Please complete this form if you want to apply for the SMERC Large Grant. Funding up to £60,000 is available, but applications for smaller amounts will be reviewed favourably.

Before completing this form, please read the guidance information to applicants (including the assessment criteria). Please strictly adhere to the stipulated word limits where stated.

Once you have completed this form and have the necessary approvals and signatures, please submit this electronically to Pat MacLennan, SMERC Administrator, Email: [pmaclennan@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:pmaclennan@abdn.ac.uk) **by the closing date of Friday 16 July 2021**.

We expect to receive one electronic version of the application with relevant signatures by **0900 on the closing date**. Our contact details are SMERC Large Grant Programme, Pat MacLennan, Centre for Healthcare Education Research and Innovation (CHERI), Room 0.063, Polwarth Building, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZY; Tel: (01224) 438436; Email as above.

**Administering institution details:**

Name of institution:

Address:

Telephone:

**Principal Investigator (PI):**

Name:

Position held:

Address:

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**Co-investigator 1:**

Name:

Position held:

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**Co-investigator 2:**

Name:

Position held:

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**Co-investigator 3 (please add more if more than 4 investigators):**

Name:

Position held:

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**Title of research project:**

**Please indicate the relevant SMERC theme(s):**

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| --- | --- |
| Workforce |  |
| Improved Quality |  |
| New models of care |  |
| Enhanced educational infrastructure |  |
| An improved organisation |  |

## Please list up to 5 keywords:

Refer to a common vocabulary/term list or indexing standard such as MeSH Thesaurus to ensure that the terms you have used match those used in these resources.

## Please include word counts for each section or your application will be rejected at Stage 1 (screening).

## Lay Summary

## Please summarise in plain English (avoiding both technical terms and undefined acronyms):

## Why the proposed research is important

## How and where the research would be carried out

## What outcomes would be used to assess the success of the research

## What, if any, ethical issues would be involved in this study and arrangements for handling those

## Why this team would be well placed to carry out the proposed research

## It is essential that the content of this application, and the implications of the research proposed, are understandable to lay representatives (Maximum 250 words)

## Details of proposed project

(Maximum 2000 words excluding references)

### Background to the project and critique of existing literature:

### Study aims and research questions:

### Possible methodology and methods:

### Plans for dissemination of the work:

### Benefits to policy and/or practice:

### References (excluded from the 2000 word limit):

## Brief outline of the timetable of work, start and finish dates, and key milestones

(Maximum of 500 words plus a GANTT chart or equivalent)

## Total financial support requested from SMERC

Please outline and justify costs. Please explain why your proposed project offers good value for money (Maximum of 500 words)

## Has this application, or a similar application previously been submitted to this or any other funding body? If yes, please attached feedback from the funding body and explain how any issues have been addressed in the current proposal. (Maximum of 300 words)

## Outline how you will address the ethical considerations of the proposed project

(Maximum of 500 words)

## Provide details of the applicants’ track records in the relevant field, including their top five publications in the field

Please specific each person’s specific input into the project. (Maximum of 1000 words)

## Please explain how this project will facilitate collaborations within and/or beyond SMERC

(Maximum of 300 words)

## Provide details of the supportive environment(s) that will be provided to the research staff including training provision

(Maximum of 500 words)

**Success criteria and barriers to proposed work**

Please set out the measurements of success you intend to use and also the key risks to delivering this research and what contingencies you will put in place to deal with them. (Maximum of 500 words)

## Approvals and signatures

### The officer responsible for administering any grant awarded must complete and sign below:

Name of officer

Position held

Address

Telephone

Email

Signature

Date

### The head of department (or equivalent) in which the doctoral student will be accommodated must complete and sign below:

Name of head (or equivalent)

Position held

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Signature

Date

### The relevant NHS R&D director for research using NHS facilities (if relevant) must complete and sign below:

Name of Director

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