

Terms and Conditions of UK DCTN Themed Call Award

The aim of the UK DCTN Themed Call Award is to help facilitate study teams working in strategic areas to overcome hurdles that may be impeding the development of clinical trials research in that area. The work conducted should be pilot/feasibility work or other developmental work (such as outcome measures related work) that will eventually support the development of a full scale randomised controlled clinical trial (RCT).

1. This award scheme is only available to study teams who:
 - Are working in the disease area of the themed call and undertaking work that could go on to support an RCT in that area.
 - Agree to work with the UK DCTN on future related studies.
 - Are based in UK and Ireland
2. Applications will only be considered on the correct form. Application forms are available on request from the UK DCTN Trial Development Manager ukdctn@nottingham.ac.uk or via the UK DCTN website www.ukdctn.org .
3. Maximum funding available is £10,000 (unless otherwise stated).
4. Applications should include some aspect of working towards a clinical trial such as trial feasibility work, or qualitative work needed for a trial. Testing outcome measures could be included if the case of need for such testing is made with a specific trial in mind, BUT diagnostic criteria validation or early work to develop outcome measures are out of remit.
5. Applications for laboratory-based research studies are not applicable and will not be considered.
6. Funds should primarily be used for the delivery and dissemination of research - it is NOT permissible to use the funds mainly for registration costs towards a higher degree such as a Masters course or for other training.
7. Only one award can be made per year (unless otherwise stated).
8. Short-listing of applications is made on the recommendation of a specially convened panel based on the following criteria:
 - clinical relevance
 - importance to NHS
 - likely interest from both the patient and medical communities
 - timeliness (avoiding duplication of effort)
 - feasibility
 - experience of research team
9. A final funding decision is made by the UK DCTN Steering Committee following presentation by the short-listed study teams.
10. Awards are made for a maximum period of 2 years with 6 monthly progress reports and a final report being mandatory. Non-cost extensions will be considered on a case by case basis.

11. Successful study teams will be notified of any conditions of funding in their award letter.
12. Funding release – 50% on award and 50% on completion of relevant activities.
13. Successful study teams must inform the UK DCTN of any deviations from their original project and should seek permission before proceeding with such changes.