

Application for an RNID Discovery Research Grant: Preliminary Application

Please note that this is a sample form provided for information only – the full application form must be completed and submitted through Flexi-Grant®

Page 1: Lead Applicant Information

Guidance

Please complete the lead applicant section below (this will be our main contact throughout the grant evaluation process and the project should it be funded).

Please note that you can only be named as the lead applicant on **ONE** preliminary application (you can be named as a co-applicant or collaborator on other applications).

Lead applicants should usually be PhD-qualified tenured or tenure-track research group leaders. Post-doctoral researchers with more than three years' postdoctoral research experience at the time of application are also eligible to apply for a grant as lead applicant.

For further guidance, please refer to the call and guidelines for the 2025 Discovery Research Grant.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be answered.

Questions

***Lead applicant information**

Your contact details have been added to the table below as you have entered these previously. Please check the contact details associated with this application are accurate. Please note that you can only be named as the lead applicant on ONE full application (you can be named as a co-applicant or collaborator on other applications).

***Host organisation**

Please ensure that the host institution that will be responsible for approving submission of your application and the administration of any award is the one that is shown in this table. If your organisation is not available within the searchable list, please contact research@rnid.org.uk to request for it to be added to the list.

Page 2: Co-applicants and Collaborators

Guidance

Please enter the details of any co-applicants and collaborators associated with your grant application on this page.

Co-applicants are considered to be part of the project team and are expected to share responsibility for its successful delivery. You can add up to 5 co-applicants to your application.

Collaborators are individuals whose contribution is critical to the success of the project but who will not receive funding from this grant.

If there are no co-applicants or collaborators associated with the application, please select the no option for both questions and move to the next page.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be answered.

Questions

***Are co-applicants involved?**

Yes/No

If Yes:

Co-applicant details: Please provide details of all co-applicants on the project in the text box. Structure your response as follows: Title, first name, surname, institution. Please include each co-applicant on a separate line.

***Are collaborators involved?**

Yes/No

If Yes:

Collaborator details: Please provide details of all co-applicants on the project in the text box. Structure your response as follows: Title, first name, surname, institution. Please include each co-applicant on a separate line.

Page 3: Project Details

Guidance

Please provide details of your proposed project below.

Projects must be defined pieces of research with clearly stated objectives, experimental plan and expected outcomes. Applications to cover solely, or mainly, equipment costs, will not be accepted.

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Questions

***Project title**

(50 words max)

Provide the full title of your proposed project.

***Project area**

Select the area of the call into which your research proposal falls. If you feel that your project fits more than one area of the call, please select the area which is most relevant.

Select one of the following:

- *Research to underpin the development of treatments for hearing disorders, including tinnitus*
- *Research to improve how new treatments for hearing loss and tinnitus are developed and tested*

***Scientific abstract**

(300 words max)

Please provide a scientific summary of your proposed project. It is important that this summary contains sufficient information to provide a clear understanding of the overall vision of the project. The scientific abstract will be used by external reviewers to determine whether they have the expertise to review your application and therefore should NOT contain any confidential information.

***Proposed start date**

The project start date must be between 1 April 2026 and September 30 2026.

***Project duration**

Specify the proposed duration of the project in months (projects can run for up to 3 years).

***Is this a re-submission of a previous application to RNID?**

Yes/No

If Yes:

Please provide the application title and year of submission for each previous submission of this application.

Please provide the requested details.

***Description of proposed research**

Please upload a description of your proposed project as a PDF document, making sure that you include the following information:

1. What is your research question and hypothesis?
2. Why is your research question important for the Project area you have selected?
3. Briefly state the background to your project.
4. What pilot experiments have you conducted to demonstrate that your proposal is feasible?
5. What is your plan of investigation? Include relevant methods and techniques.
6. What are the expected outcomes and impact of your study?
7. If you have previously submitted the proposal to us, please detail what changes you have made.

Your proposal should be a maximum 2 sides of A4 (margins of 2 cm on each side), excluding references. Minimum font size 11pt, Arial or Times New Roman, single spaced. Up to two figures may be included.

Please ensure that the uploaded document is named according to this format:
SurnameApplicant1_preliminary DRG25, e.g. Smith_preliminary DRG25
(file upload option, acceptable file type: .pdf)

***Nominated reviewers**

Please suggest four possible external reviewers for your full application, should you be invited to submit one.

Please provide their **full name, institution and email address**.

Do not suggest any current member of our Discovery Research grant review panel – please see our [website](#) for the current membership.

We may send your application to other reviewers of our choice.

If you do not suggest reviewers, we will not accept your application.

Conflicted reviewers

Please indicate any individuals or groups who should not be contacted to review this application (giving a brief reason in brackets, such as a conflict of interest).

Page 4 - Declaration

Guidance:

On this page you will confirm your commitment to the project and that the details provided in your application are a fair and accurate representation of the proposed project.

It is very important that all co-applicants and collaborators named on the application have read the Data Protection Statement and are happy to be included.

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Questions

All tick boxes

***I confirm that I have read the Discovery Research Grant Call & Guidelines and that my application meets the requirements of the call. If my application is successful, I agree to work closely with RNID, and will be actively engaged in and in day-to-day control of the project.**

***I confirm that my Head of Department has read this application and agrees that, if granted, the work will be accommodated and administered in their department.**

***I confirm that all named co-applicants and collaborators have read this application and the Data Protection Statement and have given their consent to be included in the application.**