



Application guidance | Pilot Research Projects

Please carefully read the guidance below **before** completing your project proposal.

A: Introduction to Friends of ANCHOR

[Friends of ANCHOR](#), established in 1997, is a local charity which serves the needs of cancer and haematology patients throughout the North-east of Scotland, by directly supporting patients in the hospital setting, and through research including laboratory research.

B: Introduction to funding scheme

Apply for pilot project funding to acquire preliminary research outputs to support applications for larger research grants related to oncology and haematology research.

Remit: The funds should help grow the foundations of our knowledge of cancer and haematological diseases, to ultimately benefit those who are treated within the ANCHOR Unit (Aberdeen and North Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy)

Eligibility: Researchers, including postdoctoral early career researchers and technical professionals, based at NHS Grampian, University of Aberdeen or Robert Gordon University.

Funds available: Funding up to a maximum of £15,000 per project is available and Friends of ANCHOR will fund up to six projects per year in total.

Funds should be spent on consumables, but because public health/dry research projects depend on payments for time and other resources, it is recognised that some applicants may wish to seek salary costs. These costs should be for the primary applicant's salary costs only, and applicants wishing to request funding for this use must make this clear in their application. Monies shall not be transferable into work performed in other institutions although collaboration with other institutions is allowed.

Call deadline: Application deadline 22nd April with outcomes by May end.

Application process: Individual pilot projects should be detailed on the template application form provided and submitted to Friends of ANCHOR through the relevant Institutional Research Office, alongside a 2-page CV from the PI. Applications must be supported by the host institution and adhere to local submission procedures. The host institution reserves the right to cap the number of applications submitted at any one time. Friends of ANCHOR will assess projects against its own criteria and rank projects for funding.

Requirements of funding: Successful applicants will be required to provide annual reports against several metrics for the 3 years following the end of the funding period, for the purpose of monitoring and evaluating the impact of these awards. These measures will include progression of the work to presentation and publication, the securing of significant external funding and outcomes for junior staff involved in the process.

C: Project Eligibility

Proposals will fulfil the following criteria:

1. Projects should help grow the foundations of our knowledge of cancer and/or haematological diseases.
2. Projects should help support the preparation of applications for larger externally funded research grants.

The application form should be completed concisely and submitted electronically by the end of the day on April 22, 2024, to shona.gossip@friendsofanchor.org