

## **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 a Priority Setting Partnership, 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 will go on to support an RCT in that area.
  - Agree to work with the UK DCTN on future related studies.
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](mailto:ukdctn@nottingham.ac.uk) or via the UK DCTN website [www.ukdctn.org](http://www.ukdctn.org) .
3. Maximum funding available is £10,000 (unless otherwise stated).
4. Applications for laboratory based research studies are not applicable and will not be considered.
5. Only one award can be made per year (unless otherwise stated).
6. Short-listing of applications is made on the recommendation of a specially convened panel based on the following criteria: clinical relevance, importance to NHS, need for UK DCTN involvement, patient numbers, likely interest, avoiding duplication of effort, timeliness, feasibility and experience of research team.
7. A final funding decision is made by the UK DCTN Steering Committee following presentation by short-listed study teams.
8. 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.
9. Successful study teams will be notified of any conditions of funding in their award letter.
10. Funding will be released to successful study teams in stages – 50% on award and 50% on completion of relevant activities.
11. Successful study teams must inform the UK DCTN of any deviations from their original project and should seek permission before proceeding with such changes.