



## RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM NOTES 2011/12

### Introduction

Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children aims to fund basic and clinical research into the aetiology, prevention and treatment of Birth Defects.

The Foundation wishes to encourage and promote research and its translation into clinical applications, thereby providing an opportunity to improve child health.

Competition for funding is generally very competitive and although the Foundation wishes to encourage a broad range of research applications, areas such as fetal loss or late onset genetic disorders would only be funded in exceptional circumstances.

### 1. Types of Grants Available

Newlife normally invites applications for 2 types of grants:

- **Full Grants** – these are normally invited by advertising each summer, in leading journals.
- **Small Grants** – these can be applied for most times throughout the year excluding March (due to the close of Newlife's financial year). In respect of small grants only, a summary of the work should be emailed or posted to Newlife Medical Director for review before an application is submitted, to ensure relevancy and funds available.

We are aware that Universities may be able to make claims for additional funding as we operate a peer review system.

### 2. Salaries and CV's

Salaries will be paid at national levels and any increases that may arise should be shown. Application for funding should be separated into the following: basic salary and any increases, national insurance, superannuation, London weighting (if applicable).

Please ensure you enclose with this application, the CV of the principle investigator working on this project.

### 3. Expenses and equipment

Any allowance to cover consumables such as reagents or minor relevant equipment may be applied for and should be justified and a breakdown given on the application form provided. The Foundation is a charitable organisation and as such does not provide administrative overheads for the Institution where the research is carried out so please be sure not to include these costs. Advertising/recruitment costs should be allowed for in the consumables budget. Travel cost should be shown separately and justified in the application. We are aware that Universities may be able to make claims for additional funding as we operate a peer review system.

### 4. Grant Application Limits

Full Grant applications that exceed the maximum level (Full grants -£120,000 Small grants £15,000) will be rejected or may be asked to fund the balance from other sources.

## 5. Ethics

- (i) Ethical approval by the appropriate local ethics committee should be gained prior to application and forwarded with the application.
- (ii) Work involving animals will be supported only where there are no alternative experimental system is available and where the long-term benefits of the research to child health can be justified. We do not support research on primates or domestic animals. Investigators will be required to be fully licensed by the Home Office.
- (iii) Work involving the use of human embryos must receive approval from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority prior to submission and must fulfill guidelines laid down by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990.

Please ensure you enclose the relevant letters regarding this approval. If there is likely to be a delay in obtaining ethics approval please discuss with the circumstances with the Medical Director prior to any submission.

## 6. Grant payments and conditions

Any grant awarded will normally be paid quarterly in arrears, within 30 days of receipt of the appropriate invoice. Project grants are agreed for a period of up to 2 years, but are subject to satisfactory progress at annual review. Other conditions may apply to any offer of a grant which is made.

## 7. Intellectual Property Rights

Grant holders must inform Newlife if their research has possibilities of commercial applications. Under such circumstances the intellectual property rights would be shared with the grant holder, Newlife Foundation and the Institution where the research is primarily carried out, subject to negotiation.

## 8. Other Research Award/Funding

Collaborative funding with private companies, patient support groups and other medical research charities will be considered on an individual basis. Initial approaches should be made to the Medical Director.

## 9. Notification of Decision

Newlife will inform applicants of the decision in January/early Feb 2012. In respect of unsuccessful applications, the decision of the Trustees is final. It is not the policy of the Foundation to provide reviews or to enter into discussions with unsuccessful applicants.

## 10. Closing dates

Full Grant applications - strictly 5pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (late applications will not be considered)

Small Grant applications - throughout the year, until 5pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

## 11. Queries

Enquires are welcome before and after application. Please note the following contact details:

**Does your research fit our criteria or medical/scientific/clinical matter related to this application?** All queries to: Prof. M. Patton Email:

mpatton@newlifecharity.co.uk

**Do you have queries about this application form?**

If in doubt please contact Newlife HO to discuss: Research Admin Officer –

Mr. Stephen Morgan, 01543 468 888, Email: smorgan@newlifecharity.co.uk