

Leukaemia UK Project Grant guidelines 2025

Overview

Leukaemia UK is a registered charity that invests in ground-breaking world-class research into leukaemia and related diseases. We fund only innovative research of the highest scientific quality that promises to expand our understanding of leukaemia and other blood cancers, or to discover and develop new treatments for the disease, which ultimately aim to improve the outcomes for all those diagnosed.

Leukaemia UK funds the very best scientists and clinicians who share our commitment and dedication to bring about real change in the treatment and care for all those affected by leukaemia and related disorders.

Scope

The proposed research project must have relevance to leukaemia UK, and/or other related diseases. The proposed research must demonstrate the potential for advancement in the fundamental understanding of leukaemia and/or related diseases or improvement in diagnosis and/or treatment. Translational projects are particularly encouraged.

Leukaemia UK's Project Grant awards will fund only novel, clearly defined projects and will not financially supplement existing research projects.

Successful applications must be able to demonstrate:

- An innovative research project idea
- Scientific excellence
- The potential for high scientific and/or clinical impact

Eligibility

Relevant, high quality and feasible applications are invited from established clinician scientists and/or research scientists, who are group leaders or at group leader level, with an outstanding research track record. For those with a time-limited post, the duration of this post must encompass the proposed timescale of the research proposal.

Joint applications can be submitted, by a Lead applicant and a Co-applicant, subject to the following criteria:

Lead applicant: The 'Principal Investigator' for the proposed research. This must be a senior clinician scientist / senior research scientist, a group leader, or at group leader level. The Lead applicant will have overall responsibility for the project and must be affiliated with a UK research centre, which will be deemed as the 'Host Institution' for contractual purposes.

Co-applicant: An investigator who will contribute to the research project but need not be affiliated with the 'Host Institution'. The Co-applicant should be an established clinician scientist or research scientist but need not be a group leader or at group leader level.

Host Institution: A non-profit research centre of excellence within the UK that will provide the facilities for carrying out the proposed research project.

Please note: Applications for the exact same research project submitted simultaneously to any other funding bodies will not be considered.

Grants

Grants are for up to £250k, to span a maximum duration of three years. The grant may be used for salary and direct costs of the project, but it will not support indirect costs such as institutional overheads. Funding should support one full-time post-doctoral scientist or clinician scientist, research assistant or research technician who can be either named on the application or recruited. Funding for PhD students is not permitted.

The application should provide indicative financial information as to how the award will be utilised, corroborated by the relevant finance department.

Application process

Applications must be submitted via the [Leukaemia UK Funding Management System](#), and will be subject to expert review by members of Leukaemia UK's Scientific and Medical Panel, independent external expert reviewers, and people with experience of leukaemia. The application review process is summarised below; full details can be found on [the Leukaemia UK website](#).

Initial Assessment: Applications may be rejected following an initial assessment after which the applicant will be informed accordingly.

- Applicants must comply with the eligibility criteria.
- The proposed research project must be within the 'scope' previously described. Applications must be properly completed and signed, and page and word limits must be strictly followed.

Expert review: Applications that pass the initial assessment will be sent for expert review to be:

- Assessed and scored by at least five members of Leukaemia UK's Project Grant Expert Review Panel
- Assessed and scored by at least two independent external expert reviewers
- Assessed by lay, patient member(s) of Leukaemia UK's Patient Experience Advisory Panel who provide input and opinion but who do not score applications.

Application feedback: Feedback may be available at the discretion of Leukaemia UK, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Closing date

The closing date for receipt of applications is **midday on 31 July 2025**. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by **19 December 2025**.

Working with the Charity

Project Grant holders will be expected to act as ambassadors for Leukaemia UK.

Charity details

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