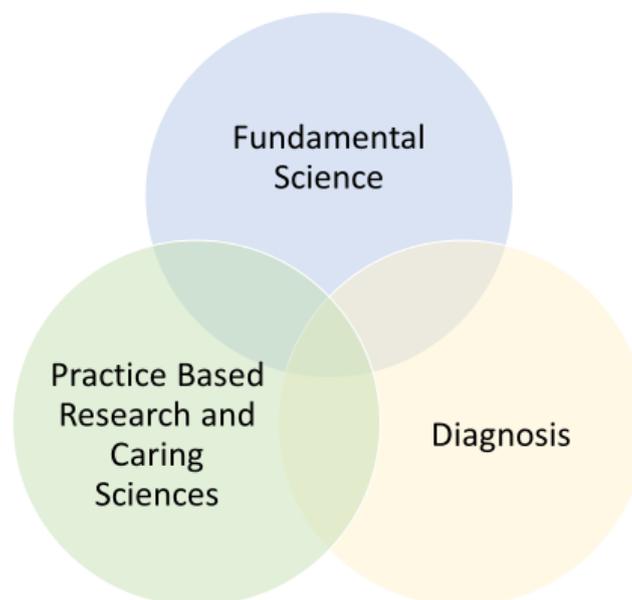


## A Scotland-Wide Seedcorn fund for Neurological Research

This fund provides an opportunities for researchers working in different academic centres with a chance to test out ideas, researching the causes, prevention and management of neurodegenerative or neurodevelopmental conditions. The two funders, Chief Scientist Office and the RS Macdonald Charitable Trust have committed to this pilot project for its first year.

'Seedcorn grants' enable researchers to develop ideas that may otherwise be difficult to fund, and are expected to be up to £15,000. The fund welcomes opportunities to be part of a co-funded arrangement.

### Areas to be funded



### Aims

- Facilitate the development of new collaborative partnerships
- Develop existing collaborative partnerships
- Support new and early career researchers
- Generate initial findings that could form the basis of grant applications to other funders

### Eligibility

1. Applications must be from 2 academic centres
2. The Principal Investigator must be PhD/PDRA/ECR (for the PhD and PDRA level, supervisor approval will be expected). Early Career Researcher defined as a PhD student, Postdoctoral researcher, Fellowship, Lecturer, Clinician or Nurse in their first 3 years.
3. The application must be for research into the causation, prevention, treatment and/or management of neurodegenerative or neurodevelopmental disorders

The following would be desirable, but not essential:

4. The proposal relates to the underlying aetiology, diagnostic approach and/or care pathway common to more than one condition
5. The research may lead to further funding from other grants

Funds cannot be used as a travel grant to attend conferences, nor to purchase laptops. Most other aspects can be covered.

#### Decision process

Proposals will be considered – and awarding decisions made – by a panel of senior academics active in the relevant research areas, drawn from Scotland.

The panel will assess the strength of the proposal, its potential for future research and any ethical considerations.

A decision for the first round of funding will be available no later than end of July 2021, with distribution of grants to be made the following month.

A report for any award made will be called for at the end of the intended project. These will be collated and sent to the funders.

#### Initial Enquiries

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