

Andrew Bush Pump Priming Grants for Early Career Child Health Researchers

The [Imperial Centre for Paediatrics and Child Health](#) (PaeCH) is delighted to offer small grants to early career members that will kickstart research projects and enable generation of data that will help towards publications and submission of larger collaborative Centre grants.

We will fund projects that incorporate novel ideas in basic, clinical, translational or public health research with the aim of being able to generate further, more substantial funding from major funders.

All projects must focus on child health research and have the aim of improving and transforming children's health and wellbeing.

All project ideas must be cross-disciplinary and incorporate at least two of the PaeCH themes, and where possible, incorporate PaeCH cross-cutting themes.

Applications from basic scientists, medical students, Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals (NMAHPs) are welcome.

Funding:

Up to 4 Grants of up to £5,000 each are available. Grants should be used to support research costs such as consumables or data extraction, but not for salary. Grants must start by 1 November 2024, with a maximum duration of 18 months.

Eligibility criteria (all the below must be satisfied):

- The lead applicant must be a [member](#) of the Imperial Centre for Paediatrics and Child Health and must have at least one theme chosen as their primary affiliation
- The lead applicant must be an NMAHP or early career researcher (ECR)
- ECR is defined as
 - prior to award of MD or PhD (pre-doctoral or doctoral student)
 - not in a substantive NHS or academic Consultant post (for clinical applicants)
 - those who have NOT yet established an independent research group if they are post-PhD
- Project to include at least 2 [PaeCH research themes](#)
- Either the lead applicant, or a co-applicant must be an employee of Imperial College London

Submission process:

1. Please submit an application using the attached template
2. The project proposal should not exceed 1 A4 page (including figures and references; min font size 11)
3. The lead applicant must submit a 2-page CV outlining current employment, education & qualifications, publications, grants and research interests.
4. All applications must be emailed to: paech@imperial.ac.uk
5. Deadline for submissions **10 June 2024, 5pm**

Evaluation process:

- All applications will be initially checked for eligibility
- Up to 8 applications will be shortlisted by the panel and will be invited to pitch their idea at the PaeCH and Mohn Science Day on 4 July 2024.
- The winning grants will be decided based on the best pitch and awarded at the Science Day with scores based on: Innovation, Implementation plan, Translational impact, Potential for future collaborative funding.