

Information Sheet

BJU International Collaborative Research Award

Scope of Urological Research

It is intended that the CRA be awarded to research that has a urological focus. Applicants will be asked to give a justification of the intended research activity to **advance either the understanding or the management of urological disease.**

The CRA is not limited to any academic discipline. Applications will be invited from any research group working in any field that has demonstrable relevance to the field of urology.

Basis of the Award

The CRA is open to two research units who wish to pursue a research programme in partnership.

One will be from Great Britain and Ireland and one from the rest of the world. The research units must have formal links to a recognised university.

The award will be made on the basis of the content and quality of the grant application. The CRA will be made annually to the Principal Co-investigator in each unit for a maximum of three years, subject to receipt of a jointly written project update that will be due every 12 months from the receipt of the CRA for three years.

Award Value

The award will be made annually to each unit for a maximum of three years. Each unit will receive up to £70,000 each year, up to a total of £420,000.

Application Process

There will be a three-part application process: one background paper from each unit with two supporting statements and a joint application.

Selection Criteria

We expect to receive many worthy applications, but we have to choose only one project, which will probably be difficult. To ease this process, we propose that the selection criteria should include the following:

- Is the project of real scientific merit but not unrealistically ambitious?
- Is the team able to carry out the project?
- Why is this research project essential? What impact is it likely to have?
- Are applicants thoroughly familiar with the chosen field and able to see the project through?
- Are the principal and secondary objectives clearly set out in detail?
- What are the applicants intending to do if an early result is negative?
- Are pilot data available?
- Is there evidence or modelling data showing that the approach is feasible?
- Is the research project likely to lead to publication in an international peer-reviewed scientific journal?

Funding

Are the details and rationale for the requested financial support justified?

- **Personnel:** are any particular kinds of expertise, eg individuals, technician grades and other support staff, likely to be needed?
- **Equipment:** list major items required.
- **Consumables:** to include travel, training and other costs.