

Introduction

Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children aims to fund basic and clinical research into the aetiology, prevention and treatment of birth defects.

The Charity wishes to encourage and promote research and its translation into clinical applications, thereby providing an opportunity to improve child health.

Competition for funding is generally very competitive and although the Charity wishes to encourage a broad range of research applications, areas such as fetal loss or late onset genetic disorders would only be funded in exceptional circumstances.

1. Full Grants

Full grants are to fund 1-2 year research projects and should not exceed £120,000 in total. The awards will be subject to peer review by the Medical and Scientific Panel of the Charity.

2. Salaries and CV's

Salaries will be paid at national levels and any increases that may arise should be shown. Applications for funding should be separated into the following: basic salary and any increases, national insurance, superannuation, London weighting (if applicable).

Please ensure you enclose with this application, the CV of the principal investigator working on this project.

3. Expenses and Equipment

Any allowance to cover consumables, such as reagents or minor relevant equipment, may be applied for and should be justified and a breakdown given on the application form provided. As we are a charity we do not provide administrative overheads for the institution where the research is carried out so please do not include these costs. Advertising/recruitment costs should be allowed for within the consumables budget. Travel cost should be shown separately and justified in the application. We are aware that universities may be able to make claims for additional support as we operate a peer review system.

4. Grant Application Limits

Grant applications that exceed the maximum level £120,000 will be rejected or you may be asked to fund the balance from other sources.

5. Ethics

(i) Ethical approval by the appropriate local ethics committee should be gained prior to application and forwarded with the application.

(ii) Work involving animals will be supported only where there are no alternative experimental systems available and where the long-term benefits of the research to child health can be justified. We do not support research on primates or domestic animals. Investigators will be required to be fully licensed by the Home Office.

(iii) Work involving the use of human embryos must receive approval from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority prior to submission and must fulfill guidelines laid down by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990.

Please ensure you enclose the relevant letters regarding this approval. If there is likely to be a delay in obtaining ethics approval please discuss the circumstances with the Medical Director prior to any submission.

6. Grant Payments and Conditions

Any grant awarded will normally be paid quarterly in arrears, within 30 days of receipt of the appropriate invoice. Project grants are agreed for a period of up to two years, but are subject to satisfactory progress at annual review. Other conditions may apply to any offer of a grant that is made.

7. Intellectual Property Rights

Grant holders must inform Newlife if their research has possibilities of commercial applications. Under such circumstances the intellectual property rights would be shared with the grant holder, Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children and the institution where the research is primarily carried out, subject to negotiation.

8. Media Coverage

Successful grant applicants will be required to inform us in advance, of any publicity being sought by the applicant or host institution regarding the grant, its progress or outcomes.

9. Other Research Award/Funding

Collaborative funding with private companies, patient support groups and other medical research charities will be considered on an individual basis. Initial approaches should be made to the Medical Director.

10. Notification of Decision

Newlife will inform applicants of the decision in February 2018. In respect of unsuccessful applications, the decision of the Trustees is final. It is not the policy of the Charity to provide reviews or to enter into discussions with unsuccessful applicants.

11. Closing Dates –

The closing date is **5pm on Friday 6th October 2017** (late or incomplete applications will not be considered).

A complete application includes the following:-

- Fully signed application form
- Protocol
- The CV of principal investigator
- Ethical approval document (if required)

We must receive nine hard copies by post and all documents also need to be emailed to research@newlifecharity.co.uk

12. Queries

Enquires are welcome before and after your application. Please note the following contact details:

Does your research fit our criteria or medical/scientific/clinical matter related to this application? All queries to: Prof. M. Patton, email: mpatton@newlifecharity.co.uk

Do you have queries about this application form?

If in doubt please contact Newlife Research Administrator to discuss - 01543 468 888, email: research@newlifecharity.co.uk.