

ST GEORGE'S, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund
Academic Collaboration Fund
Guidance (deadline extended)

1. About the scheme:

The SGUL WT ISSF academic collaboration fund aims to encourage St George's Hospital Trust staff to engage in academic research in collaboration with research staff in the University. This investment seeks to ensure continuity of clinical input and collaboration in our research portfolio, which has historically been one of our main areas of strength. A requirement of ISSF investment, is that research areas of importance to the Wellcome Trust will be prioritised, particularly those that are currently being funded at St. George's. This is the second call for applications under this scheme.

2. Eligibility:

Applications are invited from Hospital Trust staff. The support must be used to develop a research collaboration with a Principal Investigator in the University. A collaborator must be a member of staff from one of the three Research Institutes (Infection and Immunity, Molecular and Clinical Sciences or Population Health), Institute of Medical or Biomedical Education, or the joint Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education. Funding is in the form of research PAs for successful applicants. Applicants are invited to apply for 1 to 2 sessions per week for up to 6 months to carry out a defined piece of research work; up to 3 awards are available in the second call. Awards must end by December 2019.

The primary intention of the call is to provide support to Hospital Staff not funded in the earlier phase of the scheme, but second applications from previously successful applicants will exceptionally also be considered. Applicants unsuccessful in the previous round are eligible to resubmit.

3. Assessment criteria:

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Research strength and focus that fits with St George's, University of London research themes (please refer to the Institute webpages);
- Potential to stimulate promising lines of research;
- Likelihood of sustainable research (e.g. to generate research grant applications to external major funding bodies, intellectual property, publishable data, and/or new research collaborations).
- Multi-disciplinarity of research

4. How to apply:

To apply, please return the completed application form together with a CV of the applicant and collaborator electronically **by Monday 20th May 2019, 12pm**, to Yvonne Castle, Research Strategy & Development Manager (ycastle@sgul.ac.uk), who will coordinate all applications. Please ensure that the 'Authorisation & Sign-off' section is completed before submission. Applications without approval from the Care Group Lead and Institute Director will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be expected to use the funds allocated by 31st December 2019 and to submit a progress report to the WT ISSF Management Committee one year after application approval.