

BONE MARROW CANCER RESEARCH TRUST

Guidelines for 2010

Contestable Research Grant Round (1 Year Projects) - PG/2010

The Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust will conduct one Contestable Grant Round in 2010. Applications are invited, under the conditions stated below.

The total amount available for the Grant Round will be \$35,000, with a maximum of \$35,000 for any one Project.

Procedures

Applications meeting the pre-entry criteria and received by the closing date stated below will undergo preliminary assessment by the Scientific Assessing Committee of the Canterbury Medical Research Foundation before final assessment by the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust Executive.

Reporting

A report each 12 months is required to CMRF by 30 June each year. This is a condition of the Project Grant and failure to comply could jeopardise continuing funding of the Project.

A final report is to be received no later than three months after the completion of the Project.

Pre-entry Qualifying Criteria for Applications

Applicants are advised that all applications submitted to the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust Contestable Research Grants must comply with the following conditions.

1. Fields of Research

The Trust considers proposals for research in Cancer/Bone Marrow and Haematology.

2. Host Institutions and Supervision

The project must be conducted under the control, management and supervision of a host institution located in Canterbury, which has the necessary facilities for the conduct and successful completion of the project. These include Canterbury University, Lincoln University, Christchurch School of Medicine & HS, Canterbury District Health Board, CPIT and the Van der Veer Institute.

Supervisors must have the necessary experience to ensure that an appropriate environment, resources and guidance are provided.

3. Applicants

Applicants should have appropriate qualifications and access to suitable expertise and guidance.

4. Funding from Alternative Sources

In the event that an application to the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust is successful, no funds from alternative sources may be accepted for the same costs funded under this scheme. Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust grants must be repaid if this condition is breached.

NB: This condition does not preclude the applicant from applying to alternative sources in addition to the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust, provided that such information is declared in the application. However, the likelihood of alternative funding may be taken into account by

the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust in prioritising the application, because the BMCRT favours projects which, for valid reasons, are less likely to attract support elsewhere.

5. Ethics

The applicant must have read the section “Guidelines on Ethics in Health Research” in the NZARC Handbook. If experimentation on humans or animals is involved, approval of the appropriate Ethics Committee must be applied for at time of application. The Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust will not issue payments until the necessary approval has been obtained.

6. Methodology

Applications which do not provide adequate detail regarding statistical methods of analysing data will not be considered.

NB: It is recommended that applicants seek advice, in the early stages of project planning, from an appropriate Biostatistician.

7. Intellectual Property

Research projects which are expected to lead to Intellectual Property - ownership issues must state the proposed arrangements to deal with the issues.

8. Form of Application

Applications must be submitted on the following form:
PG/2009

9. Closing and Notification Dates

Applications must be submitted by closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

Submitted on Form PG/2009

Closing date: 3 May 2010

Notification date: 1 September 2010

Allocation of General Research Grant Round Funds

All applications which meet entry criteria will be ranked according to the research priorities of the BMCRT.

For the 2010 rounds, those priorities will be:

1. New Appointments

First priority, (subject to meeting the required scientific standards) will be awarded to applications where the principal investigator is new to research. Investigators with some experience but new to Canterbury will also be awarded some priority.

2. Bridging Funding

To provide interim funding for projects funded from other sources, where one funding stage has ended and funding for a following stage is assured.

3. Scientific Quality

The hallmark of all projects supported by the CMRF is scientific excellence.

4. Project Type

In addition to Research Projects, applications that target development of methods, products or processes will be invited and that potential to lead to commercialisable outcomes becomes a positive consideration.

5. Partnership

Applicants that involve partnerships between scientists and engineers/technologists or any other mix of disciplines are especially welcomed and, all else being equal, such projects will have priority.

6. Funding of Research Equipment

The Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust does not fund equipment.

Note Travel & Conference Expenses

Will not be available with the project grant round. (Priority will be given to suitable Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust project grant researchers to present their work at acceptable scientific meetings only through the CMRF Travel Grants & Grants-in-Aid funds).

Additional Funding Targets

Subject to availability of reserves, additional grants could be made at any time to assist in the following in particular circumstances.

- a) Project Extensions: Monies to be made available to assist mature research and/or development projects that are within sight of producing a high value social, clinical or economic output but which are unable to attract funding to deliver this.
- b) Small Grants: Targeted at supporting work aimed at providing a preliminary answer to specific research questions that lie outside the gambit of a funded research programme. The research programme to which it contributes may or may not be receiving other CMRF funding.

Applicants for a) and b) can be applied for with an initial letter stating the case.

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