**WCRC Career Starter Award**

**Application Form**

**Applicant information**

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| **Contact information**  Provide personal contact details. | |
| Full name |  |
| Email address |  |
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| **PhD information**  Provide information regarding your PhD host institution and award date. | |
| Host institution |  |
| Department |  |
| Supervisor full name |  |
| I have been awarded my PhD | (check if Yes) |
| Date PhD awarded (leave blank if N/A) |  |
| I will have submitted my PhD thesis before my proposed start date for Career Starter Award funding begins | (check if Yes) |
| Expected date of submission or date of viva, if known (leave blank if N/A) |  |

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| **Career Starter Award proposed host**  Provide information of where you propose to be hosted for the duration of this award. This should already have been scoped and agreed with the proposed institution and supervisor. | |
| Host institution |  |
| Department |  |
| Supervisor full name |  |

**Proposed award details**

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| **Research title**  Succinctly convey the purpose of the proposed work (max. 30 words). |
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| **Scientific research summary**  Summarise the work you plan to undertake, how this work builds on or differs from your PhD work, what the expected outputs of this work are, the research methodology, and originality of the work (max. 500 words, excluding references). |
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| **Lay research summary**  Summarise the work you plan to undertake, the research methodology, originality of the work, and a description of how this work may directly or indirectly benefit patients. Use plain English, and refrain from using excessively scientific language or jargon (max. 300 words). |
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| **Consumables budget justification**  Additional to salary, this Award funding offers up to £5,000 for consumables. As far as possible, detail how much of this budget you will require (an estimate is acceptable) with an explanation and justification of the request (max. 250 words). |
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| **Career aspirations**  This award aims to provide a starting point for highly motivated individuals to begin their independent research career. Describe your research and career aspirations and ambitions, and a brief outline of how you aim to achieve these goals (max. 500 words). |
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| **Plans for follow-on funding**  One of the required outputs from the Career Starter Award is for the applicant to have submitted a further funding application prior to the end of the funding period. We advise applicants to consider how they will manage any gap between the end of this funding and hearing the outcome of their planned follow-on funding. Provide details of the opportunity you intend to apply for: | |
| Name of funder and title of project/fellowship/grant/opportunity |  |
| When does the call close or is it expected to close? |  |
| What do you need to do in order to be in a position to apply (eg. produce preliminary data, have developed a new skill)? (max. 250 words) |  |
| How will having received the Career Starter Award better position you to apply for this funding? (max. 250 words) |  |

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| **Mentorship**  Throughout your award you will have the support of your supervisor, but we suggest also you identify a mentor with previous experience of successfully applying to nationally/internationally competitive fellowships; they can be from within or outside your institution. Describe how you will access other forms of mentorship and support during your award; and if you have already identified (a) mentor(s), list their name(s) (max. 200 words). |
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| **Alignment with CReSt**  WCRC requires that your research proposal has a demonstrable alignment with one or more of the CReSt themes (see application guidance document for further information). Which of the CReSt themes does your proposed work align with? (Select all that apply) |
| Theme 1: Precision and mechanistic oncology  Theme 2: Immuno-oncology  Theme 3: Radiotherapy  Theme 4: Cancer clinical trials  Theme 5: Palliative and supportive oncology  Theme 6: Prevention, early detection, primary care and health services research |

**Funding duration and start date**

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| **Duration of funding**  You may apply for between 6 and 12 months of funding, with the expectation that the requested duration is aligned with the requirements and feasibility of your proposed work. Select below the funding duration that you are applying for: |
| 6 months  8 months  10 months  12 months |

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| **Funding start date**  Funds must be spent by February 2027, therefore, for 12-month awards, funding may begin between October 2025 and February 2026, inclusive. For shorter funding periods they may start proportionally later, with 6-month awards beginning in August 2026 at the latest. Select below the month in which you would like this funding to begin: |
| October 2025  November 2025  December 2025  January 2026  February 2026  March 2026  April 2026  May 2026  June 2026  July 2026  August 2026 |

**Declarations**

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| **Cost form approval**  Part of the eligibility criteria dictates that you must have financial approval from your HEI, confirming coverage of any costs other than salary and consumables, including institutional overheads. Any internal process required by the applicant’s HEI must be followed by the applicant prior to submission and the appropriate approved form must be provided to WCRC (details in the Required Documents list in the application guidance), confirm that this has been adhered to: | |
| I have followed my institution’s financial approval process, and have confirmation that all costs other than salary and consumables will be covered by my institution: | (check if Yes) |

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| **Acknowledgement**  In submitting this application, you are required to provide information, supporting documentation and assurances which will be the basis on which your application is reviewed. Therefore, it is essential that this information is truthful, accurate and complete. | |
| I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in the application form and in the supporting documentation is truthful, accurate and complete: | (check if Yes) |

**How to submit**

Submit via email using the information provided in the application guidance document [here](https://walescancerresearchcentre.org/career-starter-award/).

An application may be submitted in Welsh and will not be treated any less favourably than an application submitted in English.