



SBRI Healthcare Programme: NHS England and NHS Improvement competition for development contracts

APPLICANT AND PORTAL GUIDANCE

These Guidance Notes complement the Invitation to Tender document, the Challenge Brief and the Template Application form, and are designed to help you complete your application to the SBRI Healthcare Programme. You can find the documents on the [SBRI Competition 21 website](#).

Funding prerequisites

The following funding prerequisites apply to all applications and will be considered by the funding Panel:

1. A commitment to involve members of the public and patients in the design and management of the research, evaluation or study.
2. A commitment to actively engage in tackling healthcare inequalities, and in supporting diversity and inclusion, by including communities where the proposed innovation will make the biggest impact.
3. Steps towards contributing to the overall carbon neutral strategy for the NHS.

Guidance for completing your application on the PMO Portal

These notes should be read alongside your application as they are designed to help you provide the information required.

Please keep the use of acronyms to a minimum. Only use acronyms where a term is mentioned frequently throughout the proposal. If you choose to use an acronym, do not assume that the reader knows what it means, and be sure to define it, bearing in mind that individual sections of the application may be read separately during the selection process.

In order for your application to be accepted, you must submit the minimum required information. This information includes all mandatory fields from the application form (as indicated with a red asterisk next to questions). If you do not complete this information, you will not be able to submit your application.

We ask that all participants in the application (Team Members, Sub-Contractors, and Clinical Partners) have approved accounts on the Research Management System so that they can be added to the application form. Please ensure you leave enough time for this.

If you do not have all the answers you need to fully complete the application, you may save your progress using the 'Save and Close' button and return to the application process at a later date.

Guidance on the individual sections of the application form is provided in the following sections.

Section 1: Application Summary

Information entered into this section provides a summary of your application.

Application title

Please provide the title for the project. This should be descriptive, concise and contain keywords relevant to the project. Any abbreviations should be spelled out in full.

Sub-challenge selection

Please select the appropriate sub-challenge addressed by your innovation.

Host organisation

Please give details of the organisation who will be responsible if the project is funded.

Contract Start date

Please enter the start date for your project, which are expected to start approximately six weeks after the Interview Panel. The start date is provisional and will be confirmed by the PMO.

Contract duration

Projects can be up to a maximum of 12 months in duration.

Total contract cost (NET)

This will be auto-populated based on the information provided in Section 6. The upper funding limit of this SBRI Healthcare Phase 3 competition is £500,000 excluding VAT.

Costs to support basic research, development of research hypotheses, and experimental designs that have no practical commercial application are not eligible.

Type of innovation

Please choose the most appropriate description of the innovation using the dropdown list provided.

Technology readiness level (TRL)

Please choose the most appropriate TRL of the innovation using the dropdown list provided.

Health category

Please choose the most appropriate health category related to your application.

Market segment

Please choose the most appropriate market segment related to your application.

Market size

Please provide the expected market size for your proposed technology. Please consider including details from reputable sources on patient population size, cost of the problem, percentage share of the market that the solution could realistically capture, etc.

AHSN involved in the project

Please select all that apply from the list provided.

AHSN role

Please describe the role of AHSN in the project (*max 50 words*).

Section 2: Organisation Details

Complete details relevant to your organisation. Please choose from the dropdown list where provided.

- Organisation website
- Company registration number (for those in the UK)
- VAT registration number. If this is not applicable, please use N/A
- Region (where the company is registered)
- Type of organisation
- Organisation size

- Organisation status
- Main business activity (*max 10 words*)
- Annual turnover (*max 10 words*)

Section 3: Plain English Summary (*max 300 words*)

A plain English summary is a clear explanation of your project. The plain English summary may be used to inform reviewers, including experts who might not have specialist knowledge of your field as well as members of the public of your funding application. If your application for funding is successful, the summary may be used on the SBRI Healthcare website.

Please make sure your summary is free of technical jargon, easy to read, and provides an overview of your proposal.

It is helpful to involve patients / carers / members of the public in developing a plain English summary.

When writing your summary consider including the following information where appropriate:

1. aim(s) of the project
2. background to the project
3. design and methods used
4. patient and public involvement
5. dissemination

The plain English summary is not the same as a scientific abstract, please do not cut and paste this or other sections of your application form to create the plain English summary.

Section 4: Project Plan

4a) Description of proposed technology/device/service (*max 500 words*)

Please provide a narrative description for what the innovation is and how it addresses the theme AND sub-challenge selected.

The following should be provided:

- A brief description of the proposed solution
- What is the problem that the solution aims to address and how does this meet the published challenge brief?
- What is the current development state of the proposed solution?
- What are the expected outcomes of the project?
- How will the solution benefit patients, the NHS and/or Social Care sector and the wider market?

4b) Description of the technology's evidence accumulated to date (*max 700 words*)

The applicants should address the following questions in detail:

- What stage of development is your innovation? In particular, the following evidence should be provided:
 - **CE marking or UKCA certification** for the innovation in the proposed pathway.
 - If not yet CE marked/UKCA certified, evidence must be provided that this is in process and whether approval will be obtained within the duration of the project.
 - If CE mark or UKCA are not relevant, please specify if **other regulatory approval** is needed and whether this has been obtained.
 - For digital interventions, the NICE Digital Health Technology Framework should be consulted and a plan to meet the evidence guidelines presented. Please consult the NHSX guidelines for "Designing and building products and services" for the latest links to relevant standards, guidelines, and consultations

- Evidence that NHS Digital Technology Assessment Criteria (DTAC) has been considered if relevant.
- Demonstration and evidence of **clinical efficacy and safety** through the appropriate studies, e.g., clinical trials.
- Where does your innovation fit within the care pathway?
 - Applicants may attach a schematic to illustrate this.
- What is the evidence?
 - This may include a description on the size of sample of evidence, which may include the number of patients and sites involved in the generation of evidence.
 - Whether PPI played a role in the development of the innovation and how PPI contributed to the studies to gather evidence.
- What is the impact on the system?
 - This may include a description on how the innovation would impact health services, how the system will need to adapt (including people, process, and culture) in order to deliver system-wide benefits.

4c) Project description and breakdown (max 1000 words)

The applicants are expected to provide the following information:

- The proposed work packages, including what will be conducted within each of the work packages, key measurable deliverables, and how these will be delivered.
- A detailed description of the implementation process and how it will be measured.
- A project Gantt chart to support the project breakdown.
- Key risks to the project and state how these will be mitigated against.
- A description of how patients and service users will be involved and engaged with them during this project. If you are not planning to engage with patients you **MUST** explain why.
- A description of evaluation plans for project outputs and outcomes.
- Sample size of the study and how it was calculated.

4d) Milestones

Please list up to 10 key milestones for the project along with timings for completion. The number of milestones should be appropriate for the project, you do not need to use the maximum number.

The milestones should be comprehensive and the success criteria able to be assessed objectively (e.g. 'all tests delivered to 99% accuracy' or 'for statistical significance, 2000 samples must be processed') with an emphasis throughout on practicality as this initiative is seeking evidence that the technology is viable in the proposed setting and can be effectively deployed to and adopted by NHS trusts. Appropriate record keeping and reporting are essential, but reports are not in themselves the main goal of the project. Please indicate the roles that would contribute to the milestone under 'Resource'.

4e) Key competitors and unique selling point (max 300 words)

Please provide details of any competitor technologies or market alternatives, which should include the following:

- The advantages of the proposed solution compared to the current standard of care.
- Details of any competing technologies or alternatives in the wider market (either on the market or in development), and describe the advantages and innovativeness of your proposed solution over these (i.e. what is your unique selling point).
- Define the market you plan to address; including size, barriers to entry, and cost of the problem.

4f) Intellectual property (IP) (max 300 words)

The definition of Intellectual Property (IP) includes patents, trademarks, designs, copyright (such as new software, checklists, scales, protocols, questionnaires, toolkits, guidelines or similar), research tools (such

as data analysis techniques, assays, cell lines, biomarkers, materials or equipment and devices) and (clinical) data.

Please provide details on the following:

- Any relevant existing background IP that will be utilised during the project and the current ownership arrangements, including patents or patent applications.
- Any foreground IP which will be produced or improved during the project and how this IP will be captured and managed. Also provide details regarding expected ownership of foreground IP.
- Any Freedom to Operate (FTO) search that has been conducted to date. If no search has been conducted, please explain your rationale.

4g) Commercialisation and NHS/Social Care implementation strategy (max 1000 words)

Please give an overview of your commercialisation and business plan for the product or service you are developing, including market launch and long-term adoption. Please include:

- An overview of your commercialisation and business plans, with consideration to whom will use the solution, how it will be purchased and the likely cost of the solution.
- Your business model for adoption, including implementation costs/implications, workforce requirements, etc.
- Stakeholder engagement plan to support end user/operational/clinical uptake/buy-in/roll out of the innovation
- The expected timescales for regional/national spread and the steps needed for adoption after the project.
- Plans for long term sustainability of the technology.
- How you will ensure that the innovation is affordable to the end users, NHS, and the wider system such as Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) both immediately and throughout the life of the product.
- The evidence, both health economics and delivery of true impact, the NHS and wider system will require before the technology can be adopted.

4h) Patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) (max 300 words)

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) is an accepted and recommended working practice within healthcare research ensuring that solutions are co-produced with patients, meet patient needs, and to ensure there is an acceptability among end-users. Applicants are expected to develop a thorough PPIE strategy as part of their project. Please consider including the following information in this section:

- What are your plans for PPIE? Please provide specific details such as the way you will be engaging with the patients and the public, the frequency at which you will plan this engagement and the specific outputs.
- How will the relevant patient groups be involved in the development of innovation roll out and NHS adoption strategy?
- How will you ensure that the innovation will be acceptable to patients, their families, carers, the wider support network, and healthcare professionals?

For further information regarding PPIE, we strongly recommend applicants to refer to [Involve guidance](#).

4i) Equality, diversity, inclusion, and net zero policy (max 300 words)

The SBRI Healthcare programme is committed to promote equality, diversity and inclusion, reduce health inequalities through the development of technologies and solutions it is funding and finally, to ensure that proposed technologies/solutions are considering steps towards the carbon neutral strategy and objectives for the NHS.

Applicants are expected to analyse the impact of their technologies on the wider population and people with protected characteristics, underserved and underrepresented population and to consider geographical reach.

More information on what constitutes a health inequality can be found on [The King's Fund](#) website.

The programme is also committed to ensure that proposed technologies/solutions are considering steps towards the carbon neutral strategy and objectives for the NHS as identified in the [Delivering a Net Zero NHS](#) report. Particularly, we expect applicants to consider the impact of their technologies on the carbon emissions throughout the lifecycle of their products, and how it will contribute to net-zero emission by 2040.

Section 5 – Team

Please note that members of the project team and project partners will need to be ‘invited’ through the PMO RMS via email to participate as team members, after which they must confirm their participation. The same process applies with the clinical partners and sub-contractors. The application cannot be submitted without doing so.

Firstly, please ensure the team member(s), sub-contractor(s) and clinical partner(s) are registered onto the RMS portal (<https://pmo.ccgrantracker.com/>). Once their account is registered and approved, the lead applicant will be able to ‘invite’ the team member(s), sub-contractor(s) and clinical partner(s) to the application.

Please ensure that those invited to collaborate on this application confirm their involvement in good time, as the application cannot be submitted without this.

The role and time commitment of team members, advisors and sub-contractors should be included.

Please note that for applications to be considered all fields within this section must be completed fully and to a satisfactory level. This includes complete descriptions of team members, sub-contractors, advisors, clinical/HCP partners, their experience, their roles in the project, FTE commitments (if applicable) and costs.

5a) Team members

Please add details of all team members and their role in the project. A maximum of 10 team members can be added. Do not include sub-contractors in this section.

Team members are those individuals with responsibility for the day-to-day management and delivery of the project. Team members are considered employees of the Lead Organisation and are expected to share responsibility for its successful delivery. All other members outside of the Lead Organisation should be added under sub-contractor, advisor, clinical partners or other posts as appropriate.

Please provide a job title, detailed description of the role performed in the project, time allocated to the project and relevant experience and skills. Time allocated to the project should ideally be expressed as an FTE percentage (the time allocated during the period of the project indicated as a proportion of the working hours for a Full Time Equivalent position).

Relevant commercial and management expertise of team members should be included.

5b) Sub-contractor(s) and advisor(s)

Please provide the details of any sub-contractors or advisors involved in your application. A maximum of 10 sub-contractors/advisors can be added. Please provide a job title, detailed description of the role performed in the project, time allocated to the project and relevant experience and skills of the sub-contractor(s) or advisor(s).

The use of sub-contractors is optional, however where your proposal involves sub-contracted individuals or companies, or benefits from the input of named expert advisors, details should be Applicant and portal guidance 8 provided.

While quotes for activities can be in the form of forecasts in this application, you will be asked to provide

formal quotes as part of the due diligence process if you are successful. If an advisor provides services at no cost or at a level of expenses incurred only, this detail should be indicated.

5c) Clinical/healthcare professional (HCP) partner(s)

Please provide the organisation name, clinician/HCP's job title, a detailed description of the role performed in the project, time allocated to the project and relevant experience and skills of the clinical/HCP partner(s).

The use of a clinical/HCP partner is not mandatory, but it is strongly recommended. A maximum of 10 clinical/HCP partners can be added.

5d) Other Posts (*max 300 words*)

Please provide a detailed description of any other posts that are yet to be confirmed or appointed for the project. Please also provide the job title, a detailed description of the role performed in the project, time allocated to the project and relevant experience and skills that are required for the role.

Section 6 – Budget

6a) Application Finances

Please note that SBRI Healthcare is a pre-commercial procurement programme and as such it is not a grant and not VAT exempt. If you are successful, you will be awarded a Development Contract which is subject to VAT. All project costs should be indicated as NET cost incurred and a VAT charge at 20% may be applied. Please note that proposed projects can request a maximum total of £500,000 NET costs and requests for funding above this will be rejected.

Please provide a line-by-line summary of costs for Phase 1 in the table supplemented. The costs quoted must reflect actual costs at a “fair market value” and profit should not be included. Please note that when indicating costs, please indicate the NET costs in the respective rows of the table supplemented.

- Labour costs (for all those contributing to the project)
- Material costs (including consumables specific to the project)
- Capital equipment costs
- Sub-contract costs
- Travel and subsistence costs
- Indirect costs • Other costs
- Total NET costs (auto populated)
- Please confirm if you will be claiming VAT at 20% (please tick yes if you will apply VAT to the total costs)

*Please note VAT is the responsibility of the invoicing organisation.

6b) Justification (*max 500 words*)

Please provide a justification of the costs, or staff involved and quotes from sub-contractors where applicable.

If there is significant use of sub-contractors, please explain how these will be used and the costs of each. Please note the Assessors are required to judge the application finances in terms of value for money, evaluating whether the proposed cost for effort and deliverables in a proposal reflect a fair market price.

Itemisation of costs and methods of calculation may be requested at a later date to support the application.

Please download, complete and finally attach the SBRI Finance spreadsheet with the details of all your costs following the different costs categories:

- START – AWARD DETAILS
- Labour costs
- Material costs

- Capital equipment costs
- Sub-contract costs
- Travel and subsistence costs
- Indirect costs
- Other costs

In the Labour costs section, please provide details of posts and salaries of team members. This includes: name, role, grade (put N/A if not relevant), annual salary and on-costs (cost incurred by the organisation to employ someone), %FTE dedicated to the project and the total number of months on the project (1-12). Use only Year 1 for your Phase 1 project. Please also include details about staff that are to be recruited and justify staff positions in the 'Justification of Costs' section at the bottom of the sheet and ensure the posts/figures entered are in line with those entered in the application form.

In the Material costs section, please provide details of the consumables required for the project and justify the costs wherever possible, particularly for larger consumables items.

In the Capital equipment section, capital expenditure should be clearly justified in relation to the project and the cost should take into account the duration of the project. Leasing equipment from a provider or borrowing from existing facilities is an option to consider. Any equipment should be itemised over the value of £250. Anything under can be grouped. All equipment should be clearly justified at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

In the Sub-contractor costs section, please outline the hourly/daily rate for each provider including consultancy, sub-contractors, IP and legal. Here we also expect to see payment for PPIE time (rates should be provided to justify the costs), PPIE travel fees, accommodation and subsistence where applicable, support costs if required and training.

In the Travel and subsistence costs section, please include project-related travel costs using the most economic means possible. Please note that meals & accommodation are acceptable. Remember to add details to justify the costs (number of visits, travel required, subsistence associated to a specific meeting, etc.) and provide details of conferences and the number of Applicant and portal guidance 10 people attending (If applicable).

In the Indirect costs section, you may include:

- Estate costs: for example, building and premises costs, services/utilities, rent or lease, insurance, etc.
- Other indirect costs may include other departmental costs (for example Finance & HR).

Finally, in the Other costs section you should include all other cost items which do not fit elsewhere, such as any dissemination costs related to publication or dissemination of findings. Please note that services outside England are acceptable but should be clearly justified in the justification section. Please note that a SBRI Healthcare award is not a grant but is considered as a development contract responding to a tender, as such, Full Economic Costing (FEC) is not covered. If the Lead Organisation is a University, please refer to your finance/contracts office for guidance on tender applications. Please note that for the application to be considered a complete breakdown of requested budget using the template provided is required. Budget provided in other formats will not be accepted. The funding requested in the spreadsheet should also be aligned with the application form.

Section 7 – Supporting Information

Please submit the following supporting documents with your application form:

- Regulatory approval document/clinical evidence to support innovation (up to 5 pages A4 – mandatory)
- Healthcare pathway diagram (requested in section 4b – not mandatory)
- Project Gantt chart (requested in section 4c - mandatory)
- Finance Sheet (requested in section 6a - mandatory)
- Additional supporting information (1 page A4 – not mandatory)

In addition to the mandatory supporting documents, applicants may submit **1 A4 page**, (e.g., a flow diagram illustrating the study design and the flow of participants, diagrams, pictures etc.). If submitting a flow

diagram, applicants should also describe complex interventions and controls as accurately and fully as possible within their diagram.

Please note that uploads must be provided as a Word or PDF document.

Please note that excessive attachments may lead to your application being excluded from the assessment process.

Section 8 – Administrative Contact Details

Please provide the details of an administrative lead as a secondary point of contact for any queries relating to this application.

Section 9 – Validation Summary

Please follow the steps on the screen in order to validate and submit your application.

All mandatory fields should be completed and project partners invited should have validated and approved their participation.

Once submitted, the completed application can be viewed or downloaded from the PMO RMS Portal. However, you will no longer have the ability to edit the application.

Please visit the [SBRI Healthcare competition pages](#) for details on the application deadlines. Only those applications received before the competition deadline will be accepted. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY POST OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS OTHER THAN THROUGH THE PORTAL.**

For more information please see www.sbrihealthcare.co.uk. Questions **on the challenges and scope of this SBRI Healthcare competition** should be addressed to the Programme Management Office via email to sbri@lgcgroup.com.

Further guidance on using the Research Management System (RMS)

Applications must be made through the RMS [online application portal](#). A template application form may be downloaded from the SBRI Healthcare website. However, please note that this is for demonstration purposes only and may not be used to submit an application.

Register as a new user


Only registered users of the RMS application portal can apply. Applicants new to using the application portal should register as a new user. Once logged into your account the application portal home page is the starting point to create applications, access co-applications and to update contact information and professional details.


1. As a new user, on the right-hand side of the homepage, select “Register”

New users

Please register with us to create your account using your institutional email address.

Please note that all new users require validation by the Programme Management prior to receiving access to the system. We will endeavour to complete this validation process as soon as possible (within standard working hours) following completion of your initial registration

[System Help](#) 

2. Enter your organisation email address and confirm. Your email address will become your sign-in username. Please use your organisational (NOT personal) email address for this. Select “Next”
3. Enter your details in all fields and select ‘Next’. Note:  denotes a mandatory field which must be completed.

Register

Thank you. Please complete the remainder of this short registration form.
 (* denotes a mandatory field for registration)

To register for access to the Programme Management Offices Research Management System please enter your personal details in the form below. Upon successful registration, a confirmation of your login and password will be sent to the email address supplied. Registered users should only have a single account, so if you already have an account in the system please return to the login screen.

Our purpose for collecting this data is to register you in the system and to have the necessary information to communicate with you about grant management activities. The data we collect here is collected in the public interest. Information provided here may be subject to Freedom of Information requests. These notices are under constant review and will be updated and/or revised based on that review as appropriate.

If you have any other queries about registration or an existing account then please contact us.

Email

Title *

First Name *

Last Name *

Nationality *

Expertise

25 word max (25 words left) *

Speciality *

Position *

Department *

Organisation *

To select your organisation, begin typing its name and select from the list.

Address

City

County

Postcode

Country

to select the country, enter a minimum 3 characters and select from the list

International Dialing Code

Telephone

4. Ensure the Consent question entitled “Communication Preferences” at the bottom of the page is answered.

Consent Please indicate whether you consent to the following:

Communication Preferences


The Programme Management Office would like to communicate with you regarding networking events, funding or collaboration opportunities which we believe you may find useful. If you consent, we will let you know about these opportunities via email. You can unsubscribe or change your preferences at any time via the RMS system or by contacting us at pmo@ccgrantracker.com

Do you consent to this?

5. Select the “Terms and Conditions” and, once read, tick the confirmation box.

Terms and Conditions

Before you can submit your registration, please read and accept our terms and conditions below.

 [Terms and Conditions](#) I accept

To complete the registration process, please click the submit button below. By doing so you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions detailed in the above link.

6. Click "Submit"
7. An email containing a link to create your password to subsequently gain access to the system will be sent to the previously entered email address once your registration details have been approved by a grant administrator. Please allow two working days for the registration to be completed.
8. Please add <mailto:pmo@ccggranttracker.com> to your trusted senders as these emails are prone to Spam or Junk folders.

In order to register successfully, please comply with the following:

- We insist on institutional emails if available – This is a double check that the contact is who they say they are and represent the organisation registered with (anyone can create a Gmail/Hotmail account and claim to be someone).
- We do not accept generic / group emails – The RMS is used for conflict checks and will flag these. If numerous people are using one email conflicts aren't picked up and we will not know who is using the system.
- We do not accept multiple accounts – Again to ensure conflict checking is effective.
- Registered Organisations – The UK associated organisation must be registered / available on Companies house, Charity Commissions, UK Register of Learning Providers or Organisations Data Service. Funding will only be given to organisations which are suitably credit checked using these.
- Sole Traders – The PMO does not fund sole traders as they will not pass financial checks.

Access the RMS

Existing Users

Please log in to access your account.

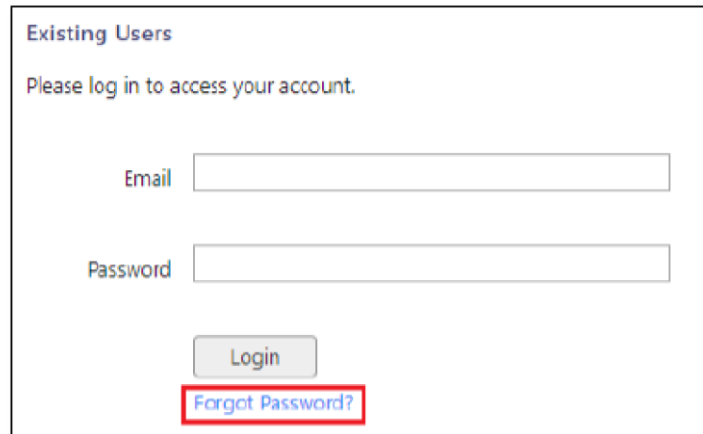
Email

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

1. Enter your email address and password and click "log in". If you are accessing the system for the first time, the Basic Information page will display. Once the relevant fields have been completed, press Save button
2. The account home page will now display indicating access to the system.

Forgotten password



Existing Users

Please log in to access your account.

Email

Password

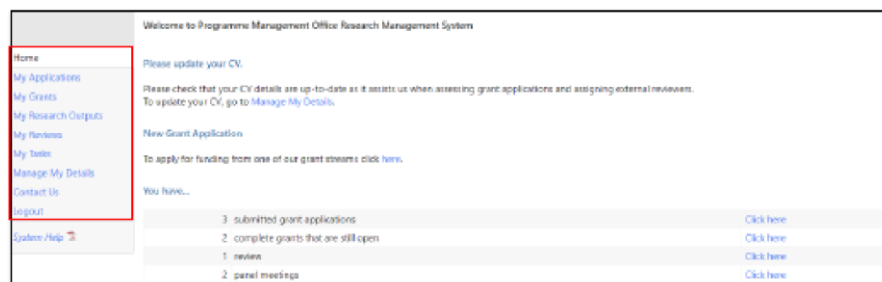
Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

1. From the PMO home page click the “Forgotten Password?” hyperlink.
2. Enter the email address with which you registered and click submit
3. An email containing instructions for resetting your password will be sent to the registered email address.

Please note, persistent use (>3 attempts) of an incorrect password will lock your account; this is to protect you from attempts to access your data by a third party. If this happens, you can request a new password via the forgotten password function.

The RMS Home Page



Welcome to Programme Management Office Research Management System

Please update your CV.

Please check that your CV details are up-to-date as it assists us when assessing grant applications and assigning external reviewers. To update your CV, go to [Manage My Details](#).

New Grant Application

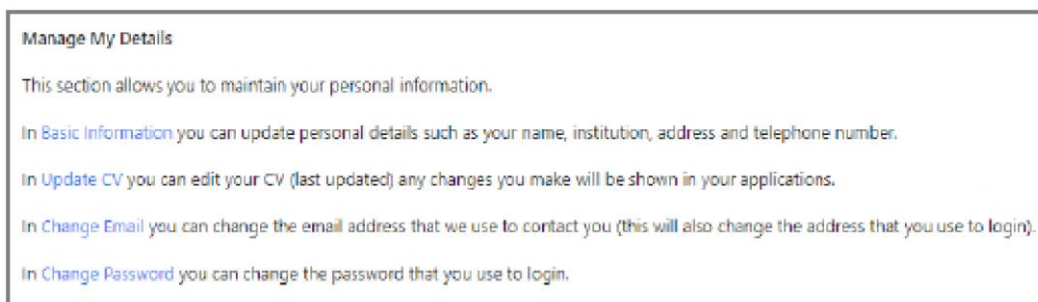
To apply for funding from one of our grant streams click [here](#).

You have...

3	submitted grant applications	Click here
2	complete grants that are still open	Click here
1	reviews	Click here
2	panel meetings	Click here

Managing my details

Select “Manage My Details” from the left-hand menu



Manage My Details

This section allows you to maintain your personal information.

In [Basic Information](#) you can update personal details such as your name, institution, address and telephone number.

In [Update CV](#) you can edit your CV (last updated) any changes you make will be shown in your applications.

In [Change Email](#) you can change the email address that we use to contact you (this will also change the address that you use to login).

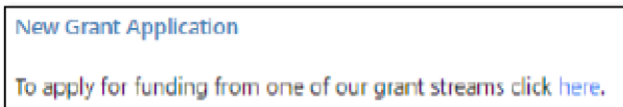
In [Change Password](#) you can change the password that you use to login.

Lead applicants and project partners (team members, clinical partners or subcontractors) can manage their basic contact information and curriculum vitae (CV) through the ‘Manage my Details’ link on their application portal home page. Lead applicant and project partners’ contact information is integrated by the application portal into the relevant fields during the application process.

Creating and completing an online application



The lead applicant must initially create the new application.

1. Select “My Applications” from the left-hand menu and click the “New Application” button



2. A list of open funding rounds will display along with further information about the competition.
3. Selecting “Apply” will open an application form for completion ● Denotes a mandatory field

From the application summary page, the application can be edited by clicking on the ‘Edit’ button. The different sections of the application form can then be accessed via the list of hyperlinked buttons on the left-hand side of the application portal webpage. You can move from page to page either by using the ‘Previous’ and ‘Next’ buttons, or using the list on the left-hand side of the web page.

Most questions are associated with contextual help  buttons and clicking on them will open up pop-up windows containing brief guidance notes that supplement the published guidance for applicants. It is strongly advised that applicants refer to the published guidance first and then use contextual help  as they complete and review each question, as contextual help is not designed to replace it. Mandatory questions are flagged with a red dot.

The research team can collaborate with the lead applicant to edit the content in the application by being invited to be a team member or a clinical partner through the Team section (section 5) of the application form.

The lead applicant can use the search tool to find project partners and then to invite them to join the application. The application portal will automatically dispatch an email inviting the project partners to confirm their participation in the application. The invited project partners can then decide whether to accept the invitation and consent to the application being submitted jointly in their name. They will need to log into the application portal and follow the links to ‘Confirm’ their involvement on the co-application summary page. Once confirmed, the project partner will be granted access to edit the online application form.

All project partners must not only ‘Confirm’ but also ‘Approve’ their invitation to participate in the application electronically on the co-application summary page in advance of the submission deadline.

The system will prevent your project partners accessing your application at the same time as you. This stops applicants and co-applicants inadvertently making changes to the same part of the application at the same time and overwriting each other’s work.

Remember to save your work

You will be prompted to save your work if you leave the browser in application editing mode. We recommend you save your work regularly to minimise the risk posed by any local computer or internet problems. You can save and return to the application form as often as you like prior to submission.

Exiting and returning to work on your form

Should you wish to exit your form, you can return at any time; simply log in using your username and password and select ‘My Applications’ from the menu. You will then be presented with a list of all the applications you are currently involved with as well as providing details as to their stage in the submission process.

Validation and submission of the form

The lead applicant can review the progress of their application at any time by selecting the ‘View/Print’ option on the application summary page to generate the application as a PDF File.

When the application form is complete, it must be validated prior to submission. The validation step is a check run by the application portal to assess whether all the mandatory questions contain information. It will provide a list of links to any parts of the form where corrections or additional content are needed.

Once the application has been validated successfully and no further corrections are needed, the lead applicant can submit the application by clicking on the 'Submit' button on the lower right-hand side of the application summary page.

Following submission

A programme specific reference number will be assigned to the application once it has been submitted. After the relevant competition round closes, the application will automatically enter the process of being considered for funding.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please email sbri@lgcgroup.com