



## RNID Flexi Grant – Call and Guidelines 2021

### Purpose

To support a diverse range of valuable small-scale activities that will strengthen hearing research in new and unexpected ways to benefit people with hearing loss, tinnitus or other hearing conditions.

### Eligibility

Open to researchers worldwide, at any university, research institute or SME <sup>(Footnote 1)</sup>.

### Value of award

Applications for smaller sums of money are encouraged within this scheme. Individual requests of up to a **maximum of £10,000** will be considered.

### Selection of projects

The following are examples of activities that may be funded through the scheme but the scheme is open to any innovative idea that will fulfil the purpose above. Contact us for advice ([flexi@rnid.org.uk](mailto:flexi@rnid.org.uk)) if you are unsure whether your project is eligible.

### Examples of activities:

- Pilot experiments to support larger grant applications or investigate new areas of research
- Visits to a laboratory to gain new research skills
- Facilitating collaborations
- Facilitating access to scientific resources or data

### Projects must

- bring benefit to people with hearing loss, tinnitus or other hearing-related conditions
- represent value for money and be contingent on RNID funding

### We will not consider applications:

- for conference attendance
- solely for equipment costs
- to support the costs towards a degree, e.g. tuition fees or maintenance
- for social research projects

### Application procedure

Completed applications should be **emailed** to [flexi@rnid.org.uk](mailto:flexi@rnid.org.uk) as a **Microsoft Word document**. Files should be named as the surname of the lead applicant followed by ‘\_Flexi21.docx’ e.g. ‘Smith\_Flexi21.docx’. The deadline is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. We expect to inform applicants of funding decisions no later than 2 months after the submission deadline.

### Reporting process

A brief report detailing the outcomes and impact, and a statement showing the expenditure of the award must be submitted to RNID after the activity.

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<sup>1</sup>Footnote 1: Less than 250 employees, turnover less than €40 Million or a balance sheet total less than €27 Million. In addition, an SME must be independent, i.e. less than 25% owned by one enterprise.