Monoclonal antibodies

The use of ascitic animals for monoclonal antibodies (mAb) production in vivo may only be proposed when in vitro attempts at mAb production have failed or the use of animals is considered justified for specific diagnostic or therapeutic products. You must give a full explanation if in vitro production methods are not considered to be suitable.

If ‘Yes - involves animals’, ‘Yes - involves animal tissue’, ‘Yes - involves animal cell lines’ or ‘Yes - involves animals and animal tissue’ is selected:

Explain why animal use is necessary and the choice of species to be used. Outline why no realistic non-animal alternatives exist and how your approaches embed the principles of the 3Rs (reduce, refine, replace).

It is particularly important to justify the species when an animal is being used as a model for a human physiological or pathological condition.

Maximum 250 words.

Select 'Add...' to enter the animal species and total numbers needed (this should include any animals that are to be purchased or bred, along with any animals to be used to generate or maintain experimental animal colonies).

Animal species	Total number needed to carry out proposed work	Strain (if appropriate)
Please select...		

Provide a justification of the proposed sample size and details of planned statistical analyses. Include male and female sexes in samples. If focusing on single-sex research, explain why. Include power calculations if appropriate. Describe experimental design, including any plans to reduce bias such as blinding or randomisation. (750 words maximum)

You may provide your answer to this question in the field provided (text entry format) or as a PDF attachment (upload format). If you are uploading your answer, the uploaded document must be in 11 point Arial font and portrait format.

For each species, you must ensure that adequate experimental detail is provided to justify both the use and number of animals. This should include:

- definition of unit of analysis (for example N referring to animal or sample number)
- means of avoidance of bias (for example blinding or randomisation)
- statistical analysis to be used and explanation of how sample or group size was derived
- a representative sample of the sexes, including where using tissues and cells
- the number of time points if repeated measures are used
- an indication of number of replications of each experiment to mitigate spurious non-replicable results.

You may include tables and figures in this section to help justify animal numbers. You can find additional guidance on designing animal experiments through the NC3Rs Experimental Design Assistant.

If 'Text Entry' is selected:

Animals justification

If ‘File Upload’ is selected:

Animals justification

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If your proposal involves the use of animals, what would be the severity of the procedures?

You can find guidance on assessing the severity of a procedure on the Home Office website.

If ‘Moderate’, ‘Severe’ or ‘Non-recovery’ is selected:

Provide details of any moderate, severe or non-recovery procedures. Can lower severity procedures be used? Provide details of when procedures were last reviewed by the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or equivalent. State the year.

Does your proposal include procedures to be carried out on animals in the UK which need a Home Office licence?

The organisation must ensure that research involving the use of animals complies at all times with UK laws and regulations.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Is there a current Home Office Personal Project Licence (PPL) that authorises the proposed procedures to be carried out in the UK?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Provide the name of the licence holder.

If ‘No’ is selected:

Detail your plans and timelines for getting the appropriate licence.

Does your proposal involve the use of animals or animal tissue outside the UK?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Confirm that the proposed animal work outside of the UK will, at a minimum, follow the principles of UK legislation and comply with all local legislation and ethical review procedures.

Law and regulatory standards often vary from country to country. If experiments are to be carried out on animals outside the UK, the experiments proposed must be performed to standards which follow the principles of UK legislation. Furthermore, the housing and care of animals must similarly follow the standards and principles of UK legislation.

For studies using non-human primates, cats, dogs or equines, this is assessed during NC3Rs review. For studies involving other species, applicants should complete and upload the checklists listed on the NC3Rs (opens in new tab) website.

Maximum 100 words.

If your study involves the use of the following species outside the UK, complete and upload the checklists listed on the NC3Rs website, as appropriate.

- Rodents
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Goats
- Pigs
- Cattle
- Xenopus laevis and Xenopus tropicalis
- Zebrafish

Upload any checklists as a single PDF. Checklists can be found on the NC3Rs website.

Read information on choosing contractors.

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Will you be using primates?

The NC3Rs will review all applications involving the use of primates, or their tissue or data.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Non-human primates

Non-human primates: details

If you are exclusively using already generated tissue or data in the proposed experiments answer all relevant questions as thoroughly as possible, in particular the questions relating to housing and procedures. If a question is not relevant you can answer 'not applicable', but we may ask for more information for assessment.

Do the facilities and practices, and the proposed research comply with the principles set out in the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) guidelines?

Guidelines can be found on the NC3Rs website (opens in new tab).

If ‘No’ is selected:

Explain why not

Will it be necessary to transport the non-human primates (for example from breeding facility and within the host organisation environment)?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Indicate approximate journey times and the measures that will be taken to minimise the potential stress during transport.

Provide details of the housing for the animals, for example enclosure size, environmental enrichment.

See the NC3Rs guidance (opens in new tab) on animal housing and husbandry for further details.

Maximum 200 words.

Will single housing of the non-human primates be necessary at any time?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Provide a justification for single housing, its duration, and explain what additional resources you will provide to the animals to minimise the impact on animal welfare.

Describe the experimental procedures involved and how any pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm will be minimised. Have the procedures been recently reviewed by the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS), Named Animal Care and Welfare Officer (NACWO) and Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)?

Will any of the experimental procedures involve food or water restriction?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Justify why this is necessary and outline what alternatives have been considered.

Will any of the experimental procedures involve restraint?

If 'Yes' is selected:

What alternatives have been considered? Describe the nature of the restraint, its duration and frequency, and what will be done to avoid distress.

What prior experience and training in non-human primate use, care and welfare will you require of the staff named in the application? What are you doing to support continuing professional development in these areas?

Will any of the staff involved need specific training for any of the procedures concerned?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Provide details of the training needed and where it will be done.

Will you be using cats, dogs or equidae?

The NC3Rs will review all applications involving the use of cats, dogs and equidae animals, or their tissue or data.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Cats, dogs and equidae

Will you be using cats?

Will you be using dogs?

Will you be using equidae?

Cats, dogs and equidae: details

If you are exclusively using already generated tissue or data in the proposed experiments answer all relevant questions as thoroughly as possible, in particular the questions relating to housing and procedures. If a question is not relevant you can answer 'not applicable', but we may ask for more information for assessment.

From where will the animals be sourced?

Will it be necessary to transport the animals?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Indicate approximate journey times and the measures that will be taken to minimise the potential stress during transport.

Are animals to be imported?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Where animals are to be imported, what journey times have been agreed with the Home Office? Describe the conditions for the animals at the breeding establishment and how the potential stress during transport will be minimised.

Provide details of the housing for the animals, for example enclosure size, environmental enrichment.

See the NC3Rs guidance (opens in new tab) on animal housing and husbandry for further details.

Provide details and address the following in your answer in respect of these species:

Dogs: daily socialisation and out-of-pen activity

Equines: access to pasture for grazing and exercise.

Maximum 200 words.

Will single housing of the animals be necessary at any time?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Provide a justification for single housing, its duration, and explain what additional resources you will provide to the animals to minimise the impact on animal welfare.

Describe the experimental procedures involved and how you will minimise any pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm. Have the procedures been recently reviewed by the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS), Named Animal Care and Welfare Officer (NACWO) and Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)?

What adverse effects might the animals experience? List the clinical and other signs that will be monitored, the frequency of monitoring and, if relevant, the humane endpoint criteria established for the study.

Will any of the experimental procedures involve restraint?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

What alternatives have been considered? Describe the nature of the restraint, its duration and frequency, and what will be done to avoid distress.

What prior experience and training in animal use, care and welfare will you require of the staff named in the application? What are you doing to support professional development in these areas?

Will any of the staff involved need specific training for any of the procedures concerned?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Provide details of the training needed and where it will be undertaken.

Will you be using genetically altered animals?

All proposed research projects involving genetically altered mice are expected to consider the principles of welfare assessment set out on the NC3Rs website (opens in new tab).

Risks of research misuse

Confirm that you have considered whether your proposed research could generate outcomes that could be misused for harmful purposes.

You and your host organisations must consider carefully any risks that the potential outcomes of the research (information, products or technologies) could be misused for harmful purposes. These are known as "dual use risks" and they include actions that pose a significant threat to humans, animals, plants or the environment, including terrorist misuse.

Research areas that aim to do the following are often associated with this type of risk:

- demonstrate how to render a vaccine ineffective
- confer resistance to a therapeutically useful antibiotic or antiviral agent
- enhance the virulence of a pathogen or renders a non-pathogen virulent
- increase the transmissibility or alter the host range of a pathogen
- enable the evasion of diagnostic and detection methods
- enable the weaponisation of a biological agent or toxin
- generate or reconstitute an eradicated or extinct agent or toxin

Do not include the following types of risk in your answer:

- remote or hypothetical risks of future misuse (we recognise that most research could hypothetically be misused)
- data risks - for example breaches of personal data and risks of anonymised recipients being reidentified (these should be managed by research design and data management protocols)
- safeguarding risks to researchers and participants (these should be managed by your organisation.

Have you identified any tangible risks of this type?

Refer to the joint BBSRC, Medical Research Council (MRC) and Wellcome policy and position statement on managing risks of research misuse, and our guidelines on good research practice.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Briefly describe these risks. Explain how you and your organisation will manage them.

The identification of tangible risks in a research project should be clearly balanced against the benefits and value that is to be gained for health, science and society. If there are tangible risks that the proposed research will generate outcomes that could be misused to cause harm, you (and your fellow researchers and host organisations) must take appropriate steps to monitor the research as it proceeds and minimise these risks. Risk mitigation could include establishing a process to review dual-use risks on an ongoing basis through the project and to gain independent expert advice as appropriate. You must also ensure that all members of your team are aware of these risks in progressing their research, and receive appropriate education and training on these issues.

Maximum 250 words.

Freedom to operate and conflicts of interest

Describe any freedom to operate or other intellectual property related issues that might affect your ability to do the proposed research or to use, share or commercialise the research outputs. Explain how you will address these.

If you are satisfied that there are no such issues, answer not applicable and briefly explain why. If you have fully addressed such issues in your outputs management plan under the question on "Outputs management and sharing", then you may refer to that answer.

In particular, consider:

- Will your research use technology, software, databases, materials or patented inventions that are owned or controlled by others and which you do not already have written permission to use?
- Will the ownership, use, commercialisation or sharing of research outputs with the wider research community, be subject to agreements with commercial, academic or other organisations? This includes arrangements with collaborators named in this application.

For more information about our approach to intellectual property and translation, refer to:

- clause 8 of our Grant Conditions (opens in new tab)
- our intellectual property and translation page (opens in new tab).

Disclose all relevant information pertinent to your grant proposal, including proprietary information where appropriate, to provide the most comprehensive picture of how any commercial or IP matters may affect the delivery of your proposed research and the subsequent use, commercialisation or sharing of your research outputs.

Maximum 250 words.

Describe any conflicts of interest which might affect your ability to do the proposed research or to share or commercialise the research outputs.

For each conflict:

- explain how you and your organisation will manage the conflict
- explain how you will comply with your organisation's conflict of interest requirements
- confirm whether the identified conflict has been disclosed to your organisation.

If you are satisfied there are no issues, answer 'not applicable'.

Refer to our policy on conflicts of interest related to Wellcome-funded researchers and commercial organisations (opens in new tab). In particular, consider whether anyone involved in your project holds any consultancies, advisory roles, or equities in, or directorships of, companies or other organisations that might have an interest in the results of your proposed research.

Maximum 250 words.

Basic information about you (all applicants)

Title

Pronouns

If 'I use different pronouns (please describe)' is selected:

What pronouns do you use?

First name

Middle name

Last name

Phone number

Include country code, for example a UK mobile number is:+44 7700 900000

ORCID iD

Connect your ORCID and Wellcome Funding accounts

You can link your Wellcome Funding account to ORCID so your ORCID record automatically shows:

- funding you've received from Wellcome
- expert reviews you've done for Wellcome

You need to sign in to ORCID and authorise access to Wellcome Funding to connect your accounts.

Connect your ORCID account

Nationality

Wellcome collects information on nationality for internal grant monitoring and evaluation purposes in pursuit of its legitimate interest, as a funder, of better understanding the research workforce we support through our grants and their research careers. We may also use this information to assess eligibility for some of our international schemes. Information on nationality will be anonymised when used for monitoring, evaluation and reporting purposes.

Work history and qualifications (all applicants)

Add your current employed positions

Do not include any honorary roles.

For each role:

Job title

Start date

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

End date

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

Department

Organisation

Main employer

Select one:

- Yes
- No

Add your past positions

You only need to answer this question if you're a lead applicant or coapplicant.

For each position:

Role

Start date

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

End date

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

Department

Organisation

Have you taken any career breaks?

We take breaks from research into account when we consider your outputs. This can include periods of:

- parental leave
- long-term sick leave
- caring responsibilities
- part-time work
- secondments
- volunteering or time spent in clinical training or different sectors
- no work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If 'Yes' is selected:

When did you take any career breaks and how long did they last?

Add your current or most recent salary

You only need to answer this question if you're a lead applicant or coapplicant, and are requesting salary as part of your application.

For each salary:

Salary grade

Basic annual salary

Currency

Please select...

Add all your sources of personal salary funding

If the source of your salary includes any restrictions on intellectual property rights or publications arising from your research, contact us as this may affect your eligibility.

For each salary source:

Salary source

Percentage contribution to salary

Type of contract

Add your current and previous qualifications and any relevant training

You only need to answer this question if you're a lead applicant or coapplicant.

For each qualification or training:

School

Country

Please select...

Degree or qualification

Please select...

Subject

Start date

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

End date (or expected)

For example, 31 03 2010

Day Month Year

Healthcare professional

Are you a healthcare professional?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

What is your healthcare profession?

Are you clinically active?

For example, are you treating patients at the moment?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

What is your specialty?

If your specialty is not on the list, select 'Other' and specify.

If ‘Other’ is selected:

Please specify

Lead applicant details

Account profile

Complete, or check and update, the following sections in your Wellcome Funding account profile:

- Basic information about you
- CV
- Diversity monitoring information.

Have you completed a PhD or an equivalent higher research degree?

> If 'Yes' is selected:
>
> **When did you pass your viva?**

Will your host organisation employ you on a part-time basis during this grant?

By part-time working we mean that you work less than 100% of a working week and this is written into your employment contract. If you want to do this grant part-time, either from the start or part way through the grant, your host organisation must employ you on a part-time basis during that time.

If you work 100% of a working week and are proposing to spend 80% of your time on this project with 20% on other activities such as teaching, answer 'No' to this question.

If you are a health professional working 100% of a working week, splitting this time between research in an academic setting and clinical practice, answer 'No' to this question.

We always try to accommodate requests, as long as your employing organisation agrees to the working arrangement. Your Funding Manager will contact you to acknowledge receipt of your application after the scheme application deadline. You should discuss any flexible working plans with them as early as possible.If you have any questions before you apply, please contact our Research Funding Information Desk (opens in new tab).

If 'Yes' is selected:

What percentage of a working week will your host organisation employ you to work?

For example, if you are employed to work 20 hours out of a 40 hour working week, this would be 50%.

Will you be 'clinically active' during the award?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Which healthcare regulator are you registered with?

What level of honorary clinical contract will you try to get during this grant?

If ‘Other’ is selected:

Specify

Describe the clinical duties (not including formal training) that you will do alongside this grant. Include the number of hours each week this will need.

You can spend one day a week or (0.2 full-time equivalent) maintaining clinical skills. This should be arranged with an appropriate local healthcare provider, usually an NHS Trust, Health Board or equivalent, and can involve general or specialist clinical service delivery.

Provide a justification if you will be spending more than eight hours each week in clinical work. For individuals in craft specialities, such as surgeons, interventional radiologists or cardiologists, anaesthetists, obstetricians, midwives, you can spend up to two days a week (0.4 full-time equivalent) maintaining clinical skills.

Maximum 200 words.

What progress, if any, have you made towards accreditation in your chosen specialty?

Where relevant you should provide your National Training Number (NTN), confirm whether you hold a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) and when you got – or will get - your CCT.

Maximum 200 words.

Do you intend to integrate dedicated periods of clinical training into the grant?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Describe how you will integrate your clinical training into the grant. Provide a detailed plan for how blocks of training will be integrated, and how your research would be managed during these clinical training blocks.

Upload a letter of support from the person overseeing your clinical training (for example, Training Programme Director) which shows the signatory's name, position and address.

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Current and recent research funding (including Wellcome grants)

List all current research funding, and funding you have received in the last five years.

List the most recent first. Include the name of the funder, names of any grantholders, title of the project, total amount awarded (and how much of this you received), your role in the project, and the start and end dates. Include the percentage of your time spent on the research.

Include details of any recurrent or core funding you have held. Explain your role in getting the funding. For example, whether you held them in your own right as lead applicant, coapplicant, or as part of a consortium.

We use this to check your eligibility for this grant and to understand how this proposal is distinct from other funding you hold.

Maximum 1000 words.

What percentage of your time will you spend on research during this award?

What percentage of this research time will you spend on this project?

Your research contributions

How have you contributed to the generation of knowledge?

Describe how you have contributed to the generation of new ideas, tools or techniques and your most important research outputs so far.

You may highlight skills you have used to develop and test ideas. Please also list up to 10 of your most significant research outputs and describe why they are relevant, what difference they made and your contribution to each (up to 50 words for each output). Outputs can include: original publications, open data sets, software, commercial or interventional products or tools, clinical practice developments, educational products, policy publications, and conference publications that you have generated.

If referencing original research publications, please give the citation in full, including the title of paper and all authors (unless more than 10, in which case you may use 'et al', ensuring that your position as author remains clear). Citations to preprints must state "Preprint", the repository name and the articles persistent identifier, for example a digital object identifier (DOI).

Maximum 1000 words.

How have you contributed to the wider research community?

This may include, for example:

- teaching or supervisory activities, workshops, or summer schools in which you were involved;
- your involvement in collaborative activities; and
- your participation in conferences or knowledge sharing activities
- editing, reviewing, refereeing, and your contributions to the evaluation of researchers and research projects
- organisation of conferences or knowledge sharing activities
- your contributions to improving research culture (research integrity, equality, diversity, mobility of researchers, reward and recognition of researchers' various activities)
- positions of responsibility or contributions to other activities within your department, institution or organisation.

Please do not include any sensitive personal information relating to people you have worked with or supported.

Maximum 300 words.

Sponsors outside your host organisation

Are you intending to work for more than 3 months outside your host organisation?

If you plan to work for more than three months outside your host organisation, you must have a sponsor at that location. They must guarantee the space and resources you'll need during your visit.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Enter details of your sponsors

Full name	Title of Current Post	Organisation	Email

I confirm that the sponsors listed have agreed to provide the necessary space and facilities for the Wellcome-funded research and are willing for their details to be included as part of this application

Currency requested

Select the currency you would like the grant to be paid in

If your local currency is not on the list, we are unable to make payments in that currency. In this case, please cost the application in either GBP, USD or EUR.

For more information see our grant currency exchange policy (opens in new tab).

Costs requested and justification

Are you asking for a lead applicant salary?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Lead applicant salary

Cost type	Role	Name	Basic annual starting salary	Salary grade or scale	Period on project (months)	% time	Cost requested
Select one: • Salary • Visa/work permit • Research/teaching buyout							

Are you requesting teaching buyout?

Check the Accelerator Award webpage to confirm you can request teaching buyout costs.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Upload a letter from a senior member of your host organisation confirming that:

- the applicant will retain at least 10% of their teaching time; and
- teaching buyout for the applicant is not being provided by other grants for the same period it is req

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Are you requesting staff?

Detail the full employment costs for all staff to be funded on the grant.

Provide the names of individuals for posts involving the handling of, and research on, non-human primates. While your application is being considered, you must tell us about any change to the individual(s) named in the application.

Definition of terms

Role: For example: Postgraduate research assistant, Postdoctoral research assistant, Technician, Fieldworker. Specify the level of seniority of the post where relevant, for example Junior postdoctoral research assistant, Senior postdoctoral research assistant.

Salary grade or scale: The national or local salary grade or scale on which the individual will be employed.

Basic annual starting salary: Annual salary to be paid to the individual on their appointment to the post, exclusive of any allowances for which the individual is eligible. If the post is part time, the annual salary must be quoted on a pro rata basis.

Total cost on grant: Total cost of the post, inclusive of any locally-recognised allowances (for example, London allowance), employer’s contributions and increments, over the period of the grant. Employer’s contributions should include any statutory obligations (for example for the UK, National Insurance contributions) and contributions towards an organisational pension scheme.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Staff costs

Cost type	Number of staff	Role	Name (if known)	Basic annual starting salary	Salary grade or scale	Period on project (months)	% time	Cost requested
Select one: • Salary • Visa/work permit • Research/teaching buyout • Research assistant PhD fees								

Justification for staff

Specify the role and responsibilities for the staff requested. Justify the type and seniority, including the level of salary requested, of each post.

If any staff requested will be working in different locations, say where they will be working. If you are requesting funds to be awarded directly to more than one location, you must say in the cost breakdown where the funds are to be allocated.

Maximum 300 words.

Are you requesting adjustment support?

If you or a member of staff employed on your grant is disabled or has a long-term health condition, we offer different types of support during your grant (opens in new tab). This includes help to do your project, report on grant progress, and attend events such as researcher meetings.

Enter the cost of the adjustment support you need. We do not need any further information at this stage.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Cost requested

Are you requesting training and continuing professional development?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Training and continuing professional development

Cost type	Description	Cost requested
Select one: • Continuing professional development and professional skills training • Research skills training		

Justification for training and continuing professional development costs

Are you requesting materials and consumables?

Provide a high-level breakdown of materials and consumables costs. These typically include:

- laboratory chemicals and materials (for example reagents, isotopes, peptides, enzymes, antibodies, gases, proteins, cell, tissue, bacterial culture, gloves, plasticware and glassware)
- associated charges for shipping, delivery and freight
- archival photocopying
- printing associated with fieldwork

In the justification for materials and consumables, provide an estimate of the cost for each staff member each year.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Materials and consumables

Description	Cost requested

Justification for materials and consumables

Are you requesting animals?

To ensure animal experimentation costs are accurate, you must complete this section after consultation with your animal house or biological services manager. Your organisation must apply a consistent costing methodology when presenting cost details.

We may ask for more detailed costing information where a large number of animals or substantial costs are involved.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Animals

Species	Total number to be bought	Total purchase cost	Total maintenance and procedures cost	Cost requested
Please select...				

Associated animals costs

These costs cover specific and relevant training and environmental enrichment, including training for animal husbandry, welfare and associated training for animal technicians, and the cost of animal licences.

Description	Cost requested

Justification for animal costs

Do not include a justification of the animal numbers you need; you can explain this in the 'Research involving animals' section.

Maximum 300 words.

Are you requesting equipment?

The organisation's Director of Procurement/Head of Purchasing (or equivalent) must be aware of all potential capital purchases and we need organisations to use best procurement practice when buying equipment with our funds.

Equipment to be bought

We expect you to consider the cost-effectiveness and environmental sustainability of the proposed purchase of equipment. The estimated price of the equipment must cover all aspects including delivery, installation, maintenance and training, where appropriate. We expect discounts to be negotiated and included in quoted prices.

If there is a preferred manufacturer for certain items of equipment, you can explain this in the 'Type of equipment' field.

We expect that the equipment you request will be covered by the manufacturer's warranty for the first year after it is bought. We will fund reasonable maintenance costs for four years after the initial period of warranty on all equipment (irrespective of the length of grant made), when this is negotiated as part of the capital purchase cost.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

For grants to be held in the UK, the costs of all equipment to be used for medical and veterinary research must be quoted exclusive of VAT. For equipment that does not fall within this definition, VAT costs should be shown.

Equipment maintenance

We consider requests for maintenance of existing equipment if the grant that funded its purchase has ended. We only provide maintenance costs for equipment more than five years old if it is cost-effective and environmentally sustainable to keep maintaining it.

Equipment costing 100k or more

We need a copy of at least one formal quote for each piece of equipment with a list price of £100,000 or more. The discount that has been negotiated must be included in the quote.

> If 'Yes' is selected:
>
> **Equipment costs**

Type	Type of equipment	Number of items	Cost per item	Cost of maintenance contract	Cost requested
Select one: • Equipment purchase • Equipment maintenance • Computer equipment					

Justification for equipment

If you are requesting a piece of equipment which costs more than £100,000, provide details of:

- similar equipment in the applicant's department and adjacent departments
- why it cannot be used for this particular project
- any other individuals likely to use the equipment.

Maximum 300 words.

Are you requesting a piece of equipment with a list price of £100,000 or more?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Upload a copy of at least one formal quote; if you have more upload these as a single PDF.

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Are you requesting access charges?

You can ask for the cost of access to shared equipment or facilities if they're essential to your research project. These may include materials and consumables, plus a proportion of:

- maintenance and service contracts
- staff time costs for dedicated technical staff employed to operate the equipment or facility.

We don't cover the costs of:

- estates and utilities
- depreciation or insurance
- other staff, for example contributions to departmental technical, administrative and management staff time.

If the facilities or equipment were paid for by a Wellcome grant, you can only ask for access charges if:

- the grant has ended
- any support for running costs and maintenance contracts has ended.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Access charges

Details of equipment or facility	Original source of funding	Wellcome Trust grant number, if applicable	Standard access charge per unit	Specify unit	Number of units to be used for this project	Cost requested

Justification for access charges

Are you requesting overheads?

Some organisations are eligible to request overheads on Wellcome grants. Read the Accelerator Award webpage to see if this applies to your organisation and the maximum value you will be able to request.

If you are requesting overheads, you must upload a letter from your Finance Director providing information on how your organisation has calculated these costs.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Overheads

What percentage of overheads are you requesting for the direct research costs detailed in the application?	Cost requested

Upload a letter from the Finance Director of each organisation. If there is more than one letter, upload these as a single PDF.

If the organisation has externally audited or otherwise verified methodology for calculating overhead rates, the letter must include:

- Confirmation of the validated overhead rate
- Where this is documented (for example in an audit report, organisational policy)
- The name of the organisation which has verified the rate/methodology
- When the rate was last reviewed

If the organisation **does not** have an externally audited or otherwise verified methodology for calculating overhead rates, then the letter must include:

- a breakdown of the costs requested.
- confirmation that the request is a true representation of the costs incurred.

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Are you based at a UK university and requesting overheads on subcontracted costs?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Confirm that the university will not include these subcontracted costs in its annual return for the UK Charity Research Support Fund.

Are you requesting travel and subsistence?

Travel must be undertaken in line with our environmental sustainability funding policy. Read it here.

Conference attendance

Include conference attendance separately to any other travel related to this grant.

The lead applicant and any research and technical staff to be employed on the grant can request costs to attend academic or scientific conferences, including travel, accommodation and conference registration fees up to a maximum of £2,000 a year for the lead applicant and £1,000 a year for research and technical staff. Specify the amount being requested for each.

You can ask for costs that exceed the above limits where academic or scientific conference attendance or dissemination is a core part of the research activity. You will need to strongly justify where such costs are requested.

Other travel

If you are requesting costs for other essential travel, for example to visit collaborators (or them to visit you), travel to host organisations, sample collection or trips to facilities, provide a detailed breakdown of the costs using the appropriate headings. Full details of allowable costs can be found on the scheme webpage. You must justify the need for each visit, its duration and your mode of transport separately.

Emissions mitigation

Calculate your emissions mitigation costs for all the travel on the grant. Tell us the number of tonnes you are mitigating and the cost of purchasing accredited carbon credits to mitigate those emissions.

If 'Yes' is selected:

Travel and subsistence costs

Type	Description	How much carbon will this offset (in tonnes)?	Cost requested
Select one: • Conference attendance • Carbon offset			

Type	Description	How much carbon will this offset (in tonnes)?	Cost requested
• Outward and return travel • Baggage and freight • Medical and travel insurance • Visas and vaccinations • Housing security • Accommodation and subsistence			

Justification for travel and subsistence costs

Are you requesting overseas allowances?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Overseas allowance costs

Type	Description	Cost requested
Select one: • Accommodation and subsistence • Education • Annual leave travel costs • Language lessons		

Justification for overseas allowances

Are you requesting fieldwork expenses?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Fieldwork expenses

Description	Cost requested

Justification for fieldwork expenses

Are you requesting clinical research?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Clinical research costs

Description	Cost requested

Justification for clinical research

Are you requesting public engagement and patient involvement?

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Public engagement and patient involvement costs

Description	Cost requested

Justification for public engagement and patient involvement

Are you requesting other costs?

Provide a detailed breakdown of the other costs requested. Enter costs that do not fall under any other category in this section.

If ‘Yes’ is selected:

Other costs

Type	Description	Cost requested
Please select...		

Justification for other costs

Full economic costing

Is your organisation based in the UK?

If 'Yes' is selected:

Is your organisation calculating the full economic cost of this proposal?

If 'Yes' is selected:

What is the total full economic cost of your research proposal in sterling (GBP)?

Include inflation in your costs at the percentage rate currently used by your administering organisation.

Finding out about this funding opportunity

Where did you find out about this funding opportunity? Select one of the following options.

If ‘Other’ is selected:

Specify