

**NEWLIFE START UP
RESEARCH GRANT
ACCOMPANYING NOTES
2017/18**



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. Start Up Grants

Start Up grants should not exceed £15,000. These are specifically to allow researchers to undertake short projects either as complete projects or as a preliminary activity to develop full projects. These grants are not available to complete existing projects.

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 and 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.

4. Grant application Limits

Grant applications that exceed the maximum level £15,000 will be rejected or you may be asked to fund the balance from other sources.

5. Preliminary Outline

A one page summary of the work should be emailed to the Newlife Medical Director (mpatton@newlifecharity.co.uk) for review before an application is submitted to ensure relevancy.

6. 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.

7. 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 one year, but are subject to satisfactory progress at annual review. Other conditions may apply to any offer of a grant that is made.

8. 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 and the institution where the research is primarily carried out, subject to negotiation.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Notification of Decision

Start Up grants are reviewed as soon as possible after receipt and applicants are informed of the decision following this. In respect of unsuccessful applications, the Trustees decision is final. It is not the policy of the charity to provide reviews or to enter into discussions with unsuccessful applicants.

12. Closing Dates

Anytime throughout the year up to 5pm Friday, 16th February 2018. (Late or incomplete applications will not be considered). If the application is received after this date we will carry the application over to the following financial year.

A complete application includes the following:-

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

13. Queries

Enquires are welcome before and after 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 HO to discuss: Research Admin Officer on – 01543 468 888, Email: research@newlifecharity.co.uk.