

## **New Applicants Scheme**

Newly appointed academic members of staff (lecturers or lecturer equivalent fellows) who have joined a department between grant reviews may exceptionally apply separately for support. This will potentially allow them to begin to establish a research programme on appointment.

It should be noted that the number of awards is likely to be very low and funding will be extremely competitive.

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants may not be funded on more than one consolidated grant.
- Applicants must be employed on a full or part-time basis as academic members of staff at the grant-holding University by the start date of the new applicants grant.
- The relevant department's/consortium's consolidated grant submission date should be a minimum of 1 year away from the submission date of the new applicants grant.
- Applicants will need to demonstrate that there are insufficient funds within the flexibility of the existing grant to support their research. A statement from the grant Principal Investigator providing evidence should be included as part of the pre-proposal

### **Terms of the Scheme**

- Applicants must be the sole investigator.
- Applicants can only apply once at any institution for a new applicant award.
- Applicants can apply for funding for a minimum of a year and a maximum of 3 years (or until the issue of the department's/consortium's consolidated grant).
- Applicants can apply for limited resources to allow the applicant to begin to establish a research programme
- The relevant grant panel will assess applications against the same criteria as the consolidated grant proposals (and funding will come from the appropriate grants line); however, research potential in addition to track record will be taken into account.

### **Proposals**

- Applicants should submit a 1 page pre-proposal for consideration by the executive in consultation with the relevant grant panel chair.
- If the case for funding is considered to be a high priority, applicants will be advised of next steps.
- If grant funding is agreed, funding will be awarded as an addition to the department's/consortium's existing consolidated grant.