

TUF SMALLER RESEARCH PROJECTS FUND

Maximum grant award: £10,000

Nurse-led and/or Clinician-led patient projects

TUF will fund projects for patient benefit that seek to improve clinical services, treatments and education, as well as communications with patients and carers. The project must incorporate outcome measures which evaluate and demonstrate improved care or well-being of patients.

Key criteria

These awards are for small, stand-alone projects which could lead towards an improvement in the treatment and care of patients. They are not meant to be used as top up funding for projects which ideally should fall within TUF's annual Research Scholarship application call, or associated with larger projects already funded. (See attached guide.)

Application process

Applications will be considered twice a year and must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- 31st May
- 31st October

Notification of success or failure will normally be made within 8 weeks following the deadline dates. *Applications must include the following information:*

- A summary of the study's aims and objectives.
- The projected size of the trial/study ie number of patients, etc and its duration.
- The name and position of the study/project leader and names/positions of any other relevant members of the study team and brief CVs (eg 2 sides A4) for each.
- The hospital/institution where the study is to take place.
- A breakdown of all projected costs including any salaries and consumables.
- Ethical approval where relevant

Judging process

All applications submitted by the due date will be circulated to The Urology Foundation's Scientific & Education Committee and Nursing Panel for consideration. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- The study aims and the quality of the proposal.
- The likelihood of the study findings being easily disseminated and where relevant, any changes to practise made as a result.
- How closely the study relates to The Urology Foundation's own strategic priorities of advancing knowledge of urological conditions and treatments and improving the quality of treatment and care of patients.