**Building Engagements in Health Research (BEHR)**

**\*\*\*Pilot Scheme 2023\*\*\***

**TTMI Collaborative Pilot Study Awards  
Request for Applications**

TTMI is pleased to announce a request for applications for Collaborative Pilot Study Awards. TTMI has prioritised this programme to fast-forward solutions for collaborative multidisciplinary research, with the ultimate goal of increasing translational research activity. The *‘Building Engagements in Health Research’* pilot scheme 2023 is supported by the Office of the Dean of Research in recognition of the fact that Translational Research is inherently multidisciplinary.TTMI Collaborative Pilot Study Awards may be used flexibly to initiate collaborations that generate pilot data suitable for future grant applications.

It is imperative that applications involve new collaborations between TTMI-based researchers and Trinity-affiliated clinicians to facilitate the development of the requisite inter-relationships necessary for future grants of scale. In the short-term it is intended that the data from these projects will be used to develop applications for such competitions as: HRB Clinical Fellowships/ HRB Investigator Grants/ICS Fellowships, EI Technical Feasibility Funds, or EI RD&I fund etc., or where relevant, targeted calls such as Meath Foundation and RCDH Trust.

The scheme will be weighted towards supporting the early/mid-career development of researchers in Translational Research and establishing foundations towards successful applications to Horizon Europe, ERC, Wellcome or SFI awards.

**Level of Funding Available**

It is envisaged that approx. 3 to 5 projects (total budget €50,000) will be funded under this scheme.

**Scheme Audience**

* Each project must involve at least two applicants; one a Clinician and one a Basic Scientist.
* While the scheme is open to all, newly appointed Assistant Professors and Clinicians who have started working in affiliated hospitals over the past three years, will be given a greater weighting.
* Applicants who have a small amount of research funding for the intended project may apply to the BEHR scheme for ‘matching funds’.

**Closing date for Applications: 5pm Thursday 18th Jan. 2024**

**Submit completed applications to frank.mangan@tcd.ie**

**Applicant A**

Name:

Current Position:

Brief Summary of Career to date (5 lines max)

**Applicant B**

Name:

Current Position:

Brief Summary of Career to date (5 lines max)

**Have the above-named individuals ever worked together previously?** Yes 🞏 No 🞏

If Yes – please clarify:

**Do the above-named individuals have a research funding for the intended project that shall be matched under the BEHR scheme?** Yes 🞏 No 🞏

If Yes – please clarify:

**Title and Lay Summary of Project (200 words max)**

**Ethics:**

Are there any special ethical issues arising from your proposal that are not covered by the relevant professional Code of Practice? Y/N

Have you obtained, or will you obtain ethical approval from the relevant authority? Y/N

**Outline the TTMI infrastructure/equipment that will be utilised in this proposed project**: (300 words max)

**How does this proposed project complement TTMI’s/Schools strategic plans?** (300 words max) <https://www.tcd.ie/ttmi/news/ttmistrategicreport2018.pdf> <https://www.tcd.ie/medicine/research/strategy/>

**Personal statement:** Each Applicant must include a statement indicating how this award relates to their professional career (200 words max per applicant)

**Scheme of research**: Maximum Two A4 pages to be completed addressing **research plan**, **deliverables**, **realistic timeline over 12 months**, **impact of the work** and **plans for continuation**

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**Budget (12 Months):** Maximum one A4 page to include a breakdown and justification (where applicable) of supplies, consumables, publication costs, and equipment.

Applicants’ Signatures

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Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details of collaborators (if relevant)