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| **Expression of Interest Application Form** |
| Expressions of interest to the MRC Confidence in Concept Fund must be made using this application form and submitted to Ryan Brown (r.m.brown.1@bham.ac.uk) and Alice Sayers (a.e.sayers@bham.ac.uk) by **1 pm on Friday 28th June 2019**.Prior to submission, all projects **must** have been discussed with either Jonathan Watkins (j.watkins.1@bham.ac.uk) or Ryan Brown (r.m.brown.1@bham.ac.uk).Please ensure you remain within the given word limit, noting your word count for each section on completion. Words exceeding this will be redacted before sending to the Panel for review.  |
| **Lead Applicant Details** |
| Name |  |
| School |  |
| College |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| **Project Title** |
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| **Project Duration** | **Total Cost £** |
| Start date |  |  |
| End date |  |

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| **Project Summary (max 1000 words) – Insert word count here:** |
| *Please outline the key points of the application including the fundamental science behind the project, research team, and how this project will ‘de-risk’ your research to enable further translation of the concept towards commercialisation/implementation. How does your approach differ from known competitors? What are the primary objectives of the project and what milestones must the project meet to be successful (success criteria should be given for each). Milestones should be SMART (specific; measureable; achievable; relevant and time bound).* *Preliminary data* ***must*** *be included (max 2 sides appended).* |
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| **Funding and timelines (max 250 words) – Insert word count here:** |
| *Projects are expected to run for 6-12 months. What are the associated costs for this work (people, consumables, equipment, estates, indirect costs etc) and how do these costs and timelines relate to the milestones you have outlined above?* ***Work should be fully******economically costed (fEC) through your usual Research Finance contact (consult your Institute/school research facilitator before applying)****.* ***Estates and indirect costs must be included as appropriate.*** |
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| **Industry interactions (max 150 words) – Insert word count here:** |
| *The MRC – and by extension the internal funding panel – welcome industry engagement as to encourage downstream uptake of projects where appropriate. Please outline any relevant plans.* |
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| **Funding development plans (max 150 words) – Insert word count here:** |
| *You are expected to have long-term plans beyond CiC around funding streams that will enable the further development of your project. Examples of such are:* [*MRC DPFS and the wider Biomedical Catalyst*](https://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/science-areas/translation/biomedical-catalyst/); [*NIHR i4i*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/)*;* [*Wellcome Trust Innovator Awards*](https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/innovator-awards)*;* [*BHF Translational Awards*](https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/translational-grant)*;* [*Innovate UK*](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk) *and several* [*CRUK awards*](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes)*:* [*Small Molecule*](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/small-molecule-drug-discovery-project-awards)*,* [*Biotherapeutic*](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/biotherapeutic-drug-discovery-project-awards) *and* [*Biomarker*](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/biomarker-project-awards) *projects). Please outline relevant fit and plans. You should consider talking to potential funders prior to submitting this application to establish what proof of concept and translational viability, or other key data they would wish to see in support of any future application.* |
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| **Authorisation** |
| *A condition of applying for MRC CiC funding is that the Lead Applicant attends a mandatory ‘Translational Training’ session prior to submission of EoI. This is the only authorisation that is required at this stage but must be sought prior to submission.*  |
| Signed by Ryan Brown | -------------------------------------------------------------------------- | Date |