Health Inequity Grant Call

**APPLICATION FORM**

1 in 25 African American men will die of prostate cancer, compared to 1 in 45 White American men. This reflects that in the UK, Black men are twice as likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer compared to White men, and the rising incidence of prostate cancer in Africa. All the evidence points to the racial disparity in prostate cancer being underscored by a complex mixture of biological and societal factors and if we are to have a meaningful impact, we must target both. Therefore, we are aiming to fund medical research focused on the racial disparity in prostate cancer to complement the social research we are already investing in, to gather a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced and the actions that need to be taken.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this funding call is to support the generation of research data and information that aims to address key medical research challenges contributing to the health inequities experienced by the Black prostate cancer community in the US. This call will support seed or pilot grants to gather initial data to test a new idea and put the researcher in a stronger position to then apply for larger grants to carry this idea forward, from us and others.

WHAT IS FUNDED

* You can apply for either:
  + A seed grant (up to $50,000)
  + A pilot grant (Up to $100,000)
* Duration: Up to 18 months
* The funding can be used to cover direct costs, including 20% allowable indirect costs. Equipment that equals or exceeds $5,000 with a useful life of more than one year, is not included in the direct cost total used.

ELigibility

* Applications are accepted from academic or research institutions, or hospitals that are based in the USA. National or international collaborations will be considered as long as the award can be administered through a USA-based lead host institution.
* The lead applicant(s) must be based in the USA and at minimum have a PhD (or equivalent higher research degree) and three (3) years of independent research experience. However, if you have less than three (3) years of independent research experience, you may still apply under the mentorship of a senior. We assess eligibility on years of experience, not calendar time since qualification or age.
* We welcome co-PIs on projects and encourage eligible early career researchers to apply in their own name.
* We encourage involvement from community groups and patients, including as co-investigators and/or collaborators.
* We are aware that career paths are not necessarily linear. For example, some people may have caring responsibilities, or may have been adversely affected by disruptions caused by the pandemic. If you have an idea that could improve the situation for people affected by prostate cancer, we encourage you to apply to our schemes. We have provided the option for you to provide contextual information on any gaps in your career and/or publishing history, and any impacts of COVID-19 on your research, that you may want us to take into account so that we can assess your application fairly.
* The project should boost prostate cancer research and build capacity in advanced prostate cancer research.

Timeline and Key Dates

1. Application form: The deadline to return this form is **Friday 30th September 2022.** The application form and supporting documents should be sent by email to [grants@pcr.org.uk](mailto:grants@pcr.org.uk).
2. Funding decision: All applicants will be notified of the outcome in November 2022.

Please do not exceed the word limits as longer contributions will be cut off as your application is processed. Any changes to the questions will result in your application being deemed invalid.

If you are unsure about the eligibility of your proposal, or have any queries about completing the form, please contact the Research Team at [grants@pcr.org.uk](mailto:grants@pcr.org.uk).

***Please fill in the form below. If there are parts of the form that are not relevant to your project, or which you cannot yet complete, please submit the information you can, and we will discuss your proposal on that basis.*** ***Please complete the form in Arial font 10pt.***

Applicant Summary

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| **Project Title** |  |
| **Lead Applicant(s) Name:** |  |
| **Host Institution** |  |
| **Faculty and Department** |  |
| **Lead Applicant(s) Contact Details (host institution mailing address and telephone number):** |  |
| **Lead Applicant(s) email address** |  |

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| **Tick to confirm that you have discussed this project with your Head of Department** |  |
| **Please attach a copy of your most recent CV (or, in the case of co-leads, each of your CVs). Tick the box to confirm.** |  |

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| **1.1** | | **Please list any additional applicant’s (e.g. additional co-investigators, collaborators, community groups) and their role and responsibilities within the project:** |
| Name:  Institution or Organisation (if applicable):  Contact details (email address):  Role and responsibilities in project: | | |
| **1.2** | **If there is anything that you would like us to consider when assessing your application, such as a gap in your CV or publishing history, or the impact of COVID-19, please use this space to tell us about it.** | |
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Research Summary

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| **2.1** | | | **Scientific Abstract: Provide a short summary of your research project. [up to 200 words]** | |
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| 2.2 | | Lay Summary: Provide a summary of your project suitable for the wider public, in clear, plain English, which avoids technical jargon [200 Words] | |
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| 2.3 | How will your research benefit patients, particularly those within the African American community? [300 Words] | | |
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| **2.4** | | | **What is the proposed start and end date of your project? Please include timings of key milestones and events. [up to 200 words]** | |
| **Proposed Start Date:**  **Proposed End Date:**  **Proposed Duration (in months):**  **Key Milestones:** | | | | |

Project Details

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| **3.1** | **Background [500 words]** |
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| **3.2** | **Aims of the proposed research [150 words]** |
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| **3.3** | **What is the key question or hypothesis that your research proposal will seek to explore? [up to 100 words]. You may include preliminary data here if you have it** |
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| **3.4** | **Specific aims and detailed proposal including study design and methodology; please include deliverables for each. [1000 words, add up to 20 references]** |
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| **3.5** | **Contingency plans: Please state potential problems that may arise during this study and how they might be addressed [300 words].** |
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Collaborations

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| **4.1** | **How do you envision collaborating with any of our current research projects (please see** [**https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/our-research/**](https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/our-research/)**), other prostate cancer projects we will fund from this call, and the wider prostate cancer community, if you are successful? [300 words]** |
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Project Finances

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| **5.1** | **Please provide a brief, itemised budget breakdown of the funds requested. Include a justification for funds requested.** |
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Additional Information

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| **6.1** | **Is there anything else you would like to tell us in support of your application? [up to 250 words]** |
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Confirmation of Commitment

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| **Lead Applicant(s) Name** |  |
| **Lead Applicant(s) Signature** |  |
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| **Head of Department Name** |  |
| **Head of Department Signature** | *Or letter or email confirming agreement* |
| **Date** |  |

The application form must be received by email at [grants@pcr.org.uk](mailto:grants@pcr.org.uk) by **Friday 30th September 2022.**

We will email a receipt of acknowledgement for your application – if you do not hear from us within 4 working days of submitting your application, please email us at [grants@pcr.org.uk](mailto:grants@pcr.org.uk) to check if we have received it. All applicants will be notified November 2022 with the funding decision.