



# Medical Technology Innovation Fund 2019/20

## Funding and purpose:

Funding is available to support the development of innovative ideas which may ultimately lead to the creation of **new medical technology** products, devices, or services in health and social care. We will support the development of medical devices, materials, and/or software that aim to: prevent, diagnose, monitor, or treat a medical condition.

We are reaching out beyond the traditional boundaries of medtech, to innovators with expertise and technologies in other fields that could be successfully applied to the sector. Applications will be considered from academic led teams from a wide range of disciplines and may involve or benefit from existing commercial and/or health and social care partnerships.

We will consider ideas at any stage of commercial development, although we anticipate that most will come from early along the 'technology readiness spectrum'. Project concepts and objectives should complement the existing [Grow MedTech](#) (GMT) project pipeline and funding scheme.

Projects must have a clear technical objective and clearly identify the patient group or service users who will be the beneficiaries. It is expected that deliverables from these awards will be used to enhance future applications for development/research funding from identified local regional or national sources.

## Budget & project duration:

We anticipate making a number of funding awards:

- 4 awards of **up to £5,000**
  - Up to £2,000 on staff (see below for eligible costs)
  - Up to £3,000 on consumables and other costs
- 3-month duration

## Eligibility:

Applications will be assessed on their alignment with GMT priorities and will be assessed by a panel drawn from Research and Enterprise Services. All permanent LBU members of staff are eligible to apply.

Projects must conform as follows:

- ✓ Development of medical devices, materials, and/or software
- ✗ Excludes the development and discovery of pharmaceuticals
- ✓ Contribute to a demonstrable innovative healthcare or medical technology, product, or service
- ✓ Be achievable within 3 months of starting
- ✗ The final spend date can be no later than 31st January 2020

## Eligible costs:

- ✓ Research support/technical staff time
- ✗ Indirect or directly allocated staff costs (i.e. tenured academic staff) will not be funded
- ✓ Equipment (excluding capital IT equipment)
- ✓ Early stage prototype development
- ✓ Laboratory consumables
- ✓ Patient, carer, and public consultation workshops to identify and validate the need for a project or technology



- ✓ Clinical consultation workshops with clinicians and healthcare professionals to validate the need for a project or technology
- ✓ Travel expenses if proportionate and key to the development of the technology
- ✓ Regulatory pathway guidance
- ✓ IP landscaping and advice on IP protection
- ✓ Market, opportunity and competitor analysis
- ✓ Developing technology road maps and routes to commercialisation

Expenditure CANNOT be transferred between years (ending March 31st) unless it meets the usual accounting criteria i.e. costs should be shown against the year in which the goods and services were received & utilised and not when the invoice was paid or funding received.

### Expectations:

Awardees will be expected to provide a short summary of their work on completion of the project. Awardees must comply with the financial guidelines, as provided by the GMT management team. Awardees will be expected to work with the GMT managers based at LBU, where appropriate, to examine further opportunities arising from their projects and where possible will be encouraged to seek follow-on funding from appropriate sources.

### How to apply:

All applications MUST be submitted using the [form provided](#).

For an informal chat about this funding, please contact Cat Colquhoun on 0113 81 25968 or email [GrowMedTech@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:GrowMedTech@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

### Key Dates:

Competition opens – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
Application deadline – **4pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
Assessment process – October 2019  
Announcement of successful applications – Mid October 2019  
Earliest start date of project – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
Latest spend date – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020