**Application for a SRUK Seed Award**

Please complete your application in single line spaced Arial 12pt and submit it via email to [grants@sightresearchuk.org](mailto:grants@sightresearchuk.org) by 23:59hrs on 8th September 2023.

Charts and figures can be included in your application and do not contribute to the word count.

**Principal Applicant**

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Present appointment** |  |
| **Host institution** |  |
| **Contact details** | Address:  Telephone:  Email: |

**Co-applicants:** *co-applicants are an integral part of the project team and share responsibility with the Principal Applicant for the day-to-day running and delivery of the project. Skip if you have none and add additional sections if you have more than one.*

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**Collaborators:** *collaborators do not share responsibility for the overall management and delivery of the project but provide expert input on specific aspects of the proposed research. Collaborators can be sourced from any sector including neighbouring academic fields and/or industry. Skip if you have none and add additional sections if you have more than one.*

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**Project details**

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| **1. Project title** | |
| **2. Lay summary (max. 400 words)[[1]](#footnote-2)**  *Please include answers to the following questions:*   * What is the background to the problem? * What is the goal of your proposed research? * Why does it matter to patients? | |
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| **3. Scientific abstract (max. 600 words)**  *Please include answers to the following questions:*   * What are the aims and objectives of your proposed research project? * If successful, how will your proposed project advance progress towards patient benefit? | |
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| **4. Keywords**  *Please enter up to six key words that describe your application. Please separate the keywords with a comma.* | |
| **5. How does the project fit with Sight Research UK’s research funding strategy? (max. 300 words)**  Please refer to the [Guidance for Applicants](https://www.sightresearchuk.org/media/filer_public/05/91/05910b0e-ab8e-4393-b072-2fab3daa52ea/seed_award__guidance_for_applicants_2023.pdf). | |
| **6. Background to the proposed research (max. 500 words)**  *Please address each of the following questions:*   1. What clinical unmet need are you addressing with the proposed research? 2. What novel solution / technology are you proposing to meet the clinical need identified? *(For example, is it a drug, device or diagnostic? Please summarise how it works).* 3. Are there competing solutions / technologies that are already available in the clinic or are currently being developed? 4. What is the advantage of your proposed solution compared to solutions / technologies that are already available in the clinic or are currently being developed? | |
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| **7. Research proposal**  *(Please include the aims of the project, plan of investigation, timeline (can be provided as a Gantt chart) and suitable references. Max. 3,000 words, excluding references).* | |
| **8. Will your proposed project use human participants?**  YES / NO *(please delete as appropriate)*  If yes, have you already obtained the necessary ethical consent from the relevant bodies?  YES / NO *(please delete as appropriate)* | |
| **9. Will your proposed project use animals? (max 400 words)**  YES / NO *(please delete as appropriate)*  If yes, what are your considerations for the [3Rs (Replacement, Refinement, Reduction)](https://nc3rs.org.uk/the-3rs)?  If YES, are the necessary Home Office project and personal licences in place? *Please note that no award can be made until confirmation is received that the appropriate Home Office licences have been granted*.  YES / NO *(please delete as appropriate)* |

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| **10. Project Timing:** | **Proposed starting date:** | |  |
|  | **Duration of project (max 12 months):** | |  |
| **11. Project Finances** (please provide itemised cost breakdowns with cost justifications below). | | | |
| **Salaries** (to include superannuation, NI etc.) | | | |
| Post  Grade | | £ | |
| **Consumables** | | £ | |
| **Equipment** | | £ | |
| **Other** | | £ | |
| **Total project costs** | | £ | |
| **Total funding already secured** | | £ | |
| **Total requested from Sight Research UK** | | **£** | |
| **12. Signatures**  **By providing their electronic signature signatories are confirming that they have read and accept Sight Research UK’s** [**research funding strategy**](https://www.sightresearchuk.org/our-research-funding/our-research-strategy/every-patient-matters-turning-science-sight/) **and** [**Terms and Conditions of Funding**](https://www.sightresearchuk.org/our-research-funding/our-funding-schemes/terms-conditions/)**.** | | By submitting this application, we understand that our details will be held on Sight Research UK’s databases. Sight Research UK will hold data and use it in accordance with its [Privacy Policy](https://www.sightresearchuk.org/privacy/) and will not share it with any third parties for commercial use. | |
| **Principal Applicant signature:**  Print name: | | Date: | |
| **Co-applicant signature:**  Print name: | | Date: | |
| **Co-applicant signature:**  Print name: | | Date: | |
| ***As Head of Department/NHS Directorate which hosts this project, I approve this application:*** | | | |
| **Head of Department signature:**  Print name: | | Date: | |
| ***As the relevant Finance Officer, I approve the financial details outlined in this proposal:*** | | | |
| **Finance Officer signature:**  Print name:  Position: | | Date: | |

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| ***Please ensure you have completed applicant CVs overleaf. Skip co-applicants’ CVs if you have none and add additional co-applicant CVs if you have more than one.*** |

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| **Principal Applicant CV *(max 2 pages)*** | | | | |
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1. In addition to scientific review, applications will also be reviewed by our Board of Trustees which includes lay members. The Board of Trustees makes the final decision on grant awards so, to aid our final decision-making, please write the lay project summary using non-technical language.

   The following resources provide helpful information on how to write for non-technical audiences:

   * [INVOLVE plain English summaries](http://www.invo.org.uk/resource-centre/plain-english-summaries/)
   * [The Plain English Campaign](http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/free-guides.html)

   If you have further enquiries on the use of appropriate language, please email the Grants Management Team at [grants@sightresearchuk.org](mailto:grants@sightresearchuk.org). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)