

Harrington Discovery Institute<sup>®</sup> is issuing a call for proposals for a new grant award programme to **advance promising research into novel treatments for rare diseases**. Modelled after its US programmes, Harrington Discovery Institute is providing UK researchers with a unique opportunity for funding and personalised discovery and development support. Please see below for **Frequently Asked Questions** about the grant award programme.

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QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>What is the grant award amount?</b>	£100K guaranteed, with the potential to qualify for an additional £400K (a total of £500K).
<b>How is this award different from other drug development grant awards?</b>	In addition to a monetary award, award recipients receive personalised discovery and development support from Harrington Discovery Institute's Therapeutics Development team of advisors, who are pharma-experienced industry leaders with significant experience bringing drugs to market. The award recipient also receives dedicated project management support.
<b>How does an award recipient benefit from Harrington Discovery Institute's commercial partners?</b>	Harrington Discovery Institute will facilitate introductions between commercial partners and the PI, when the project is ready for commercial partnerships.
<b>How many projects will you fund?</b>	We will fund up to 5 projects through this first call. Future annual calls are anticipated.
<b>What is the grant period and what is the expected start date?</b>	Each class of awardees will receive funding and support for two years. Projects for the first class of scholars are expected to commence during the 4th Quarter 2020.
<b>How do you define a rare disease?</b>	For the purpose of this call, we are using the EMA definition, which is: any disease or disorder affecting fewer than 5 people in 10,000.
<b>Will <u>ultra-rare</u> diseases be considered?</b>	Yes, these projects are eligible and will be considered.
<b>Will <u>rare variants</u> of more common diseases (for example cancers, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's etc.) be considered?</b>	Yes, if the rare variant of a more common disease falls within the EMA definition (any disease or disorder affecting fewer than 5 people in 10,000) of a rare disease, it is eligible. Applications in this category are particularly encouraged.

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<b>What stage of development will you fund?</b>	We typically fund projects between Target ID and clinical trials. We like to see that there is a clear starting point as that will allow for the greatest impact from our Therapeutics Development team.
<b>What modalities are eligible?</b>	Any therapeutics modality is eligible.
<b>Are device, diagnostic or biomarker projects eligible?</b>	We typically fund therapeutic development projects. We would fund devices, diagnostics or biomarkers if they are in support of a drug.
<b>Are you interested in a second use for a known compound?</b>	Yes, if there is new IP associated with the indication.
<b>Is a PhD degree sufficient for this programme?</b>	Yes, a PI with a PhD, or its equivalent, is eligible.
<b>Are Co-Principal Investigators (PI's) allowed?</b>	Yes, but only one applicant/Principal Investigator is recognized as the Harrington Scholar and will have responsibility for project oversight and financial management.
<b>Are post-doc's eligible to apply as the PI?</b>	Senior post-doc's are eligible. Applications should emphasize sources of funding, demonstrate a solid track record, and show independence/a path to independence. The letter of recommendation from a Head of Department should speak to the institution's commitment to the applicant's path to independence.
<b>If we have licensed our technology to a commercial partner, is our project eligible for funding?</b>	No, we can only support projects in which the asset and ensuing IP are under full control of the PI or his/her institution.
<b>Does Harrington Discovery Institute or Fund for Cures UK take any IP rights?</b>	No, IP rights are retained by the PI or his/her institution. This is a philanthropically-supported award.
<b>What type of costs can the award funds be applied to?</b>	Funds can be applied to direct costs only (no institution overhead or indirect costs). They can be used for salary of the PI (up to 10% of total award amount) and collaborators in a proportionate amount to the time spent on the project. Award funds cannot be used to pay students and cannot be used for travel costs. In addition, no more than £10,000 of the grant can be used for capital expenditures or equipment.

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<p><b>Can salary for other faculty members that are assisting in the project, such as junior faculty and clinical doctors, be covered?</b></p>	<p>Yes, the award may be used to cover salaries for post-docs (or junior faculty or clinical doctors) equivalent to the % effort devoted to the project.</p>
<p><b>Is it an issue if the PI is receiving grant funding from other sources?</b></p>	<p>No, there is no issue.</p>
<p><b>Will the information I send in my proposal be kept confidential?</b></p>	<p>Yes, all information received by Harrington Discovery Institute is considered confidential. If the applicant is concerned about some aspect of the review process, they may contact us at <a href="mailto:Info@FundforCures.org.uk">Info@FundforCures.org.uk</a>.</p>
<p><b>Is a Letter of Intent required for this application?</b></p>	<p>No, a Letter of Intent (LOI) is not required. Full applications must be submitted by <b>2 March, 2020</b>.</p>
<p><b>Can one PI submit multiple proposals for consideration?</b></p>	<p>Yes, a PI may submit multiple proposals.</p>
<p><b>Is there any limit to the number of applications our university can submit?</b></p>	<p>No, there is no limit to the number of applications one university can submit.</p>
<p><b>How long until there is a decision on my grant application?</b></p>	<p><b>The call opens 8 January, 2020 and closes 2 March, 2020.</b> Award recipients will be selected and notified in July 2020.</p>

For additional questions, please contact us at: [Info@FundforCures.org.uk](mailto:Info@FundforCures.org.uk).

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