

Start-Up Funding for Newly Independent Investigators (Ussher Assistant Professor or equivalent)

Eligibility: Assistant Professors appointed to their first academic position within 12 months of the call date whose research fits the Wellcome Trust Remit.

BACKGROUND

Call open: 19th February 2020

BACKGROUND: Trinity College Dublin was awarded a Wellcome Trust-SFI-HRB co-funded Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) grant in 2016, which was led and is managed by the Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience. The ISSF grant provides limited start-up funds to support to early-stage academics working in areas supported by the Wellcome Trust, based on equivalent matching support from Schools. **Assistant Professors in the Humanities whose research interfaces substantially with Medicine, Health or Neuroscience are encouraged to apply** even if matching funds are not guaranteed by the School at the time of application.

- Previous Start-Up Award recipients are not eligible.

More information on ISSF Programme can be found at <https://www.tcd.ie/Neuroscience/ISSF/>

BUDGET: Awards from the ISSF, to a maximum of €20,000, must be matched by the proposing School* (for a maximum award of €40,000) or unit hosting the investigator. The funds should be spent by September 30th 2021.

The proposed spend may cover equipment, consumables, travel, salary costs for research assistants, animal costs, access charges etc.

EVALUATION: Proposals (with an indicative maximum total of €40,000) will be submitted by Heads of School who will commit to 50% matched funding. An ISSF review committee established in coordination with the Dean of Research's office will evaluate applications in March/April 2020. A key evaluation criterion will be the likelihood that these funds will facilitate successful major research grant applications.

** Successful candidates must ensure that these start-up funds will be spent by the above date. They should also agree to respond promptly to generally light reporting requirements.*

REQUIRED REPORTING: On completion of the term a maximum of a 1 page report will be submitted to the Programme Coordinator (Dr. Aisling Hume ahume@tcd.ie) with actual spend against proposed budget and key outcomes. The facilitation of further research and proposed funding should be summarised.

Enquires should be sent to Dr. Aisling Hume ahume@tcd.ie

Submission deadline: Monday 15th March 2020

Template for completion

Section 1: Please submit a short CV

(2-pages maximum including list of current and pending grant applicants)

Section 2:

Applicant Name
Position
Ussher Yes /No
School:
PROPOSAL TITLE:
Project length (<u>maximum 1 page</u>) to include Specific Aims Scientific interest, importance, uniqueness. Research Grant Applications Planned on basis of the above work.
Justification for activity within Wellcome Trust's remit (200 word maximum)
Total budget inclusive of ISSF funds and School funds (Maximum €40,000)
Proposed budget breakdown (including 50% matched funding to be provided by the School)
Electronic signature of Applicant
Electronic signature of relevant Head of School

Section 3: Description of project inclusive of aims and work to be carried out (2 pages maximum inclusive of references)

Section 4: How will this start up seed funding help to generate results and provide a platform for further grant applications. (Maximum ½ page)