

Guidance on Seed Award in Science eligibility

This document gives some examples of applicant eligibility, but it is not an exhaustive list. Please see the scheme webpage for full eligibility requirements.

Eligible scenarios

Dr A has a £15,000 research grant for pilot funding over 1 year as the principal investigator and is the co-investigator on a project grant where her personal share of the funding is £50,000 over 3 years. She is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as her current research funding is below the level of a Seed Award.

Dr B holds a personal fellowship funded by his host institution. The fellowship provides Dr B with a salary and £5,000/year travel costs. It does not provide any research costs. He does not hold any other grants. He is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he receives his salary from a personal fellowship and has only minimal research expenses.

Dr C is a Lecturer at a university. She is employed on a 3 year fixed term lectureship that will continue beyond the end date of the proposed 2 year Seed Award. She has not held any research funding in the past 12 months. Dr C is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science.

Dr D is a clinician with a salaried post at the administering organisation for the duration of the Seed Award. His contract provides sufficient protected research time to carry out the proposed research. Dr D is eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science.

Ineligible scenarios

Dr E has a project grant of £150,000 over 3 years which provides costs for research staff, materials and consumables, access charges and equipment. Dr E is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as she already holds funding at a similar level.

Dr F is a co-investigator on a 5 year programme grant. The total grant value is £1,000,000. He receives a £250,000 share of the funds to lead one of the work packages on the programme. Dr F is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he personally receives funding at a similar level.

Dr G holds an early career fellowship from a research council. She receives personal salary support and £50,000 a year in research costs. Dr G is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as she receives research funding at a similar level to a Seed Award.

Dr H is employed as a postdoctoral research assistant on a grant in his supervisor's lab. Dr H is not eligible to apply for a Seed Award in Science as he does not receive his salary from an eligible source.