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Small grants 2018 conditions

Information about small grants

Purpose of small grants

To enable early career researchers and global health professionals in the field of tropical medicine or global health to undertake clinical or scientific research or fieldwork, as stand-alone projects or distinct elements within a larger project.

Small grant value and timescale

The maximum RSTMH small grant awarded is GBP 5,000 (including VAT).

One or more of our successful grant winners may be funded or part funded by one of the specific funds listed below. If this is the case, we may ask you to participate in separate award activities.

- Sir Leonard Rogers Fund
- Denis Burkitt Fellowship Fund
- Garnham Fund
- Centenary fellowship Appeal Fund

The project should start no earlier than four months after the closing date for applications. It should be completed within a year of receiving funding from us. Please indicate on the application form if you expect the project to finish after this time.

Small grant permitted use

Small grants can be used for the following expenditure

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Consumables
- Field expenses, including salaries or per diems
- Field transport
- Items of equipment or software

Thematic priorities

Applications focused on the thematic areas listed in [RSTMH's five-year strategy](#) will be prioritised. These are listed below:

- Neglected tropical diseases, with a particular focus on their overlap with non-communicable diseases and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Malaria, with a particular focus on drug resistance



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- One Health and wider planetary health. The consideration of human health alongside animal health, and the environment, in the context of social, economic and political factors
- Topical issues including, but not limited to, emerging diseases
- Drug resistant infections

Guidance for applications

Application criteria

Applicants for a small grant can be based anywhere in the world and can be of any nationality.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be early in their career, though we will not define this in terms of years of work or study
- Have a clear research plan for which they are seeking support
- Ideally be employed by or affiliated to an organisation, though we will consider applications from those not affiliated or employed
- Demonstrate limited alternative sources of funding
- Have access to adequate supervision
- Have the appropriate insurance to carry out the research
- Hold a registered bank account
- Be a RSTMH member. Applications can be submitted from non-members but, if successful, winners would need to join RSTMH
- Have not received a RSTMH small grant in the last two years
- Submit only one application for a small grant per year

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- Be full and complete
- Be submitted through our online system by the deadline of 12:00 GMT on 2 April 2018
- Not be for retrospective work

References

- The application must be supported by **two** referees, one of which should be a senior member of the employing organisation. The other should be the applicant's direct supervisor or mentor.
- Referees should assess:



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- The **feasibility** of achieving the project aims with the resources defined in the application
- The **relevance** of the project to your research and/or career development
- The **benefit** of the project to the wider community
- References must be on headed paper

Criteria used to assess applications for small grants

- Originality, potential to make a contribution to this area of work
- Feasibility of project design and methodology
- Resource and cost effectiveness
- Potential to provide career progression to applicant

Requirements of grant winners

The grant awarded by RSTMH may only be used for the project described in the original application. Any funds not used for that specific purpose must be returned.

A report (minimum 1,000 words) must be submitted to RSTMH for formal review by the Grants and Awards Committee and for potential promotion by RSTMH within three months of the project being completed. The report should contain the following elements:

- Result of the project
- Outcomes of the project
- Information about any leverage or impact of the project on 1) your career 2) your ongoing research 3) the field of tropical medicine or global health 4) details of other ways the grant has helped you
- Any images that help to illustrate your research and outcomes
- How you plan to disseminate the results of your project

Failure to submit the report within this time-frame will result in the grant winner having to reimburse the full value of the grant to RSTMH. In such cases, future applications for funding will not be considered.

RSTMH's support must be acknowledged in all written publications and oral presentations arising from the project. The RSTMH logo will be supplied for this purpose, and other materials can be provided on request.

Failure to disseminate results and to acknowledge the support of RSTMH will result in monies being recovered and future grant applications being disregarded

For transparency we would like to announce our 2018 small grant recipients on our website, social media channels and through our communications.

If you have any concerns about this, **please let us know.**



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Once the reports about your proposal are received, we would like to talk to you about how we can showcase this work in our journals, at our meetings and through our communications channels.

It is your responsibility to let us know of any information in your application form that is sensitive.

Please **let us know** if you would like us to help promote your work

Withdrawal of small grants

RSTMH reserves the right at any time and without notice to withdraw a small grant, either in full or in part, if the grant holder fails materially to comply with these conditions.

Modification or variation of conditions

RSTMH reserves the right to modify, add to, or vary these conditions, as it sees fit. It will give prior notice to the grant winners of any changes.

RSTMH will seek to ensure that the grant winner is not disadvantaged by such changes.

Timetable

Applications for small grants open on Friday 2 February 2018 and close on Monday 2 April at 12:00 GMT, with disbursements from June 2018.

Due to the large number of expected applications, RSTMH regrets it may not be able to provide detailed feedback if unsuccessful.

The decision of the Grants and Awards Committee is final

If you have any technical problems with filling out the form please email support@submittable.com or email sarah.marzouk@rstmh.org

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