

Grant Application Guidance for Researchers Seeking Funding

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from Ferblanc.

Background

The objective of Ferblanc, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is:

To advance and protect health for the public benefit by the promotion of neurological research and to publish the useful results of such research.

Ferblanc supports the advancement of neurological research into the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of neurological conditions and injuries. Ferblanc raises funds in order to make grants to research organisations and researchers.

Ferblanc aims to promote the publication of such neurological research, study and investigation by any means available.

Size of grants

Grant sums will usually be in the range of £10,000-£50,000 depending how closely the application meets Ferblanc's charitable objectives and at the discretion of the Trustees.

Key Points

- Ferblanc reserves the right not to process your application if you are ineligible to be an applicant or the subject of your proposal does not fall within our remit. Ferblanc's willingness to consider the application in no way implies that support will be forthcoming.
- Ferblanc receives a high number of applications and sadly due to budgetary constraints it cannot fund every project regardless of the outcome of peer reviews.
- Ferblanc reserves the right to make the final decision on which projects it chooses to support.
- **If there are any ties on intellectual property rights or publications arising from the research you undertake, please contact Ferblanc for advice. Restrictions on intellectual property may affect your eligibility to apply to Ferblanc (see responsibilities of applicants, below).**

Application process

Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year but will normally be considered at regular intervals (upcoming closing dates will be displayed at <https://www.ferblanc.org/grant-guidelines-1>).

Applications will be assessed by the Ferblanc Medical Council, who will advise the Ferblanc Board of Trustees on eligibility for funding. The Trustees will then vote on recipients for funding, taking into consideration relevance to Ferblanc's objectives and the availability of funds.

All application forms must be submitted in the form found on the Ferblanc website and should be submitted by email to alisdair@ferblanc.org no later than 5pm UK time on the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

Grant Application guidance - for use with Ferblanc Research Grant Application Form

Application Summary

Outline context of the research you plan to undertake and the key challenges you are proposing to address. State previous work on the subject.

Objectives

- Describe the general aims of the project and specific objectives (measurable and time bound), any interdependence (the extent to which the success of one objective depends on the successful completion of another) and where there is more than one contractor, show clearly the roles of each.
- Explain what potential impact your research will have, and how it would fill a current gap in medical knowledge.
- Where appropriate what steps do you plan to take to progress translation of your work from laboratory to clinical setting?

If your application is accepted, these objectives may be included in the grant award agreement. Please, therefore, restrict your entry to the salient points and set these out clearly and concisely.

The Global Good

How do you propose to disseminate your findings across the wider neurological research community?

Responsibilities of applicants

Please pay particular attention to this section.

Successful grant award process - key terms (non exhaustive)

- We will agree a funding time frame, payment and reporting schedule with the applicant.
- We may request proof of approvals, such as ethical approval, and relevant licences before we release funding.
- Requests for changes to any agreed workplan should be made to office@ferblanc.org in the first instance.
- We expect you to acknowledge Ferblanc as a source of funding in all publications relating to the grant and relevant research.
- We will require periodic layman's summaries suitable for use on our website/social media.
- Ferblanc will be able to access and refer to the research findings once available and will provide links to the same on www.ferblanc.org

Questions

Please direct any questions about the application process to Alisdair Macnair, Ferblanc Medical Council Chair
alisdair@ferblanc.org

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