***Guidelines to Applicants***

**Please ensure you read and understand the following before completing the grant application. Please also refer to the *Information for Applicants* and other informationavailable on the website.**

**Small Project Grants** for research proposals in the field of children’s health. Grants will be awarded up to **£5,000** for research that collects pilot data leading to a peer reviewed publication. **Applications in the field of conditions that are rare or of low prevalence will be particularly encouraged.** Only available to **early stage researchers** (within 8 years of PhD/Higher medical degree). Up to four awards per year.

1. Keep the page order as you find it.
2. Complete the checklist for grant applications on page two.
3. Current GCHC Research Fund (including YRSS) grant holders (PI/Main supervisor) cannot apply as PI/main supervisor (only co-applicant/co-supervisor) until the current grant has ended.
4. The Grant Applications section forms the body of the proposal, and should be completed in standard font (eg Arial or Times New Roman minimum font size 11) and is not to exceed five pages in length. Do not submit additional documentation. If you do this, we retain the right to refuse to assess your application.
5. References relevant to the proposal must be included with, but need not form part of, the five pages of the Grant Applications section. The number of references should be restricted to 50. Please give full details of each reference.
6. If this application contains work of a similar nature to a previous unsuccessful application(s) to this organisation (YCF, YCC, YRSS or GCHC Research Fund), please submit a copy of the relevant previous unsuccessful application(s). Please label it clearly.
7. GCHC Research Fund does not provide funds for ‘indirect costs’, or funding for salaried applicants or backfilling of permanent staff.
8. If applicable, eligible NHS support costs must be approved by the relevant R&D office.
9. Each section of the grant application must be completed. You should allow extra time so that you can have your application checked by your Finance Authorities. We will not consider any incomplete applications. An application form that is not completed correctly cannot be considered and will be returned.
10. It is GCHC Research Fund’s intention to award as many grants as is financially possible for high quality research that produces the maximum benefit to child and maternal health, but obviously many applications will be unsuccessful. Please note that we do offer feedback from referees in such circumstances. The decision of the funding committee is final. Resubmission is not permitted and any future applications must contain at least 50 per cent new scientific/clinical investigations and this will be judged by the reviewers.
11. You are reminded that in fairness to all applicants and those concerned with the peer review procedure, applications will not be accepted if they arrive at the GCHC Research Fund Office after mid-day on the closing date – (see deadline on form). Electronic submission is preferable if all scanned signatures are included. These regulations are not negotiable.
12. **All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact the GCHC Research Fund office**

For further information please contact Shannon Mullen

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GCHC Research Fund

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*Checklist for Research Grant Applications*

When submitting a grant application to GCHC Research Fund, please complete this checklist and sign the bottom to indicate that you have completed your application form correctly and submitted all that is required. Please submit **ONE** copy of this page with the signature of the principal applicant.

**Failure to complete this form will result in your application not being considered**.

[ ]  I have emailed a copy of my application with all appropriate signatures to shannon.mullen@glasgow.ac.uk

[ ]  I have included my email address and will accept an email from the GCHC Research Fund as acknowledgement of receipt. [NB please contact the office as soon as possible if you do not receive an acknowledgement]

[ ]  I have not exceeded the stated number of pages for the research proposal.

[ ]  I have not attached any unnecessary documents to my application.

[ ]  I have submitted a copy of any previous unsuccessful application to GCHC Research Fund (formerly YRSS) that is of a similar nature to this application (if applicable).

[ ]  I have made sure that this application is at least 50% different to any other previously unsuccessful application to the GCHC Research Fund (formerly YRSS) (if applicable).

[ ]  I have completed the Summary of Finances section correctly and given details of **all** the laboratory/research materials that I will need.
*A total figure for each type of expense is not sufficient. We require a detailed breakdown of all the items requested.*

[ ]  I have completed one CV page.

[ ]  I am not the PI or main supervisor on a current GCHC grant.

[ ]  I am within 8 years of a PhD/Higher medical degree.

[ ]  I have reproduced your application form on a PC and have ensured that the format/wording are identical to your form and **I have not altered it in any way** (failure to comply with this will result in your application being rejected).

[ ]  I have completed **all** sections of the application form.

All sections must be complete at the time of submission. Any late additional information will not be attached to any application by staff of the GCHC Research Fund.

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Signature of Applicant Date

**Return completed form to**:

**Shannon Mullen**

GCHC Research Fund

Office for Rare Conditions

E-mail: shannon.mullen@glasgow.ac.uk

**SMALL PROJECT GRANTS**

*Type of Grant applied for*

Submission Deadline: Small Project Grant 29th October 2021 (noon)

Information on each grant type can be found in our *Information for applicants*

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| 1. **Applicants' details**
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|  | **Applicant 1**(Lead Applicant) | **Applicant 2** | **Applicant 3** | **Applicant 4** |
| **Title:** |  |  |  |  |
| **First name and initials:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Surname:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Position held:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Institution:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Role in project:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Tel:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Email:** |  |  |  |  |

If there are more than four main applicants, please enclose details of other applicants on a separate page.

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| 1. **Full postal address for all correspondence**
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| 1. **Title of project**
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| 1. **Abstract of proposed study (200 words)**
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| 1. **Summary of proposal in lay language (120 words)**

This summary will be used in GCHC Research Fund publicity material. |
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| 1. **Briefly explain how the project will benefit the health of children**
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| 1. **Proposed starting date (DD/MM/YYYY)**
 | **Proposed duration (in months)** |
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| **8. Total requested** |
| **Expenses** (total of 9) | **£** |

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| **9. Expenses** |
| **Staff Costs****(Name, Grade and % FTE)** |  |
| **Materials and consumables** |  |
| **Animal purchase****(Please see Section 10)** |  |
| **Animal maintenance****(Please see Section 10)** |  |
| **Other expenses****Total** |  |
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| **NHS support costs\*** |  |

**NB: Salaries of permanent staff (such as PIs) will not be funded. Salaries of contracted support staff (nurses, AHPs, etc) can be funded on a session buy-out basis where the staff member is contributing to the research.**

**Indirects/overheads are not eligible for funding.**

**Travel costs for conference are not permitted in Small Project Grants.**

**Open Access costs are not eligible costs.**

**\*If applicable. Requires R&D approval in section 15**

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| **10. Animal Usage** |
| **Does this project necessitate the use of animals? Yes/ No\***  (\*delete as applicable)**If “Yes”, please provide the justification for the numbers and types of animals to be used.**  |

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| **11. Ethical Considerations**  |
| **Has NHS Research Ethics Committee approval been obtained? Yes/No/Not applicable\*** (\*delete as appropriate)**A copy is herewith attached: Yes/No/Not applicable\***  (\*delete as appropriate)***Please note that if NHS Research Ethics Committee approval is required funds will not be released until a copy of the approval letter is seen by and confirmed by the GCHC Research Fund Office.*** |

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| **12. Acceptance of regulations and conditions by applicants** |
| 1. **I shall be actively engaged in, and in day-to-day control of the project.**

**Signatures of ALL applicants\*****Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(Lead Applicant)**Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Applicant 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Applicant 4: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****\***If there are more than four main applicants, please enclose details of other applicants on a separate page. |

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| **13. Acceptance of regulations and conditions by institute authorities** |
| **This application should be submitted by/through both the Head of Department or appropriate individual and the officer who will be responsible for administering the grant if it is awarded (eg finance officer, bursar, registrar, secretary).**1. **I confirm that I have read this application and that, if granted, the work will be accommodated and administered in the department/institution in accordance with the conditions in the regulations, as set out in the *Information for applicants*.**
2. **The staff gradings and salaries quoted are correct and in accordance with the normal practice of this institution.**
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| **To be filled in by****the Head of Department** | **To be filled in by****the Administrative Authority** |
| **Name:**  | **Name:**  |
| **Title:**  | **Title:**  |
| **Full postal address:** | **Full postal address:** |
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| **Email:**  | **Email:**  |
| **Signature:**  | **Signature:**  |
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| **14. Financial Administration** |
| **Details of the officer who should be contacted if the grant is awarded:** |
| **Name:****Full postal address:****Tel (including extension):****Email:**  |

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| **15. NHS Organisation** |
| Where NHS Support Costs are identified this application must also be signed by the R&D Office of the relevant NHS organisation. If the proposed research is multi-site then all relevant R&D offices must sign the form. |
| This application has been discussed with me and I note the associated NHS Support Costs.Name:Organisation:E-mail address:Date:Signature |

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| **16. Outcome and Evaluation** |
| **Please state clearly:**1. **the main aims of this project (up to 200 words).**
2. **the anticipated outcomes and value to child health (up to 200 words).**

NB: At the end of the grant you will be asked to include in your final report a section in which you discuss the outcomes of your project in relation to these original aims. The information from this form and your final report will then be collated and distributed to the Steering Committee of the GCHC Research Fund and the Board of Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity. |
| **(i) Aims and objectives** (in no more than 200 words) |
| **(ii) Anticipated outcomes and value to child health** (in no more than 200 words) |

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| **17. Current sources of funding and other grant applications** |
| **Have any of the applicants previously been awarded a research grant from the GCHC Research Fund, Yorkhill Research Support Scheme, Yorkhill Children’s Charity or Yorkhill Children’s Foundation? Yes/No\*** (\*delete as applicable) If “Yes” to the above question, please give the following information: |
| **Reference number:** **Project title:** **Grant holder(s):** **PI/Main supervisor:**Provide brief description of impact: |
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| **18. Grant Application** |
| This Section whichforms the body of the grant application should be typed in standard font (eg Arial or Times New Roman) and size (**minimum font size 11**) and is **not** to exceed **five pages** in length. Do not submit additional documentation. If you do this, **we retain the right to refuse to assess your application**.1. Title of project
2. Purpose of proposed investigation
3. Background of the project
4. Plan of investigation\*
5. Detailed justification for support requested

\*part 4 should form the major part of any application  |

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| **19. Curriculum Vitae of Applicant (duplicate for co-applicants as required)** |
| **Name:**  |
| **Date of birth:**  |
| **Degrees, etc** (subject, class, university and dates of study)**:** |
| **Posts held** (including tenure and source of funding)**:** |
| **Recent publications and papers in press** (list up to six only)**:** |
| **Research experience:** *(Summary of research experience, including the extent of your involvement. Refer to any specific clinical or research experience relevant to the current application.)* |
| **Research training:** *(Details of any relevant training in the design or conduct of research, for example in the Clinical Trials Regulations, Good Clinical Practice, consent or other training appropriate to non-clinical research. Give the date of the training.)* |
| **Is any other outside source currently supporting any of your research? Yes/No\***  (\*delete as applicable)If you answered “Yes” to the above question, please give the following information for **EACH** source of funding**.** |
| Name of organisation:Title of project:Amount awarded:Date of award: | Name of organisation:Title of project:Amount awarded:Date of award: |
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