



GOSH Charity COVID-19 Rapid Response Intramural Grants Call for Applications

Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity's (GOSH Charity) mission is to enhance GOSH's ability to transform the health and wellbeing of children and young people. The current outbreak of COVID-19 presents unprecedented challenges to the work undertaken by the medical and research staff across GOSH and the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (ICH). Recognising that such challenges demand the urgent development of innovative solutions and new ways of working, the charity is launching a special intramural call to rapidly allocate funds for COVID-19-related projects.

Scope

GOSH Charity is inviting applications from GOSH / ICH related to COVID-19, to provide benefit to GOSH and the community of patients and families it serves, or to the ability of GOSH staff to continue delivering their care effectively during this crisis. Projects may focus on the development or improvement of services or propose original research. The applications should show how progress within the period of the award could make a valuable contribution to the current management of the COVID-19 outbreak. This may include applications relating to understanding, diagnosis, prognosis, prevention, management or surveillance.

Eligibility

The projects must be based at or relevant to GOSH. Applications from external partners are welcomed, but it is expected that these would be supported by or in collaboration with a GOSH Principal Investigator or a lead clinician, who would be the main applicant.

Funding available and duration

Up to £500,000 has been made available for this call. While the amount awarded to each grant will vary according to the needs of each project, the expectation is that projects should be small to medium sized, with a maximum duration of 12 months. However, flexibility may be considered on a case by case basis, which should be discussed with the GOSH Charity Grants Department prior to submission.

Funding may be used to cover costs associated with salaries, consumables, equipment and any additional directly incurred costs. Funding for salaries will only apply to staff who are not already covered by other funding sources. All involved staff must be available to start immediately.

Deadline and application process

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis over the coming months (period subject to review at short notice in line with the evolving situation). We encourage applicants to submit as soon as feasible to maximise impact. Applicants will submit a short application form by emailing grants@gosh.org to be assessed by a small review panel. We aim to have feedback for applicants within five working days of submitting the proposal. Timeframes may be longer for higher or more complex funding requests. We ask applicants to be ready and willing to respond to any questions in line with the rapid response nature of this call.

Further information

Due to the exceptional nature of this call, applicants are encouraged to contact the GOSH Charity Grants Department at grants@gosh.org to discuss their projects or any questions that may arise.