# Terms and Conditions for Marie Curie Research Grants



Care and support through terminal illness

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

These Grant Conditions, together with the Grant Award Letter and the Funding Policies, set out the terms and conditions on which the Grant is made by Marie Curie to the Host Institution and Grantholder.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

- Nominated by Chief Investigator of a clinical research study. 3.1 Accrual Data The ADC is responsible for uploading recruitment data to the Contact (ADC) NIHR CRN Portal. Cancer Research UK, a registered charity in England and 3.2 Cancer Wales (1089464) and in Scotland (SC041666) and a company **Research UK** limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales No. (CR-UK) 4325234 whose registered address is Angel Building, 407 St John Street, London EC1V 4AD All Results arising from a Clinical Trial, other than Human **Clinical Trial** 3.3 **Biological Samples.** Results The cost of resources used by a project that are shared by 3.4 Directly other activities. They are charged to projects on the basis of Allocated estimates rather than actual costs and do not represent actual Costs costs on a project by project basis e.g. electricity, water. 3.5 3.6 **Direct Costs** The costs explicitly identifiable as arising from the conduct of a project. The equipment required to conduct the Research which costs 3.7 Equipment £5,000 or more. 3.8 Funded All Results, including clinical trial results. Intellectual Property Biological and chemical materials comprised in Funded 3.9 Funded Intellectual Property. **Materials** The funding made pursuant to and described in the Grant 3.10 Grant Award Letter. The letter from Marie Curie to the principal Grant Holder 3.11 Grant Award
- **3.11 Grant Award** Letter (GAL) The letter from Marie Curie to the principal Grant Holder specifying the amount of the Grant and confirming the award of the grant.
- **3.12 Grant** The conditions set out in this document.
- Conditions3.13 Grantholder(s) The lead applicant, any joint applicant as specified in the Grant Award Letter or any persons to whom the Host Institution allocated the Grant or any part thereof.
- **3.14 Grant Period** The period of the grant set out in the Grant Award Letter.
- **3.15 Host Institution** The university, institution or other body at which some or all of the research funded by the Grant will be carried out.

Tissue, blood and other biological samples taken from humans.

- 3.16 Human Biological Samples
- **3.17 Indirect Costs** Non-specific costs charged across all projects based on estimates that are not otherwise included as Directly Allocated Costs. They include the costs of the Host Institution's administration such as human resources, finance, library and departmental services.
- **3.18 Instalment** The portion of the award value committed over a defined period, the instalment period. Subsequent instalment(s) of the award are pending successful interim reviews.
- **3.19 Marie Curie** Marie Curie, Registered in England and Wales with Charity Reg No. 207994 and in Scotland with Charity Reg No. SC038731, and a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales No 507597, whose registered office is 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP
- **3.20 NHS Number** An NHS number is a national unique patient identifier which is used by healthcare staff and service providers to match an individual to their health records. Everyone registered with the NHS in England has their own unique number. All babies born in England and Wales are issued with an NHS number at birth.
- **3.21 NIHR CRN Portfolio** A database of clinical research studies that are supported by the National Institute of Health Research Clinical Research Network in England.
- **3.22 Premises** All research facilities where the Research is conducted.
- **3.23 Research** The research and investigation which is the subject of the Grant.
- **3.24 Research Personnel** The Grantholder and the person or persons working under his/her supervision (including students, visitors and subcontractors).
- **3.25 Results** All inventions, discoveries, materials (including biological and chemical materials), technologies, products, data, algorithms, software, patents, databases, copyright, other intellectual property and know-how arising from Research.
- **3.26 Studentship** A grant to provide the stipend and other costs associated with a non-clinical PhD student.

# 4. RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESEARCH PRACTICE

## 4.1 Employment

- 4.1.1 Marie Curie does not act as an employer with respect to the Grant<sup>1</sup>, and therefore, in all cases where support is provided by the Grant for the employment of staff, the Host Institution or its permitted subcontractor(s) must issue a contract of employment for such staff in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- 4.1.2 The Host Institution warrants that it has adopted the principles, standards and good practice for the management of research staff set out in the 2008 Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers (please see here for more information: <u>https://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy/vitae-concordat-vitae-2011.pdf/view</u>), and subsequent amendments. The Host Institution shall maintain an environment in which research staff are selected and treated on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential. It must ensure that reliable systems and processes are in place so that the principles of the Concordat are embedded into practice within the Host Institution.
- 4.1.3 All clinical staff appointed on grants should hold honorary NHS clinical contracts or honorary university contracts at the appropriate level. The Host Institution is responsible for ensuring all clinical staff have the necessary professional registration and occupational health clearance. Marie Curie accepts no liability for any claim arising out of matters relating to fitness of practice.
- 4.1.4 Marie Curie will not be responsible for, nor will it indemnify the Host Institution against, any claim for redundancy, compensation, dismissal or discrimination or any other claims for which the Host Institution or any permitted sub-contractor may be liable as an employer or otherwise.
- 4.1.5 The Host Institution must ensure that all permanent and temporary staff and students employed or involved in the work funded by the Grant receive training appropriate to their duties, in accordance with any applicable legal or regulatory requirements. This includes management and leadership training and development for all Marie Curie supported staff with managerial responsibilities.
- 4.1.6 The Host Institution must ensure that appropriate Premises are available to house the Research Personnel and all equipment used in the Research is fully maintained, kept in an appropriate and safe state of repair and properly serviced for the duration of the Grant. The Host Institution must comply with and perform all obligations and duties at law (including all health and safety legislation) in respect of the Premises.
- 4.1.7 The Host Institution must identify any risks which could affect the health of new and expectant mothers and must take any actions necessary as a result of the risk assessment.
- 4.1.8 Researchers in receipt of salary support from Marie Curie must ensure that their time commitments to commercial organisations and other non-research activities are compatible with the policies of the institution and any conditions in the Grant Award Letter.
- 4.1.9 Marie Curie funded researchers must disclose to their institutions (a) benefits in cash in excess of £10 000 per annum or (b) benefits in equity of any level, received either as compensation for work undertaken for a commercial organisation, or in consideration of the transfer of intellectual property.
- 4.1.10 In managing a perceived or actual conflict of interest, the institution must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that Marie Curie is not put at risk of being in breach of charity law or regulation because of the relationship of a Marie Curie funded researcher with a commercial organisation. In particular, the institution should act to ensure that the useful results of Marie Curie funded research are applied for the public benefit, with only incidental private benefit. This might involve requiring a Marie Curie funded researcher to relinquish direct control over some, or all, of the assets they hold in a commercial organisation or requiring the level of compensation offered to the Marie Curie funded researcher to be capped.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In exceptional and specific circumstances, a Grant may include support costs for Marie Curie staff working within the Host Institution. Such staff will remain Marie Curie employees.

## 4.2 Project Management

- 4.2.1 It is the responsibility of the Host Institution and Grantholder to ensure that all parties, including collaborators, supervisors, and staff employed on Marie Curie grants comply with the terms and conditions.
- 4.2.2 The Host Institution must hold appropriate policies of insurance covering personal indemnity, public liability, and employer's liability and shall maintain such insurance policies throughout the Project and any commercialisation of the Results.
- 4.2.3 The Host Institution must ensure proper financial management of grants and accountability for the use of public funds.
- 4.2.4 The Host Institution must ensure that the Grant is used for the purposes for which it was awarded. Any plan to diverge from the aims outlined in the original grant application requires prior written agreement from Marie Curie. In the event the research is terminated early, Marie Curie must be notified in writing.
- 4.2.5 The Host Institution must ensure that adequate resources are provided to support the activities and timeframe described in the GAL.
- 4.2.6 The Host Institution must notify Marie Curie if there is any change in status, or of Research Personnel, that may affect its eligibility to hold the grant.
- 4.2.7 The Host Institution will inform Marie Curie promptly of any pre-existing arrangements which may lead to a breach of the Grant Conditions. The Host Institution shall not enter into, or permit any person involved with the project to enter into, consultancies, third party restrictions or arrangements which may affect the Research without the prior written agreement of Marie Curie.
- 4.2.8 The Host Institution and the Grantholder must notify any commercial collaborators of the application and obtain their agreement for the disclosure of confidential information.
- 4.2.9 Marie Curie must be notified of any potential new treatment arising from a Marie Curie Grant.
- 4.2.10 Marie Curie acknowledges that the Host Institution is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If the Host Institution receives a 'Request for Information' in respect to any part of the Grant, the Host Institution must notify and consult with Marie Curie on the response to the request.

### 4.3 Scientific Conduct

- 4.3.1 The Host Institution must have in place formal written procedures for the handling of allegations of research misconduct. The procedure(s) must include guidance or a code of practice on standards of professional behaviour, provisions for induction and training of staff, monitoring, resolutions and procedures for handling allegations and fair procedures and appropriate protection for both the accused and any 'whistleblower'. The procedure(s) must be made available to Marie Curie upon request.
- 4.3.2 It is the responsibility of the Host Institution to inform Marie Curie in confidence, at the earliest opportunity, about allegations, progress of the investigation and the investigation outcome of research misconduct that concern Marie Curie funded Researchers.
- 4.3.3 Marie Curie reserves the right to investigate any aspect of real or apparent fraud or misconduct itself as it reasonably sees fit and the Host Institution shall provide assistance and information to Marie Curie for that purpose.
- 4.3.4 The Host Institution is responsible for managing conflicts of interests ensuring:
  - i. Any relationship between the Host Institution, Researchers and commercial organisations shall be appropriate and not unduly benefit the commercial organisation or influence the research

- ii. Any form of remuneration by a company for consultancy shall be made only for the appropriate provision of advice and the exchange of ideas and shall not enable that organisation to gain inappropriate access to Funded Intellectual Property
- iii. Marie Curie is notified of any conflicts which may be relevant to the research.

#### 4.4 Concordat to Support Research Integrity

- 4.4.1 Research shall be conducted according to the commitments set out in the Universities UK 's Concordat to Support Research Integrity. The Host Institution shall ensure that the Commitments that research is conducted to the highest standards of rigour and integrity, with Honesty, Rigour, Transparency & Open Communication and a Duty of Care to Participants, will be upheld at all times.
- 4.4.2 The Host Institution shall procure that Researchers maintain the highest standards of research integrity at all times. Host Institutions shall support researchers to understand and act in accordance with the Commitments.

### 4.5 Ethical Responsibilities and Data Protection

- 4.5.1 The Host Institution must ensure that before the research funded by the Grant commences and during the full Grant Period, all the necessary legal and regulatory requirements, including any necessary or appropriate ethical approval, in order to conduct the research are met. This includes obtaining all licences and approvals. The Host Institution accepts full responsibility for ensuring that any such approvals are in place at all relevant periods of the Grant.
- 4.5.2 If a study will use personal data on an individual who can be identified, this may fall under the remit of the Data Protection Act 1998. It is the Host Institution's responsibility to ensure that the provisions of the Act are met.
- 4.5.3 The Grantholder and Research Personnel must adhere to the 'Guidelines for the welfare and use of animals in cancer research' as set out by Workman et al (2010) (British Journal of Cancer 102, 1555-1577).
- 4.5.4 The Grant must not be used for any research on animals which has not been approved and set out in the grant application.

#### 4.6 Requests to Referee Future Applications

4.6.1 Grantholders are expected to respond positively and punctually to requests to referee Marie Curie grant applications.

## 5. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1 Grant Award

- 5.1.1 Marie Curie does not pay directly allocated costs unless specifically and clearly identified in the Grant Award Letter. Marie Curie does not pay any indirect costs.
- 5.1.2 All amounts specified in the GAL are inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT).
- 5.1.3 Once an application for financial support has been approved, a grant will only be awarded when Marie Curie is satisfied that all the necessary conditions have been met.
- 5.1.4 Once Marie Curie has established the level of award for the first year, a fixed indexation rate will be applied to all subsequent years of the award for salaries and running expenses.
- 5.1.5 The Host Institution will be responsible for any expenditure on the Grant in excess of the funding stipulated in the Grant Award Letter.
- 5.1.6 The Host Institution and proposed Grantholder must formally accept the Award as detailed in the Grant Award Letter and agree to the terms and conditions.

- 5.1.7 The Grant must be activated by the Grantholder within three (3) months from the start date indicated on the Grant Award Letter. Any delay to the start date must be approved by Marie Curie.
- 5.1.8 The Grant termination date is defined by the duration of the award from the activation date.
- 5.1.9 Marie Curie shall be permitted to disclose information regarding the award to relevant regulatory authorities, repositories, Higher Education Funding Councils and other agencies administering governmental funding.

#### 5.2 Grant Management

- 5.2.1 Payments for recurrent costs will normally be made quarterly in arrears.
- 5.2.2 For joint awards where the research will be split between two or more institutions, the designated Host Institution shall receive all payments made by Marie Curie. The designated Host Institution must transfer appropriate funds to other participating institutions without undue delay.
- 5.2.3 Marie Curie will pay travel costs for patients, volunteers and researchers as specified in the GAL. Marie Curie will also pay reasonable participation costs for patients and volunteers.
- 5.2.4 Trials supported by Marie Curie are automatically entered into the NIHR CRN portfolio and eligible for NIHR CRN support. The Grantholder is responsible for ensuring that up-to-date trial information including recruitment data are submitted monthly through the designated Accrual Data Contact (ADC).
- 5.2.5 The Host Institution shall ensure that the NHS number (or equivalent in the devolved UK health departments) for all patients and healthy volunteers entering trials supported by Marie Curie is recorded.

#### 5.3 Grant Management - Salary Allocation

- 5.3.1 Salary allocation may be used to fund salary, the employer's national insurance contribution, and an employer's pension contribution which will not be higher than the rate used by the USS or NHS scheme. It must not be used to offset any prior under funding of the pension scheme.
- 5.3.2 Salary allocation may not be used for any bonus or merit awards.
- 5.3.3 All advertisements for staff that will be funded by a grant must indicate that the research is funded by Marie Curie. The Host Institution is responsible for advertising posts and must meet recruitment-associated costs.
- 5.3.4 In the event of maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave being taken, salary allocation may only be used as cover for the vacant position, rather than for benefit payments for the staff member taking an extended period of leave. It is the responsibility of the Host Institution to cover these costs regardless of the fact that the staff member's salary is paid from a grant funded by Marie Curie.
- 5.3.5 The Grantholder must notify Marie Curie when the situation for long term leave arises. Any unspent salary allocation for the post after long term leave has been paid may be used to employ temporary cover.

#### 5.4 Grant Management - Virement

- 5.4.1 Marie Curie will allow the allocations for salary and running expenses to be openly vired to other salary and running expenses allocations. The following conditions apply:
  - i. The allocation must only be utilised on costs that meet the conditions of award. The only exceptions to this are that unspent allocations may be used to pay for costs of attendance and standard class travel for Research Personnel to conferences related to the research and for open access publication fees.
  - ii. Virements are not allowed:
    - to or from the amount allocated for University studentship fees

- to or from the amount allocated for a Principal Investigator's Salary
- from the salary of any post unfilled for six (6) or more months
- to or from the amount allocated for Equipment
- 5.4.2 All virements must be declared at each financial reconciliation. For Grants where salary and running expenses are not specifically allocated, details on how the funds were allocated will be required at each financial reconciliation.

## 5.5 Grant Management – Financial Reconciliations

- 5.5.1 Host Institutions must submit an interim reconciliation at three (3) year intervals (the "reconciliation period") from the start of the grant and a final reconciliation at the end of the Grant. Marie Curie reserves the right to process reconciliations as it reasonably sees fit if the Host Institution does not respond to reconciliation queries within a calendar month.
- 5.5.2 Marie Curie reserves the right to recover any unspent funds at the end of each reconciliation period.
- 5.5.3 Where any amounts paid by Marie Curie exceed the amounts justified or the Grant has not been used in accordance with the terms and conditions of award, Marie Curie will recover the sum in question on whatever terms it may specify. Marie Curie may recover sums owed to it by offsetting them against any other sums (including grant payments) owed to the Host Institution.
- 5.5.4 The Grantholder is required to submit a progress report at least yearly at the discretion of Marie Curie. Continued support for the award will only occur if the funding committee deems satisfactory progress has been made, to an appropriate standard of research, and in compliance with the terms and conditions of award.
- 5.5.5 A final report must be submitted within three (3) months of the end of the Grant end date and will be reviewed by the Marie Curie Research Review Committee.
- 5.5.6 The final instalment of a grant will not be paid until all instalments of the grant have been reconciled and the final report has been received.
- 5.5.7 At the request of Marie Curie, the Host Institution and/or its external auditors shall provide written confirmation that the Grant has been used for the purpose for which it was awarded and that the costs incurred meet the conditions of the Grant. On request, the Host Institution shall also make the necessary arrangements to enable Marie Curie and its agents to visit the Host Institution to discuss the administration and accounting of its awards and, if necessary, to conduct its own audit of any Marie Curie grant account at the Host Institution or the activities funded. For this purpose, Marie Curie and its agents and advisors may inspect and take copies of all relevant books of accounts and records. Where elements of expenditure under the Grant have been subcontracted, the Host Institution should ensure that the right of access extends to the accounts, records, equipment and facilities of any such subcontractor relevant to the management of the Grant.

### 5.6 Grant Management – Equipment

- 5.6.1 Funds for equipment are awarded on the condition that only those items specified on the Grant Award Letter may be purchased.
- 5.6.2 The Host Institution must ensure that it has in place clearly defined procedures for the procurement of equipment and that equipment funded by the Grant is acquired by the Host Institution in accordance with these procedures. Marie Curie will not accept any liability to pay VAT due to any failure of the Host Institution to claim relief on qualifying equipment.
- 5.6.3 Equipment purchased through a Marie Curie grant is awarded to the Host Institution specifically for the purpose of the Grantholder's research. The equipment must be used primarily for the approved research project during the lifetime of the Grant.
- 5.6.4 Marie Curie will not pay any access charges for use of equipment funded by a Marie Curie grant.

- 5.6.5 The Host Institution must ensure that the equipment funded by the Grant is appropriately insured and maintained throughout its useful life. Marie Curie will meet any agreed maintenance costs for awarded equipment for the period of the Grant.
- 5.6.6 If any equipment funded under the Grant is lost, damaged or destroyed during the life of the Grant, the Host Institution will be required to repair or replace it at its cost.
- 5.6.7 An equipment award must be claimed within the relevant year specified in the Grant Award Letter. The equipment must be of the same type from that awarded and copies of relevant invoices must be provided to process the claim.

#### 5.7 Grant Management – Transfer

- 5.7.1 If a Grantholder would like to transfer the Grant to another Institution, and the Institution agrees, or the current Grantholder/Host Institution would like to transfer the award to a new Grantholder, any such transfer will be subject to prior written approval from Marie Curie. Transfers are only permitted to Institutions within the UK which are eligible to receive funding from Marie Curie and are able to demonstrate to Marie Curie's satisfaction the ability to support the Research during the tenure of the grant. The new Host Institution/Grantholder must agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of award.
- 5.7.2 If the Grantholder transfers to another institution during the Grant Period, Marie Curie reserves the right to require that the equipment funded by the Grant is transferred with him/her.

## 6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### 6.1 Funded Intellectual Property

- 6.1.1 The host institution will: make every effort to ensure that any potentially valuable results obtained in the course of the research are exploited, and that there is a suitable return to the Host Institution and the researchers from any such exploitation; ensure that all those associated with the research are aware of, and accept, the arrangements for exploitation; ensure that collaborative arrangements are to be put on a formal basis through an agreement covering the contributions and rights of the organisations and individuals concerning exploitation; ensure that such agreements will be in place before the research begins. The terms of collaboration agreements will not conflict with Marie Curie's terms and conditions of research grants.
- 6.1.2 Marie Curie wishes to see that results of the work supported by this grant are exploited for the benefit of UK healthcare. In the event that any income is derived from the commercial exploitation of the intellectual property, the net income shall be shared between Marie Curie and the Host Institution in proportion with the inventive contribution of each party, on entering into a revenue sharing agreement between Marie Curie and the Host Institution's technology transfer company.

### 6.2 Clinical Trials

- 6.2.1 Marie Curie expects that the Host Institution shall own all Clinical Trial Results.
- 6.2.2 Where a Clinical Trial is supported in any way by a commercial entity, the Host Institution shall be responsible for negotiating any agreements with such commercial entity, provided that where the Host Institution intends to grant such entity any rights in respect of Clinical Trial Results:
  - i. the Host Institution notifies Marie Curie of such commercial interest as soon as practicable; and
  - ii. the Host Institution leads the negotiations with the commercial entity, but regularly consults with Marie Curie and incorporates all amendments relating to such grant of rights that it may suggest.

Such agreement should normally be put in place after the relevant Clinical Trial has been completed.

6.2.3 The Host Institution will promptly notify Marie Curie following receipt by the Host Institution of any monetary consideration from a commercial entity in respect of rights granted to Clinical Trial Results. Following such notification, the Host Institution will negotiate and enter into an appropriate revenue

sharing agreement with Marie Curie under which it will share with Marie Curie a fair proportion of such monetary consideration (which shall at least reimburse Marie Curie for the corresponding amount of funding it has provided in support of the relevant Clinical Trial, whether in respect of the setup/management of the trial or any other costs).

## 7. PUBLICATION, PUBLICITY AND REPORTING

## 7.1 Publication and reporting

- 7.1.1 The Grantholder must comply with CR-UK's policy on data sharing and preservation by ensuring that they submit a data management and sharing plan as part of their application. Please refer to the CR-UK website for further details.
- 7.1.2 Marie Curie requires Researchers to promote and communicate the results of the research that it funds in the usual manner, for example by publication and by presenting at meetings. Marie Curie has the right to require publication to be delayed to meet reasonable requirements for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights, fundraising and other matters, but this will not be applied unnecessarily.
- 7.1.3 Before publication, the Host Institution must ensure the Research undergoes the Host Institution's standard procedures for ensuring the validity of the results and the suitability of the research for general publication. Marie Curie takes no responsibility for the validity of the Results or for any statements made by the authors in the publication.
- 7.1.4 Under UK charity law, Marie Curie has an obligation to make available information about the work that it funds and will respond to changes in the way that information of this type is exchanged. It is a condition of funding that Marie Curie Grantholders deposit an electronic copy of peer-reviewed, published papers arising from their Marie Curie funded work in the Europe PubMed Central database. Please refer to the Marie Curie Open Access Policy available on the Marie Curie website.
- 7.1.5 Grantholders must provide Marie Curie with details of all publications arising from the Marie Curie funded Research, whether wholly or partly funded. Details must be provided at the time of acceptance for publication at the latest to ensure that Marie Curie is kept fully informed of all Results entering the public domain and has sufficient notice to arrange any publicity. Notification must be made to Marie Curie directly.
- 7.1.6 Details of all publications will also be required in the Annual Research Update Report.
- 7.1.7 Studies involving human subjects represent a special case, especially if the publication, either in print or electronic format, of the results enables individuals (the subjects or others) to gain knowledge about their personal condition which they otherwise would not have had. In any clinical study where this is possible the matter must be addressed in the protocol and discussed with a Research Ethics Committee.
- 7.1.8 Investigators must consider whether a mechanism is needed for human subjects to be made aware of the results and the implications for them personally before publication (communication with their GP or the consultant entering them into the trial, with a clear indication of their responsibility for communicating to the patient, would be deemed to be sufficient). If such a mechanism is put in place, there must also be procedures for dealing with any consequences arising from its use.
- 7.1.9 Researchers are reminded that electronically published descriptions of work which involves the use of animals will more easily be seen by those who may seek to misuse the information. Whilst Marie Curie will always support appropriate animal experimentation, Researchers should refer to the guidelines published by their Host Institution regarding this issue.
- 7.1.10 Marie Curie uses Researchfish to collect data on outputs and impact arising from its research funding. Upon invitation Grantholders must submit, once annually, Marie Curie-related grant evaluation data during a defined time period through Researchfish, although information can be added at any time throughout the year. Data will need to be submitted beyond grant closure until notified of the cut off point.

## 7.2 Acknowledgement of Support

- 7.2.1 In any oral or written report or poster presentation of Results or otherwise relating to the Research, the author must acknowledge the support of Marie Curie and any co-funding partner(s) and, where possible, display the Marie Curie and any co-funding partner(s) current logo(s). All references to Marie Curie funded work placed on websites, electronic bulletin boards and similar must state clearly that the work is funded by Marie Curie and any co-funding partner(s) and, where practical, should include a link to Marie Curie's website, http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/.
- 7.2.2 It is essential that investigators acknowledge that their research has been supported wholly or in part by Marie Curie and any co-funding partner(s) using the format, "This work was supported by Marie Curie and any co-funding partner(s) [grant number C ref./A ref.]".

## 7.3 Publicity

- 7.3.1 In order to safeguard future voluntary income and maintain our reputation for world class research, it is essential that Marie Curie is widely known and respected among the research community, the media and among fundraisers and the general public. All opportunities to promote Marie Curie must therefore be fully exploited and Grantholder and the Host Institution are obliged to co-operate with Marie Curie is the main funder of fundraising activity arising from Marie Curie funded research. Where Marie Curie is the main funder of the research, Marie Curie reserves the right to lead on publicity. Grantholders and the Host Institution are required to contact the Marie Curie press office prior to any publicity releases about Marie Curie funded research.
- 7.3.2 When speaking publicly about their research (e.g. at a conference), Researchers should ensure that they are recognised as a Marie Curie funded researcher. However, Researchers should not speak to the media as a 'Marie Curie funded researcher' without prior consultation with the Marie Curie press office.
- 7.3.3 There is a subtle but important difference between speaking as a 'Marie Curie funded researcher' and acting as a spokesperson for the charity, which Researchers are not authorised to do. Representatives of the media may not always be aware of this difference and Researchers who speak to the media must ensure that their personal views are not misrepresented as being attributable to Marie Curie.
- 7.3.4 Marie Curie reserves the right to use data or other material from research that it funds as part of its fundraising or publicity activities.
- 7.3.5 Grantholders are required to submit publishable information about their proposed research and limited publishable contact information at the time of application. If the application is funded, these details will be published on Marie Curie's website. A publishable abstract must be submitted for all successful awards and failure to submit will delay the activation of the award.

## 8. FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING

- 8.1.1 Marie Curie fundraisers may use the work as examples for supporters to demonstrate the impact of funds raised. That may mean Marie Curie will use the images provided by the Grantholder or Host Institution and ask for help with quotes, copy etc. Further to this, Marie Curie may use specific projects from its research portfolio to generate donations and then ring fence those gifts to those projects. Donations generated using this method are not extra funds on top of the agreed budget allocated to the Grantholder or other personnel of the Host Institution.
- 8.1.2 The public activity described in 8.1.1 can sometimes generate publicity. Where possible Marie Curie will contact you to make you aware of this beforehand, however, this is something that cannot always be foreseen.

# 9. HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

- 9.1.1 Marie Curie recognises and supports the need for high quality human tissue collections for research. Marie Curie requires all Marie Curie funded research and tissue sample collections to be carried out in compliance with the requirements of the Human Tissue Act (2004), which extends only to England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Human Tissue Act Scotland (2006).
- 9.1.2 Grantholders must declare if any of Marie Curie's monies, resources or manpower are used to or in part to collect, process, retain or distribute human tissue samples. Grantholders must confirm in a signed statement that the processes that they follow comply with the Human Tissue Act (2004) or the Human Tissue Act Scotland (2006) respectively, and applicable research governance arrangements.
- 9.1.3 To ensure that tissues or sample collections are built and maintained in a cost-effective manner and used efficiently and effectively, Grantholders who hold tissue or sample collections are required to record information detailing the purpose and scope of the sample collection or tissue holdings together with any additional information Marie Curie deems necessary on the appropriate biosample directory (e.g. in the case of cancer samples, the NCRI Cancer Biosample Directory and the NCRI Cancer Clinical Trials Biosample Directory).
- 9.1.4 In supporting the principle of making best use of human samples for the benefit of all, recipients of Marie Curie funding may be required as a condition of funding to contribute data generated from the use of that human tissue in a form that can be utilised as part of any national bioinformatics grid.
- 9.1.5 Marie Curie requires that principles governing access to the samples collected are established. This will enable access to the collection by other potential researchers in the future. Marie Curie proposes that an Access Committee, with independent representation, is established and that systems to record approaches for access to the collection and the response to them are put in place.

## **10. STUDENTSHIPS**

#### 10.1 Studentship Awards

- 10.1.1 Studentships funded by Marie Curie provide the following:
  - i. a stipend set by Marie Curie
  - ii. running expenses
  - iii. standard university consolidated fees<sup>2</sup>
  - iv. college fees for Oxford and Cambridge.
- 10.1.2 Marie Curie will only pay fees at the UK/ EU level. However, there are no restrictions on the nationality of the Marie Curie funded PhD student.
- 10.1.3 Marie Curie will not pay expenses for interviewing candidates.
- 10.1.4 The Host Institution is expected to provide the student the stipend at the level set by Marie Curie, for up to four years. Marie Curie will not pay more than the stipend specified.
- 10.1.5 The Grantholder must notify Marie Curie of the student's start date within thirty (30) days of the start date.
- 10.1.6 Running Expenses on awards cannot be used to allow Research Personnel to register for PhD, MD or MPhil awards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No more than the rate set by Research Councils UK

- 10.1.7 If the student has to take time out of their studies due to illness or maternity leave the guidelines of your Host Institution must be followed. The leave and requests for extensions should then be discussed with Marie Curie.
- 10.1.8 Depending on local arrangements and agreement from the supervisor, students may spend up to 10 per cent of their time undertaking teaching duties. However, if they are paid for this activity students may become liable for tax and this should be carefully checked before undertaking such work.
- 10.1.9 Marie Curie requires the title, a copy of the abstract page, and confirmation of the outcome of the viva voce examination. Students and supervisors must also complete the annual and final year report.
- 10.1.10 If a student fails to complete their PhD, Marie Curie must be informed of the reason.
- 10.1.11 Marie Curie requires details of a student's first career post after completion of their PhD. If the first post is a one year fill-in position then details of the second post should also be provided.

## 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 11.1.1 Marie Curie accepts no responsibility for costs or liabilities incurred in connection with the research or other work funded by a Marie Curie award other than those costs specifically set out in the GAL and in these Terms and Conditions.
- 11.1.2 Marie Curie takes no responsibility for expenditure incurred before the award is activated or after the Grant has been closed.
- 11.1.3 Marie Curie cannot be responsible for liabilities arising out of the acts or omissions of the Host Institution, the Grantholder, or others involved in the Research or other work funded by a Marie Curie award and the Host Institution hereby indemnifies Marie Curie against any costs, claims or liabilities suffered or incurred by Marie Curie as a result of any action, claim or complaint brought by a third party against Marie Curie arising out of or in connection with the research or other work.
- 11.1.4 Marie Curie shall not be held responsible for any loss or liabilities if it transpires that an award is ineligible for government support through one of the Higher Education Funding Councils or other schemes.
- 11.1.5 Marie Curie is not liable for loss or injury caused or deemed to be caused by the use or misuse of any equipment funded under the Grant.
- 11.1.6 Marie Curie requires the Host Institution to provide a no-fault compensation scheme for participants in a Marie Curie funded clinical trial as per the relevant local ethics committee approval. Marie Curie does not provide indemnity cover for or accept any liability for harm to participants in Marie Curie funded trials where Marie Curie is not the Trial sponsor.

## 12. VARIATION & TERMINATION

- 12.1.1 All grants awarded by Marie Curie are subject to the terms and conditions that apply at the time the grant is awarded and any subsequent amendments. Marie Curie reserves the right to amend these Grant Conditions, any terms and conditions of the GAL and the Funding Policies from time to time. Marie Curie will publish any change to the Grant Conditions or the Funding Policies on its website.
- 12.1.2 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Grant Conditions as amended from time to time and of the Grant Award Letter, the provisions of the Grant Award Letter will take precedence.
- 12.1.3 Marie Curie reserves the right to withhold or suspend the Grant with immediate effect.
- 12.1.4 Marie Curie reserves the right to terminate the Grant with sixty (60) days notice.

## 13. GOVERNING LAW

13.1.1 These Grant Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. The Host Institution and the Grantholder(s) irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts to settle all matters in connection with the Grant Conditions.

## 14. RELATED DOCUMENTS

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, Marie Curie is adopting the following Cancer Research UK policies:

- 14.1.1 Clinical Trials Policy on Medicines for Human Use Policy on clinical trials in response to the implementation of the Medicines for Human use (clinical trials) Regulations 2004.
- 14.1.2 Salaries of Senior Scientists Policy relating to the funding of senior scientists' salaries.14.1.3 Data Sharing and Preservation
- Policy on management and sharing of data arising from Cancer Research UK funded research. 14.1.4 Tobacco Funding Policy
  - Cancer Research UK Code of Practice on tobacco industry funding to universities.

## 15. SUPERSEDED DOCUMENTS

- 15.1.1 Grant Conditions March 2012
- 15.1.2 Grant Conditions November 2013

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3	Change of charity logo, name and scheme reflected in document; Changes to 2, 3.8, 4.3.3, 4.5, 5.1.9, 5.3.4, 5.4.1 ii, , 5.5.1, 5.5.5, 5.5.6, 6.1, 7.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.4, 7.1.5, 7.1.9, 7.1.10, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 9.1.3, 9.1.5, 10.1.6, 10.1.9; Removed former 5.3.5; New sections 4.1.3, 4.4, 4.5.2, 15	June 2016	Sanjay Thakrar (Research Manager)	Helen Andrews (Legal Counsel)
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