

CR@B COVID-19 mitigation award Funding Guidance 2021

Thanks to the generous donations from Bath Alumni, Cancer Research at Bath (CR@B) is pleased to announce top-up research funding to PhD students and Postdoctoral researchers whose research has been impacted by COVID. We appreciate that everyone's research activities have been disrupted because of the pandemic, but early career researchers have been particularly hard hit due to the typical 3-4 year time-limit of a PhD, and fixed term researcher contracts.

The awards **up to £2,000** maximum are for projects/activities related to cancer research and are open to PhD students and Postdoctoral Researchers at the University of Bath and the Royal United Hospital. The mission of CR@B is to encourage translational cancer research and collaborations between the University and the Royal United Hospital.

Applications will be reviewed externally and ranked, with the top placed proposals being funded until the total budget of *circa* £10,000 is exhausted. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to present a pitch/interview before the final awards are announced (details will be provided). Decisions will be final. Feedback on unsuccessful applications will not be provided. In the unlikely event the number/quality of the applications do not pass a threshold of excellence, awards totalling less than £10k can be made and unspent funds will be carried over to the next CR@B funding initiative.

Applications for these awards should be submitted using the pro-forma attached.

Closing date for applications: Midday 31st October 2021. Successful applications will be announced early December 2021.

Criteria and Guidance:

Aims:

To support cancer research activities of PhD students and Post docs at the University of Bath and the RUH.

Scope:

Funding is available for projects, activities or equipment relating to cancer research. The maximum amount available for a single grant will be £2,000 **although smaller awards are encouraged**. Awards will be made on a competitive basis. The application should highlight specific aspects of the research that were impacted by the pandemic and how these funds would support your research output. Projects can be stand-alone or be part of an existing programme – **the quality of research, the fit of the proposal to the CR@B remit, and potential outcomes** are the main criteria assessed.

Eligibility:

Applicants **must** be a current PhD student or Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Bath or the Royal United Hospital, with at least one of the applicants (Principal or Co-Applicant) a member of the University of Bath. PhD and PostDocs need the approval of their research supervisor.

Eligible Costs:

We will consider various types of research activities, including, but not limited to:

- Consumables
- Small equipment
- Travel fares associated with collaboration
- University facility costs

N.B. Funding can **NOT** be used for salaries, stipends, bench fees, commuting, accommodation or living expenses.

Funded awards will be made to the K-account of the principle applicant's supervisor at Bath. (*i.e.* arrangements for transfer to co-applicants will need to be agreed between the PA and the Co-A).

Assessment Criteria:

CR@B is looking for proposals that showcase the best cancer research in the University and are worthy of the Alumni donations and clearly applications must demonstrate:

- Cancer relevant research questions
- Robust research methodology/scientific quality
- Potential for translation
- Clear research outcomes/outputs
- Opportunities to develop new collaborations or to strengthen existing collaborations (if appropriate to the applicant and/or proposed research activity)

Conditions of application and award:

- Applications must be made using the attached pro-forma
- Applications must include a completed University of Bath's Ethical Implications of Research Activity (EIRA) 1 form. Please provide either an existing form which covers the proposal, or complete a new form here <http://www.bath.ac.uk/services/ethical-implications-of-research-activity-eira-1/>
- Successful applicants will be expected to provide a short one-page report detailing the outputs/outcomes of their award and any follow on. This will be required within 3 months of the project finishing. It will be used to report back to our sponsors and should be written to be suitable for a lay audience. These will be made available on the website, unless you specifically request it not be made available.
- Successful applicants must credit CR@B in any poster, publication or other output arising from the funded project.
- Successful applicants would be expected to present their findings at a future CR@B symposium.
- The project must be complete and award spent by 31st November 2022.
- The K-account holder needs to submit a Budget sheet recording expenditure and relevant receipts at the end of the award term accounting for how funds were spent

Enquiry

Please contact crabcommittee@lists.bath.ac.uk if you have any further queries, but completed applications should be submitted to Ben Hutchinson bjh55@bath.ac.uk