



The Innovation and Research Fund

Max grant award: £60,000

The Urology Foundation (TUF) will fund projects up to a value of £60,000 that seek to use new, exciting, innovative approaches to address urological diseases and disorders. The projects must either (a) aim to create innovative treatments or devices, (b) aim to deliver innovative care pathways, or (c) aim to use innovative research techniques or methods.

NB: TUF has partnered with the Centre for Healthcare Randomised Trials (CHaRT) in Aberdeen to create the TUF Trials Unit. The purpose is to enable more clinical research in urology and to encourage a culture of inquiry, improvement and research in urology that will benefit patients and the profession. Projects as pre-cursors to, or preliminary work for, urological trials may also be considered.

This award is open to clinical or academic researchers, urology trainees, consultants, nurses or healthcare professionals working within the field of urology in the UK or Ireland.

Key Criteria

- The project must be undertaken at a university, other recognised higher research institution, hospital or urology department in the UK or Ireland
- The PI must be an employee of one of the above institutions
- The application form must be completed by the person who will be undertaking the majority of the work on the project.

Other considerations

- Projects cannot be led by commercial parties, but applicants may include collaboration with industry or commercial organisations.
- Projects as pre-cursors to, or preliminary work for, urological trials will also be considered.
- Applications which are related to or have grown out of larger projects that are already funded will be considered, but please note the following caveats:
 - The Innovation Fund Application must aim to produce results independent of the larger project.
 - Any publications that result must acknowledge The Urology Foundation.
 - All funds must be used exclusively towards the TUF-funded project. E.g. if TUF funding is used for a full time salary then the salaried person would have to work exclusively on the TUF-funded project.
- TUF will also consider applications that are unrelated to traditional bench or clinical research projects, including, but not limited to:
 - Patient engagement
 - Training
- International collaborations will be considered, as long as there is a UK/Ireland lead.

Application Process

- Applications will be considered once a year.
 - The next deadline is **31st January 2023**

Notification of success or failure will usually be made within 8 weeks of the application.

Applications must include the following information:

- A summary of the project's aims and objectives.
- The projected size of the research/trial/study i.e. scope, number of patients, etc. and its duration.

- The name and position of the project leader and names/positions of any other relevant members of the study team and brief CVs (e.g. 2 sides A4) for each.
- The hospital/university/institution where the project is to take place
- A breakdown of all costs including any salaries and consumables.
- Ethical approval details where relevant

Judging Process

All applications correctly submitted by the due date will be circulated to TUF's Science and Education Committee (SEC) and Reviewing Committee for assessment. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- Whether the application is innovative and exciting;
- The quality of the study aims and proposals;
- The appropriate expertise of the applicants;
- The reputation of the institution where the study is to be conducted;
- The likelihood of the research leading to change of practice.

If you have any questions about this award please email Louise on ldewinter@tuf.org.uk