MRC Proximity to Discovery Application:

Exchange and Explore

Completed applications should be sent to [TranslationalResearch@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:TranslationalResearch@contacts.bham.ac.uk). Please read the Guidance to Applicants prior to submission and ensure you remain within the given word limit, noting your word count for each section on completion (excluding captions, text in figures and references). Words exceeding the limit will be redacted before sending to the Panel for review.

# Applicant and Project Details

## Project Title

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## Principal Investigator and Co-investigator Details

Add or remove columns as necessary.

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|  | Principal Investigator | Co-investigator (1) | Co-investigator (2) |
| Name |  |  |  |
| Job Title |  |  |  |
| Institute / School |  |  |  |
| College |  |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |  |
| Email |  |  |  |

## Industry Details

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| Company Name |  |
| Contact (inc. position) |  |
| Telephone / Email |  |
| Address |  |

## Activity Duration and Cost

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| Proposed Start Date |  |
| Proposed End Date (all spend must be incurred before 31st March 2023) |  |
| Duration (months) |  |
| Requested Award Value (up to £6,000.00 costed at 100%) | £ |

# Application Questions

## Ethics and Approval (200 words)

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| If applicable, please provide confirmation that the proposal has been developed in accordance with the MRC’s [guidance for proposals involving animal use](https://www.ukri.org/publications/mrc-guidance-for-applicants/) and NC3Rs Guidelines. | Yes / Not applicable (*delete as appropriate*)  Please give detail: | |
| Does the proposal involve people, human samples or personal data?  If yes, please describe the ethical review and research governance arrangements that would apply to the work done including details of any existing approvals. | Yes / Not applicable (*delete as appropriate*)  Please give detail: | |
|  | Word count (max 200) |  |

## Collaborations and Intellectual Property

If the Industry partner wishes to **part-own resulting IP**, collaborations and contributions should be captured using the [**MRC Industry Collaboration Framework (ICF)**](https://www.ukri.org/councils/mrc/guidance-for-applicants/types-of-funding-we-offer/mrc-industry-collaboration-framework-icf/)and a **Letter of Support** from your industry collaborator must be appended to the final submission. See E&E Guidance.

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| Is an ICF required? | Yes / No (*delete as appropriate*)  Please give detail: |
| If yes, has a Letter of Support been appended? | Yes / No / Not applicable (*delete as appropriate*)  Please give detail: |

## Project Summary (500 words)

Please give a brief overview of the fundamental science behind the project, the research team, and how you plan to progress this project beyond E&E funding.

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## Rationale and Objectives (250 words)

Why have you chosen this company as a potential industrial collaborator? What are the objectives of the proposed project?

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## Project Plan and Cost (750 words)

Please give details of planned activities, the outputs expected, start and end dates and a breakdown of costs associated with each. Costs requested must be fully justified.

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| Activities, Outputs and Timeline | | |
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### Project Cost Breakdown

Modify rows as required.

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| Directly Incurred Costs | Cost (£, 100%) |
| Travel / accommodation | £ |
| Consumables | £ |
| Equipment | £ |
| Outsourcing costs to external organisations (must append quotes including VAT) | £ |
| Other directly incurred costs | £ |
| Total Requested Award Value  (all costs funded at 100%) | £ |

## Planned People Exchange (250 words)

Please give details of who will be involved in the “exchange”, which may include one or more of the lead applicant(s), postdoc, technician etc.

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## Pilot Data (no more than 1 page)

Where possible, please include preliminary data to support your application.

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# Authorisation

Prior to submission, all applications must be discussed with your **College Business Engagement Partner** and a member of the **Translational Research Team** to ensure the activity is suitable for submission and within the remit of the funding.

Please give the names of the team members you have consulted about your application and **cc them in your submission email**.

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| Business Engagement Partner Named Contact |
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| Translational Research Team Named Contact |
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