

Briefing Note for Cancer Research UK International Alliance for Cancer Early Detection (ACED) funding

This document describes the conditions that the Applicant must comply with in order to apply for ACED funding. These are specific for ACED grants due to the overarching framework agreement entered into by the UK and US ACED Member Centres and differ from standard CRUK grants.

The Applicant is required to submit the completed Due Diligence checklist (available with Dr. Wendy Alderton (wa266@cam.ac.uk), Cambridge ACED Programme Manager,) along with the Application.

Research Collaboration Agreement

- The execution of a Research Collaboration Agreement (RCA) between the parties collaborating on an ACED Pilot or Project is mandatory even though the Grant Award Letter (GAL) will say that this is optional. Funds **cannot** be spent until RCA is executed. The Applicant shall sign the RCA as well as associated paperwork.
- The Applicant shall obtain all the ethical and legal approvals, licences, consents, insurances necessary prior to commencing the allocated work on the project.
- The Applicant shall ensure that ownership of material, data or background Intellectual Property introduced into a Project is not subject to third party rights.

To initiate the RCA please contact:

Ninotska Pimenta Pereira (ninotska.pimenta-pereira@admin.cam.ac.uk) at the Research Operations Office.

Data Sharing

Any data generated during an ACED Project, including research funded by ACED and provided to Affiliate Members, will be openly shared across the entire Alliance. The data will be uploaded to a data centre to be accessed by all members of ACED, subject to compliance with applicable law, ethics and third party rights.

Note that:

- A Data Transfer Agreement will be put in place for data sharing and the Applicant will be required to comply with this agreement.
- Sharing of materials must be done via the Material Transfer Agreement included in the RCA. Materials shall not be used in humans or for testing of humans for any purpose.
- Confidential information should be marked as confidential prior to sharing.
- Examiners examining PhD thesis based on results or inventions from an ACED funded project shall be subject to strict confidentiality obligations.

Publications

- Each publication or presentation concerning results and inventions must include the following: *“This work was supported by the International Alliance for Cancer Early Detection”* or such wording as agreed by ACED.
- CRUK’s Open Access to Research Policy: <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/applying-for-funding/policies-that-affect-your-grant/policy-on-open-access> shall be complied with by the Applicant.

- The publishing researcher will deposit an electronic copy of each peer-reviewed publication that discloses results in the Europe PubMed Central database, and take any other steps appropriate to ensure public dissemination of the peer-reviewed publication and those steps necessary to comply with any guidelines, including those relating to publication and open access.

Inventions

An inter-institutional agreement will be executed to govern revenue sharing, ownership of results & patents arising from ACED Projects. The Technology Transfer Agreement executed between Cancer Research UK and the University of Cambridge will apply to the ownership of results and inventions.

Note that:

- Results and/or Inventions shall be owned by the Member Centre that generates it. If any inventions or results are generated jointly by more than one Member Centre, they will be owned in equal and undivided shares by those Member Centres.
- On request, results including an indication of the underlying information and data and an indication as to whether patents or patent applications have been filed upon any inventions from Projects must be supplied within 10 days of such a request.
- Subject to consent of the Applicant (which consent should not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), the Applicant is expected to grant the other parties the right to use its results in connection with filing any patent applications related to an invention and/or pursuing the protection of another intellectual property right related to an invention.
- The Applicant shall grant the other parties a fully paid-up, perpetual, irrevocable, sublicensable (only to other non-profit research institutions) and non-exclusive right to use its results for academic research, including for purposes of publication.
- The Applicant shall grant a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, non-transferable, non-sublicensable (except to other non-profit institutions and the United States government) right to each other to practice the Patent Rights for Academic Research purposes only.

Commercialisation

The responsibility for leading commercialisation of any Inventions owned solely or jointly by the University of Cambridge shall reside with CRUK in collaboration with Cambridge Enterprise.

General

The Project should uphold the Alliance guiding principles for Member Centres which can be found here https://www.earlydetectioncambridge.org.uk/assets/files/ACED-guiding-principles_April2020.pdf

If you have any further queries about the terms and conditions in this document & funding please contact Dr Wendy Alderton, Early Detection Programme Manager (wa266@cam.ac.uk)