

WESSEX MEDICAL TRUST
("WMT")

SCIENTIFIC/PEER REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

There is a two tier system for reviews:

1 GRANTS OF UP TO £50,000

(this would typically include all Innovation Grants, which are currently valued at £20,000 each)

- a) All applications are reviewed initially by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee (the "Committee"). He/she then passes individual applications for more detailed review to one or more members of the Committee whose expertise and experience is considered to be the most appropriate for considering that application.

- b) The Committee is comprised of:

Dr Yihua Wang <i>Chairman</i>	Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences University of Southampton.
Mr Brian Birch	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Jeremy Blaydes	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Cornelia Blume	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Sarah Crozier	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Colleen Deane	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Katrin Deinhardt	Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences University of Southampton.
Dr Davide Filingeri	Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences University of Southampton.
Dr Jana Kreppner	Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences University of Southampton.
Professor Jay Laver	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Salah Mansour	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr Ali Roghanian	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Professor Tiina Roose	Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, University of Southampton
Professor John Strefford	Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
Dr George Williams	Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, University of Southampton

So far as practicable, members of the Committee are drawn proportionately from those areas of the University of Southampton which benefit from the activities of WMT.

On appointment, each new member of the Committee is given an induction and required to sign a copy of the Conflicts of Interest policy

- c) In addition, the Trustees appoint three expert Assessors (the “Assessors”) who are external to the University of Southampton. At least one of these is rotated every three years.
- d) The current Assessors are:

Dr James Armstrong	University of Bristol
Dr Dario Carugo	University of Oxford
Professor Hilary Critchley	University of Edinburgh

- e) Each member of the SAC serves for a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years and cannot then be re-appointed until a further three years have elapsed.
- f) If any member of the Committee feels unqualified to judge a particular application, he/she is asked to seek advice from a colleague who possesses the relevant expertise.
- g) A meeting of the full Committee is then held at which all individual reviews are considered. The quorum for this meeting is five members. The preferred application(s) is/are then co-ordinated by the Chairman and passed to WMT.
- h) Following ranking based on the review by members of the Committee, an overall initial ranking is then co-ordinated by the Chair and passed to WMT.
- i) WMT passes the schedule of co-ordinated rankings, together with copies of all the original applications, to the three Assessors who are asked to certify that the ranking is appropriate with regard to both scientific quality and suitability to the published research priorities of the University of Southampton. The Assessors have the authority to adjust the initial ranking following this external review.
- j) At least one of the Assessors will be invited to meet with the Trustee Board each year.
- k) Based on the advice received through this process the WMT makes a final decision on the award of a grant.

2 GRANTS OF £50,000 AND OVER

- a) All applications are reviewed initially by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee. He/she then passes individual applications for more detailed review to one or more members of the Committee whose expertise and experience is considered to be the most appropriate for considering that application.
- b) A meeting of the full Committee is then held at which all individual reviews are considered. The quorum for this meeting is five members. The preferred application(s) is/are then co-ordinated by the Chair and passed to WMT.
- c) The preferred application(s) is/are sent by WMT for external peer review by at least two independent experts.
- d) The results of the peer review process are considered by the Committee who recommend (a) preferred application(s) to WMT.
- e) WMT passes the schedule of co-ordinated rankings, together with copies of all the original applications and two external peer reviews for each of the preferred application(s), to the three Assessors who are asked to certify that the ranking is appropriate with regard to both scientific quality and suitability to the published research priorities of the University of Southampton. The Assessors have the authority to adjust the initial ranking following this external review.
- f) Based on advice received through this process, WMT makes a final decision on the award of (a) grant(s).