

Terms and Conditions of UK DCTN Themed Call Award 2026

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 research conducted should be pilot/feasibility work or other developmental work that will eventually support the development of a randomised controlled clinical trial (RCT). Your research does not have to inform a specific RCT, but you should show a clear pathway on how your work will inform future RCTs in that area. If you are unsure if your proposal is in remit, please contact us.

1. This award scheme is available to study teams who:
 - Are working in the disease area of the themed call and undertaking work that will go on to support an RCT in that area.
 - Agree to work with the UK DCTN on any 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 a priority setting partnership, trial feasibility work, or qualitative work needed for a trial. Work related to the development of outcome measures is also relevant.
5. Applications for laboratory-based research studies are **not** applicable and will not be considered. Studies on skin cancer, skin surgery and paediatrics are also excluded this year.
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. The 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.
14. The UK DCTN does not fund commercial enterprises.