



## **Innovation Seed Fund – Call and Guidelines 2022**

### **Purpose**

To pump-prime innovative research into the causes, treatment and diagnosis of hearing loss, tinnitus and other hearing-related conditions.

Through the Innovation Seed Fund, we want to support novel research ideas that, if effective, will lead to successful applications for further funding. The aim is to make these new research ideas more competitive and able to secure follow-on funding.

The scheme will also support small-scale translational research projects, such as proof-of-concept studies or pre-clinical validation studies, again with the aim of making novel approaches more competitive for further funding. (Translational research is defined here as research that seeks to advance and apply discoveries from basic research through preclinical studies towards clinical trials.) Development of drugs, diagnostics and devices are welcomed.

All proposals should be able to demonstrate how they will contribute to ultimately bringing benefit to people with hearing loss, tinnitus or other hearing-related conditions. They should be highly novel and/or innovative – potentially risky ideas are welcome.

### **Eligibility**

Open to researchers worldwide, at any university, research institute or SME.

### **Value of award**

Up to a maximum of £10,000.

### **Selection of projects**

Projects will be assessed by our Innovation Seed Fund Review Panel. Each application will be assessed by three members of the panel, and their recommendations will guide RNID in selecting projects to fund.

### **Additional notes**

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

Contact us for advice ([research@rnid.org.uk](mailto:research@rnid.org.uk)) if you are unsure whether your project is eligible.

### **Application procedure**

Completed applications should be emailed to [research@rnid.org.uk](mailto:research@rnid.org.uk) as a Microsoft Word document. Files should be named as the surname of the lead applicant followed by '\_ISF22.docx' e.g. 'Smith\_ISF22.docx'.

**The deadline for applications is Tuesday 11 January 2022.**

We expect to inform applicants of funding decisions within 3 months of the submission deadline.