

Overview of the seed funding

Three awards of GBP 5,000 each are available for interdisciplinary groups of researchers from RENKEI institutions, in order to further the purposes of the RENKEI researcher workshop on health held online on 23 and 24 June 2021, which are for RENKEI members to learn more about each other's research expertise and interests in the areas of health, and to identify potential for collaborative research. One award is being offered for each of the workshop's three themes of "patient safety", "medicine and informatics", and "ageing". Please note that these awards will only be made if applications of suitable quality are received.

Applicants for these awards will be asked to submit a completed application form (please see page 2), including an overview of their planned research, by Friday 17 September 2021. The applications will be scored by each of the workshop chairs and presenters for the relevant theme (if panellists submit an application, they will not score their own application), and the final selection of recipients will be done by RENKEI Steering Committee representatives, referring to these scores. Scoring will take place using the attached standardised marking scheme (please see page 3). Applicants will be notified of the selection results in mid-October.

Seed funded projects may last up to one year. The use of the seed funding will be left to the discretion of the recipients. Some possible uses could be pilot analysis of data by an early career researcher belonging to the group, or follow-up visits between researchers in the two countries. Research groups will state their intended use of the funding in their proposals, and will be assessed on the likelihood that this will contribute to the desired outcomes above. Expected outputs will depend largely on the individual research project; however, recipients will be required to submit a financial report to the British Council (following an example supplied), and to produce a written account of approximately one A4 page accompanied by photographs for use in future RENKEI publications.

Please note that for accounting reasons, the seed funding will be paid to one lead researcher, for members of the research group to then split as appropriate.

Application form

Please fill in this form. You are free to use additional pages.

Title of research proposal:

Workshop subtheme addressed (please choose):

- Patient safety
- Medicine and informatics
- Ageing

Research proposal (max. 500 words). Please include intended outputs and their potential to contribute to the research base in health:

Intended use of seed funding (if you intend to use the funding for travel, please include an alternative plan in case travel is impossible):

Research group members
(Please add more rows if necessary)

| Name | Institution | Research expertise | Contribution to this research project |
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Lead institution (the seed funding will be paid to this institution, and you will be responsible for distributing it within your group):

Please send your completed application to renkei@britishcouncil.or.jp and international@med.nagoya-u.ac.jp by 17 September 2021.

Standardised marking scheme (for reference. Your application will be scored against these criteria)

Title of research proposal:

Subtheme addressed: patient safety/ medicine and informatics/ ageing

Please give the research proposal a score of 1 – 5 for each of the following criteria, where 5 is the highest score and 1 the lowest.

| Criteria | Score | | | | |
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| 1. Relevance of the research to “health” and to the appropriate subtheme | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. Originality and potential contribution of proposal to the health research base | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Appropriateness and feasibility of proposal to achieve intended outcomes | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Interdisciplinary nature of the research proposal | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Involvement of researchers from both member countries and at different career stages | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Total score | | | | | |

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