

# DPUK Discovery Awards

## Apply for funding to undertake research using DPUK cohort data

### What we're looking for:

#### PROJECTS:

- You should identify an important biomedical or population health research question that is answered by analysing data via the DPUK Data Portal;
- Should request a maximum of £50K with the financial request appropriately justified in relation to the scope of the proposed work;
- Work should be able to be completed by 30 June 2019 and
- Meet the requirements for the application process for data access to the DPUK data portal.

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Applications for a Discovery Award involve a Lead Applicant and, as appropriate, a number of Co-applicant(s). The research grouping must also include at least one Early Career Researcher. Information about the responsibilities of each post are listed in the Terms and Conditions of the Awards.

Applicants may only apply for one award as a Lead Applicant but may be named as a co-applicant on a number of awards.

#### Lead Applicants

- must be a researcher at a university, i.e. not an industry researcher;\*
- hold an academic or research post and
- have a salary, or the guarantee of a salary, for the duration of the award period.

*\* If you are an industry researcher who needs to find a university researcher to work with, please contact us regarding using our researcher matching service to help you find university collaborators*

#### Early Career Researchers (ECRs)

We wish to encourage ECRs to develop their scientific independence and expand their research horizons so they become leaders in the field. To be eligible you should:

- either be in the final year of your PhD studies or be an [early career researcher](#) with some initial postdoctoral experience.
- have started to make important contributions to your area of research, e.g. publications, patents, software development or an impact on policy.
- have an eligible sponsoring organisation that will administer the award for the full duration of the award.

Please note that at the end of the award it is expected that ECRs be able to show they have the potential to be an independent leader in their area of research and be in a position to apply for more advanced (intermediate level) funding schemes.

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#### **Industry researchers seeking Co-applicant status:**

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You must collaborate with a lead applicant from a not-for-profit research organisation or higher education institution in order to be a co-applicant on an award. Please note however that there are no restrictions on industry researchers using the DPUK Data Portal, providing they meet the MRC definition of bona fide researchers and research organisations. Salary costs for industry researchers may not be sought as part of this award.

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#### **Research assistants seeking Co-applicant status may be seeking a salary from the award or be funded by another agency but must fulfil the following:**

- be a postdoctoral research assistant;
- must be making a significant contribution to the research proposal and
- normally have a salary for the duration of the award period (if you don't have a salary, your employing organisation must guarantee salary support for the duration of the award).

#### **HOST INSTITUTION:**

You must have a host university that will administer your award. Eligible host organisations should:

- be not-for-profit research organisations or a higher education institution
- able to sign up to the [Terms & Conditions](#) for the Discovery Awards
- agree to provide the space and resources you'll need from the start date through to the end date of your award.

#### **WHAT WE WILL ASSESS**

Your proposal will be peer reviewed by independent scientific experts. Assessments are based on four core criteria:

- **Importance:** how important are the questions, or gaps in knowledge, that are being addressed?
- **Data Portal cohorts:** that you have carefully justified your use of the cohorts chosen from DPUK data portal resource
- **Scientific potential:** what are the prospects for good scientific progress?
- **Resources requested:** are the funds requested essential for the work, and do the importance and scientific potential justify funding on the scale requested?

**In assessing your application, the panel will review:**

- the quality and importance of your research question(s)
- your research contributions
- your knowledge of the scientific area
- the feasibility of your proposal
- the suitability of your research environments
- demonstrate that you will directly be using cohort data from the DPUK data portal
- as appropriate, your vision of how this award will contribute to your career development.

**N.B. If you've been away from research (e.g. for a career break, maternity leave, or long-term sick leave), we'll allow for this when we consider your application.**

**WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR:**

<b>Eligible costs - applicant you may apply for...</b>	<b>Ineligible costs – applicant may not apply for...</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ full personal salary costs (if you are an early career researcher)</li><li>✓ Salary support for research staff</li><li>✓ consumables expenses</li><li>✓ travel costs</li><li>✓ data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs (including Open Access publishing costs)</li><li>✓ capital equipment appropriate for the research project, (not basic computers).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ funding for use as a 'bridge' between grants</li><li>✗ costs for PhD studentships</li><li>✗ Computers (as we expect that the employer will provide computers and laptops for research staff)</li><li>✗ Patent costs and other IP costs are not eligible as universities already receive funding for these from HEIF.</li><li>✗ over £50k</li><li>✗ indirect costs</li></ul>