

The **Harrington Discovery Institute**<sup>®</sup> UK Rare Disease Scholar Award is a grant award programme to **advance promising research into novel treatments for rare diseases**. Modelled after its US programmes, Harrington Discovery Institute is providing UK researchers with a unique opportunity for funding and personalised drug discovery and development support.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>What is the grant award amount?</b>	£100K guaranteed, with the potential to qualify for an additional £400K (a total of £500K). Not to exceed £50K per year over a two-year time period.
<b>How is this award different from other drug development grant awards?</b>	In addition to a monetary award, award recipients receive personalised discovery and development support from Harrington Discovery Institute's Therapeutics Development Center team of advisors, who are pharma-experienced industry leaders with significant experience bringing drugs to market. The award recipient also receives dedicated project management support.
<b>How does an award recipient benefit from Harrington Discovery Institute's commercial partners?</b>	Harrington Discovery Institute will facilitate introductions between commercial partners and the Principal Investigator, when the project is ready for commercial partnerships.
<b>How many projects will you fund?</b>	We will fund up to 5 projects through this call.
<b>How do you define a rare disease?</b>	For the purpose of this call, we are using the EMA definition, which is: any disease or disorder affecting fewer than 5 people in 10,000.
<b>Will <u>ultra-rare</u> diseases be considered?</b>	Yes, these projects are eligible and will be considered.
<b>Will <u>rare variants</u> of more common diseases (for example cancers, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's etc.) be considered?</b>	Yes, if the rare variant of a more common disease falls within the EMA definition (any disease or disorder affecting fewer than 5 people in 10,000) of a rare disease, it is eligible. Applications in this category are particularly encouraged.

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<b>What stage of development will you fund?</b>	We typically fund projects between Target Validation and clinical trials. We like to see that there is a clear starting point that will allow for the greatest impact from our Therapeutics Development team.
<b>What modalities are eligible?</b>	Any therapeutic modality is eligible.
<b>Are device, diagnostic or biomarker projects eligible?</b>	We fund therapeutic development projects. We would only fund devices, diagnostics or biomarkers if they are in support of a drug, which is the main focus of intervention in the project.
<b>Are you interested in a second use for a known compound?</b>	Yes, but only if there is new intellectual property (IP) associated with the indication, and if the compound is not encumbered.
<b>Is a PhD degree sufficient for this programme?</b>	Yes, a Principal Investigator with a PhD, or its equivalent, is eligible.
<b>Are Co-Investigator's allowed?</b>	Yes, but only one applicant/Principal Investigator is recognized as the Harrington Scholar and will have responsibility for project oversight and financial management.
<b>Are post-doc's eligible to apply as the Principal Investigator (PI)?</b>	Senior post-docs are eligible. A senior post-doc must be working independently on their own research and have the support of their institution to advance their work towards the clinic. Applications should emphasize sources of funding, demonstrate a solid track record, and show independence/a path to independence.
<b>If we have licensed our technology to a commercial partner, is our project eligible for funding?</b>	No, we can only support projects in which the asset and ensuing IP are under full control of the PI or his/her institution.
<b>Does Harrington Discovery Institute or Fund for Cures UK take any IP rights?</b>	No, IP rights are retained by the Principal Investigator or his/her institution. This is a philanthropically-supported award.
<b>What type of costs can the award funds be applied to?</b>	Funds can be applied to direct costs only (no institution overhead or indirect costs). They can be used for salary of the Principal Investigator (up to 10% of total award amount) and collaborators in a proportionate amount to the time spent on the project. Award funds cannot be used to pay students and cannot be used for travel costs. In addition, no more than £10,000 of the grant can be used for capital expenditures or equipment.

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<p><b>Can salary for other faculty members that are assisting in the project, such as junior faculty and clinical doctors, be covered?</b></p>	<p>The award may be used to cover salaries for existing post-docs (or junior faculty or clinical doctors) equivalent to the % effort devoted to the project. <b>Importantly, personnel who may be supported through the award must already be in place, to ensure that the work can commence immediately.</b></p>
<p><b>Is it an issue if the Principal Investigator is receiving grant funding from other sources?</b></p>	<p>No, there is no issue.</p>
<p><b>Can the Principal Investigator be based in the UK, but work with collaborators doing the majority of the work in another country? Are there limitations on where the project can be carried out?</b></p>	<p>The Principal Investigator must be in the United Kingdom, and the Intellectual Property rights must reside with the Principal Investigator / their UK institution. A subset of the work can be conducted outside of the UK.</p>
<p><b>Will the information I send in my proposal be kept confidential?</b></p>	<p>Yes, all information received by Harrington Discovery Institute is considered confidential. If the applicant is concerned about some aspect of the review process, they may contact us at <b>Info@FundforCures.org.uk</b>.</p>
<p><b>Can one Principal Investigator submit multiple proposals for consideration?</b></p>	<p>Yes, a PI may submit multiple proposals.</p>
<p><b>Is there any limit to the number of applications our university can submit?</b></p>	<p>No, there is no limit to the number of applications one university can submit. In fact, universities are encouraged to submit multiple proposals.</p>

For additional questions, please contact us at: [Info@FundforCures.org.uk](mailto:Info@FundforCures.org.uk).

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