

## **CALL FOR INNOVATION PROJECTS**

**Institutional Translational Partnership Awards (iTPAs)** are a Wellcome Innovations initiative to create a stronger link between science technology and innovation by supporting and encouraging further translation of research to health impact. Through this initiative, Wellcome is working in partnership with a small number of organizations and institutes to fund and support early translation. As part of this partnership MORU have developed an Innovation funding scheme.

We wish to welcome ideas, new translation projects or add-on translation components e.g evaluation of safety and toxicity, sensitivity and specificity assessment for the developed tools etc. to existing projects for participation in this program. The award schemes can include consultancy support for transitioning projects through translation pipeline toward practical solution for tropical medical problem e.g Intellectual property issue advisory, market survey or regulatory advisory support, project funding support as well as identifying potential key partners or external funding opportunities e.g Innovator Awards, MRC, Innovate UK etc.

### **Normal iTPA Track**

**(Welcome to Schedule Appointment with us to discuss about Your innovative Idea until 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018)**

(1-3 projects will be awarded- maximum total award of **£100K** for this round)

### **A. Overview**

iTPA focus on the innovative projects with broader scope to ensure the pipeline of translational projects in collaboration between FTM and MORU for middle and long term outcomes. Therefore, the participation is designed to encourage submission of innovative ideas. All ideas submitted will be discussed and advised for the next development stage. Support for the awarded project can vary between consultation support e.g market survey study, regulatory consultation, specific certification test e.g biocompatibility etc. through project funding of not more than £60K and/or seeking match funding from either the faculty or university or other funding opportunities e.g Innovator Award, TRF etc.

Benefits of the project registering in the iTPA portfolio are to receive support for preparing the project along the translation pipeline with the potential to receive/attract bigger funding scheme available for translate science to IMPACT.

### **B. Eligible criteria**

1. All FTM researchers are eligible to submit the EOI, We also would like to encourage the researcher who never work in collaboration with MORU to find common research idea and enable the new collaboration initiative.
2. All Innovation ideas and projects are welcome
3. *Projects must start by April 2019*

Note: The timeline for project completion will not be considered, long term projects with high IMPACT potential are welcome, as the iTPA may support for prepare the project for other funding opportunities.

### **C. Application Process**

Applicants are expected to submit an Expression Of Interest (EOI) by filling in the online Expression of Interest available at <https://goo.gl/forms/8kgJrriJqEQQ4PUE2>. The form will be automatically forward to iTPA-ORS for screening.

Applicants must cc. copy of filled EOI to department head or advisor (in case the applicant is a student).

Applicants should meet with the iTPA Manager for project review to finalize the support required and registering the project to iTP Project portfolio during the EOI call opening period..

### **D. Reviewing Process**

The iTP project Portfolio will be reviewed and evaluate the Faculty of Tropical Medicine-Partnership Oversight Committee (FTM-iTP-POC). The project leader may be asked to present the project during FTM-iTP-POC final evaluation meeting to evaluate and make the final selection of which projects to fund. Selection of projects by both committees will be based on evaluation criteria\*\*.

Sub-POC committee selected based on expertise in the specific area may be appointed by POC committee to evaluate, scoring and participate in project selection based on the same evaluation criteria\*\*.

### **E. Timelines of Awarded Project Announcement**

17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	- Call Open
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct- 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	- EOI Submission and Discussion with iTP Mgr
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	- Deadline for EOI Submission
2 <sup>nd</sup> wk Jan 2019	- Pre-screening for calling full project proposal submission
Feb 2019	- Evaluation and selection of awarded projects
End of Feb 2019	- Final List of Awards Project announcement
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	- Project start date

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