

GBU Research Collaboration Accelerator Grant

Information for Applicants

Purpose

The purpose of this funding is to accelerate research collaboration between the University of Edinburgh and Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU).

Criteria

1. Scientific quality
2. Translational potential
3. Evidence of previous or forthcoming collaborative research engagement with GBU.
4. Expected outcomes (e.g. significant progress towards submission of a paper and/or grant application, generation or consolidation of future research plans, seeding impact through research translation).

Eligibility

Principal investigators employed by the University of Edinburgh who have ongoing collaborative research connections with GBU

Funding Available

Funding to cover research expenditure up to a maximum of £25k to contribute to an ongoing collaborative research project or seed new research where there is already evidence of ongoing research collaboration. Evidence of successful ongoing research collaboration is an essential criterion for the award of a research grant. The research grant can be used for consumables, facility charges and research assistant salaries as justified in the application. PI salary costs, publication costs, conference expenses and University of Edinburgh staff travel are not eligible under this scheme. Funding for GBU staff to travel to the University of Edinburgh is eligible under this scheme. All expenditure must be managed at the University of Edinburgh.

Timeline (applications will be considered once per year)

Application deadline: to be announced

Decisions by: One month from the deadline for submissions

Start date must be within 6 months of decision date

Maximum period of grant: One year

Deadline for report: One month from the end of the grant

Reporting

A brief report should be submitted on the outcomes of the research project (600 words maximum). This should include reference to any manuscripts in preparation, submitted or published; any patents in preparation or submitted; any grant applications in preparation, submitted or grants awarded.

Intellectual Property and Material Transfer Agreements

The University of Edinburgh and Gujarat Biotechnology University agree that all activities in connection with any projects will be conducted in accordance with the following key principles unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Institutions:

- a. all intellectual property belonging to one Institution providing it to the other before, on or after the date of this award shall remain the property of the Institution providing it;
- b. any intellectual property created in the course of a project (Project IP) will be owned by the Institution who creates such Project IP, or where created jointly, owned jointly by the Institutions as in shares equal to their respective inventive contributions to such Project IP;
- c. each Institution grants to the other Institution a royalty-free, non-exclusive, perpetual licence to use its Project IP for the purposes of undertaking the Project and for its general purposes of non-commercial research, teaching and publication;
- d. where relevant or necessary, any commercialisation activities in respect of jointly owned Project IP (including whether patent applications related to the jointly-owned Project IP will be prepared and filed) will be as negotiated and agreed in writing between the Institutions.
- e. transfer of materials will be accompanied by appropriate MTAs and compliant with legal requirements in India and the UK.

Application Requirements and Procedure

Applications should be submitted to gbu@ed.ac.uk using the Word form designed for this purpose.

A letter of support from the GBU collaborator is required.

All research must have ethical approval by the University of Edinburgh and carried out in compliance with the standards of integrity of the University of Edinburgh.

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis by a committee of University of Edinburgh staff. Decisions of the committee will be final.