



## Guidance Notes – Applications for Grants

### Introduction

Bright Red is a charity established to improve the lives and treatment of people in the north who are dealing with blood cancer. Through care, research and education we are striving to beat illnesses such as leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

One of the missions of the charity is to support local research into the biology and treatment of blood cancers. We focus our support in adult research.

There are two funding deadlines each year, 31 January and 31 July. The maximum funding allocated to all projects in one year is unlikely to exceed £100,000. Applications should be submitted electronically to support@brightred.org.uk.

### **Bright Red Clinical Research Training Fellowship:**

Awarded annually, this is a one year award to enable a trainee in haematology, pathology or allied speciality to undertake a period of out of programme research on a project relating to blood cancer in adults. The intention is to allow research-orientated trainees to develop expertise and acquire data with the aim of securing a nationally funded clinical research training fellowship. Applications may be submitted to the spring or autumn deadlines and funding will typically commence within 12 months. The award covers salary at equivalent registrar level and research costs of £15,000 but does not cover fees, travel or computing equipment. It is desirable that applicants register for a higher degree (MD or PhD) and that they pursue nationally competitive funding to complete a research degree. Commitment to this will be assessed by the Trustees. Fellows are required to submit a 6 month and 12 month report on their progress to Bright Red for publication on the charity's website. All applications will be subject to peer review.

### **Bright Red joint PhD studentship:**

PhD studentships provide 50% funding for a 3 year PhD and are awarded annually. Eligible costs include stipend at national minimum rate set by the Research Councils UK (<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk>) and research costs of £15,000 per annum. Half of this total will be funded by Bright Red with the expectation that the remaining 50% will be met by the Host Institution or other local funder. Fees are not included but travel and computing equipment are eligible costs (normally at 50% rate). Students are required to submit annual reports on their progress to Bright Red for publication on the charity's website. All applications will be subject to peer review

### **Miscellaneous research grants:**

At the discretion of the Trustees, small grants of £30,000 or less may be awarded to applicants at either of the funding rounds. Eligible costs include:

- items of equipment
- salary bridging up to 6 months
- research costs for pilot studies of less than 12 months duration



- sustainability grants for equipment maintenance
- publication charges
- conference costs

Pilot studies will normally be subject to peer review; other projects of strategic or infrastructure nature may be considered at the discretion of the Trustees. Applicants should seek to convey how funding will give added value to a venture already supported by external sources of income or elaborate plans to achieve external funding in the case of pilot projects. Recurrent costs of long term projects will not normally be considered eligible.

## **Guidance Notes on Application Form**

### **1. Applicant details**

A short CV is required from all applicants to include their basic career history, their five most important recent publications, where applicable and a breakdown of their current funding. Ideally this should be restricted to two sides of A4.

### **2. Place of Research**

The North includes the following institutions: Newcastle University, Northumbria University, Durham University, Sunderland Royal Hospital, James Cook University Hospital.

### **3. Supervisor of research**

This should only be completed if the supervisor of the project is not the lead applicant identified in section one.

### **4. Short title and statement of objectives**

This section should identify a short working title for the project and give a brief statement of aims and objectives.

### **5. Abstract of Research**

This section should be less than 150 words and describe clearly to an individual, who is not a specialist in the field, the essence of the project.

### **6. Proposed Duration and Starting Date**

Bright Red Clinical Research Training Fellowship: 1 year  
Bright Red joint PhD Studentship: 3 years at 50%  
Miscellaneous: 12 months maximum

### **7. Referees**

Peer review is provided by the Scientific committee. Membership is available on request.

### **8. Proposed Investigations**

The list of items to be completed in this section is outlined on the application form. The sections on Purpose, Background and Key Data, plus Plan of Investigation should be



presented concisely and must not exceed four sides of A4; where necessary please attach an appendix of data. Full details of any collaborations must be included.

### **9. Financial support requested**

Please note that the amounts for salaries must include the amounts for superannuation, national insurance and increments. Such figures must be checked with appropriate University or NHS salary scales and a photocopy of the agreed salary scales from the appropriate Finance Officer should be enclosed with the hard copy applications.

Amounts included for running expenses must be carefully justified. All technical, consumables and other additional direct costs, must be fully costed and detailed.

### **10. Other financial support**

Please give details of any other funding bodies which have already provided financial support for this project.

Please also provide details of any other funding body to which you intend to submit/have already submitted this or a related proposal.

### **11. Other supporting services**

Please identify any further support which will be available or is being sought for this project from internal or external sources.

### **12. Ethical approval**

Please ensure that if ethical approval is required, the status of any application for ethical approval is clearly indicated in the proposal.

### **13. Previous support from Bright Red**

Please give details of any grants held from Bright Red previously known as Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant 2000 over the past three years, including title of project, value of award, duration of award and the main outcomes of the project, particularly publications and follow-on funding. Please provide the final or most recent interim report relating to this project.

### **14. Supporting letter**

Letters of support from the appropriate Head of School must be included.

## **Progress Reports and Final Reports**

It's vital that successful applicants complete progress reports, and final reports as outlined below:

- Clinical Research Fellows are required to report progress at 6 months and 12 months
- PhD students are required to submit annual reports.
- Miscellaneous grants are required to report at the end of the funding period.

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Reports should be submitted in a timely manner to [Support@brightred.org.uk](mailto:Support@brightred.org.uk). Failure to provide a report will mean that any further applications will not be considered.