



Translational Project Grants for New Treatments in Ovarian Cancer

Guidance notes for outline application

Note 1 - Principal Investigator

- The Principal Investigator must be from a UK University, Hospital, Clinical Trials Unit or a Research Institute affiliated to one of these organisations.
- The Principal Investigator must be resident in the UK and the project and employment must also take place in the UK.
- The Principal Investigator is the lead applicant who has overall responsibility for supervising the planned research programme.
- The Principal Investigator's Organisation will be the designated Host Organisation for this award and responsible for the administration of the award as set out in Target Ovarian Cancer's Standard Conditions of Grant.
- We particularly encourage applications from early career researchers, who may apply with a more senior co-applicant from the same institution who holds a permanent position. Both applicants must already hold salaried positions covering the duration of the project. The role of the senior co-applicant – in relation to the project – should be explained.
- The majority of the Principal Investigator's existing research programme should be located within the Host organisation.
- The contact details provided here shall act as Target Ovarian Cancer's primary contact point for this application.

Note 2 - Lay Summary

Patients play a key role within all aspects of Target Ovarian Cancer’s work including our Research Programme. Grant Applications will be assessed by our Scientific Advisory Board and lay reviewers – see [our review process](#). Therefore, we attach great importance to the Lay Summary and ask that applicants complete this section in accordance with the guidelines below.

The lay summary should be written at the level of a science feature in a broadsheet newspaper. It should be informative and describe realistic outcomes from the research.

It is crucial that your lay summary conveys relevant information in a form comprehensible to a lay readership. Target Ovarian Cancer will request re-submission of lay cases that fall short of this standard, and funding decisions may be delayed pending an adequate description.

Lay Title and Objectives	Briefly state the objective(s) of your project and provide a short suitable lay title
What will be the impact of your proposed project (both in the short and long term)?	We wish to understand the potential impact of your research both in the short and longer term. Our ultimate aim is to deliver patient benefit as quickly as possible to improve the lives of women affected by ovarian cancer. Your response should focus on the impact on women living with ovarian cancer rather than just academic outputs.
What would need to happen after this grant (if successful) to realise the long term impact	We wish to understand how your research fits into the wider research landscape and the potential impact of your work across a timescale longer than this project to assess your plans for achieving impact
Describe what is novel about the proposed project	Explain why your research is novel and innovative.

Note 3 - Project outline

Please provide a detailed plan of your research proposal using the subheadings below, including clear descriptions of the planned studies and feasibility. The project plan will be considered by our Scientific Advisory Board.	
Aims / Hypothesis	State clearly the rationale for this research, what the desired aims of the study are and what questions you are seeking to answer.
Background	Outline how this proposal fits into the current ovarian cancer research landscape.
What is innovative about your proposal?	The need for innovation is highlighted by the paucity of new life-extending drugs in the clinic. Projects addressing topics such as drug-resistance, immunotherapy, biomarkers, etc. will need to be clearly differentiated from ongoing research and highlight the potential superiority of the approach being proposed.
Outline plan of investigation & methodology	Please briefly describe the plan of study and techniques to be used. For projects involving cell line work please justify your choice of cell line(s) and clearly explain how relevant they are to the clinical situation.
Value of research to ovarian cancer patients and academic community	Explain how this proposal will take ovarian cancer research forward and crucially how it either directly or indirectly will bring benefit to patients.

Please return your outline application form to Helen Dickens, Director of Programmes, at hdickens@targetovariancancer.org.uk by midnight on 29 May 2022.