**Guidance on Seed Award in Science eligibility**

This document gives some examples of applicant eligibility, but it is not an exhaustive list. Please see the scheme webpage for full eligibility requirements.

**Eligible scenarios**

Dr A has a £15,000 research grant for pilot funding over 1 year as the principal investigator and is the co-investigator on a project grant where her personal share of the funding is £50,000 over 3 years. She is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as her current research funding is below the level of a Seed Award.

Dr B holds a personal fellowship funded by his host institution. The fellowship provides Dr B with a salary and £5,000/year travel costs. It does not provide any research costs. He does not hold any other grants. He is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he receives his salary from a personal fellowship and has only minimal research expenses.

Dr C is a Lecturer at a university. She is employed on a 3 year fixed term lectureship that will continue beyond the end date of the proposed 2 year Seed Award. She has not held any research funding in the past 12 months. Dr C is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science.

Dr D is a clinician with a salaried post at the administering organisation for the duration of the Seed Award. His contract provides sufficient protected research time to carry out the proposed research. Dr D is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science.

**Ineligible scenarios**

Dr E has a project grant of £150,000 over 3 years which provides costs for research staff, materials and consumables, access charges and equipment. Dr E is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as she already holds funding at a similar level.

Dr F is a co-investigator on a 5 year programme grant. The total grant value is £1,000,000. He receives a £250,000 share of the funds to lead one of the work packages on the programme. Dr F is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he personally receives funding at a similar level.

Dr G holds an early career fellowship from a research council. She receives personal salary support and £50,000 a year in research costs. Dr G is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as she receives research funding at a similar level to a Seed Award.

Dr H is employed as a postdoctoral research assistant on a grant in his supervisor’s lab. Dr H is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he does not receive his salary from an eligible source.