WIN Rapid Seed Grants

Call for Applications

September 2024

The Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging, invites rapid response proposals for up to £15,000 of scan and research costs to support new research projects that can be completed in a short timeline.

What kind of proposals are being considered?

Proposals should be for a specific research project. The proposed work will often build on the applicant's current research but could be a distinct line of enquiry or development, as long as it can be completed within the timeframe. We will not fund projects that are already well funded.

In addition, you can apply for funds to run Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) projects, either as a pilot to inform new research proposals or as part of a current research project.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible, the named principal applicant must:

- Have a staff post at the University (including post-docs and core staff)[1].
- Hold a contract that extends to the end of the grant period[2].
- Not hold an existing, ongoing, WIN seed grant.

What costs are eligible?

Costs must represent direct expenses associated with the proposed research project.

The total value of awards may not exceed £12,000 for WIN access fees (human MRI/MEG; preclinical MRI; IT fees) at standard rates, plus up to £3,000 of other costs.

> All funds **must** be spent by 31st March 2025. There can be no exceptions or extensions

Projects that have not started spending by the 10th January 2025 will have the seed award

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[1] Current students must have handed in their doctoral thesis by the grant start date.

[2] Supervisors will be asked to verify that a contract is in place, or if the applicant is currently a student, that funds are in place for a post-doctoral position.

revoked. Any equipment that is on the award must also be purchased by 10ᵗʰ January 2025.

Eligible costs:
- Equipment necessary for the proposed work.
- Travel or time reimbursement for participants.
- Scan fees or other access charges (e.g., cloud computing or microscopes).

Non-eligible costs:
- Salary support or student stipends.
- Personal computers.
- Travel for researchers.

How will applications be assessed?
An internal review panel will consider all applications and select those to be funded.

Since this is a rapid response call, we are not looking for long applications, but you must explain how you expect the funding will seed further funding applications. You must also give a credible timeline for completion by the end of March 2025.

Do I need to talk to my supervisor?
If you are not an independent PI, you should explicitly discuss potential applications with your supervisor or line manager, who will be asked to indicate their support. We expect the proposed project to exhibit some degree of independence from their portfolio, both in terms of research funding and vision.

How do I apply?
Complete the attached application form and requested attachments and email it to admin@win.ox.ac.uk by 4pm on 30ᵗʰ September 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-October.