

JPI HDHL Call for Transnational Research Proposals:

“Nutrition-responsiveness of the immune system: interplay between infectious diseases and diet-related metabolic diseases and the potential for food-based solutions (NUTRIMMUNE)”

The UK component of a successful application will be awarded by the MRC as a standard UKRI award.

The UK component of applications should first be costed in GBP on the basis of full economic costing (fEC). If the grant is awarded, funding will be provided in GBP and on the basis of 80% of fEC as per standard MRC/UKRI terms and conditions. The submitting organisation(s) must agree to fund the balance of fEC for the project from other resources. The 20% contribution from submitting organisation(s) should be recorded as an “in cash contribution” in the blue column indicated below.

The funders expect that **individual consortium applications will not request more than €300,000** (as the total cost, at 80% fEC) for the UK component per proposal. (i.e the total cost of the UK work in a consortium proposal must be well justified and must not exceed €300,000).

UK costs should be entered on the transnational application in Euros at an exchange rate of £1 = €1.14. The requested funding must be equivalent to the 80% that will be requested from Research Council funding.

Applicants should include a statement in the application form (below the UK funding table is probably the best location) to confirm ALL of the following:

- i) that the exchange rate used is £1 = €1.14 AND**
- ii) that the requested costs are entered at the 80% fEC level on the application form AND**
- iii) This statement should also confirm the amount requested (at the 80% fEC level) in GBP.**

Failure to adhere to this guidance could mean that your application is rejected

Please note:

Focus of UK research – All UK work funded via this call **must** fall within the standard remit of the MRC. The UK work packages should primarily focus on the mechanisms related to the cause-and-effect relationship between nutrition, immune function and infectious diseases in the context of diet-related metabolic disorders. UK work packages may also explore how diet/food ingredients, delivered as interventions, impact any mechanisms or immune function. UK work packages on product development, food chemistry and/or food production are not eligible for MRC support.

Please ensure you read the UK specific National Annex guidance for this call.

PhD students, or items of equipment over £10k, cannot be funded by MRC as part of this call.

An example of the budgetary table from the call proposal template is provided below.

Example of the budgetary table from the call proposal template

Each partner that requests funding must fill in a budgetary table. Please justify each of the budget items with a short description in the right column. You can use the examples and instructions that are given in purple.

In addition, **specification of co-funding from other sources necessary for the project**, as well as secured funding of additional collaborators for the consortium, should be explained here, if applicable

We have indicated in the table below which columns should be used to enter the 80% fEC figures, and the remaining 20% HEI contribution (plus any other in cash-in-kind contributions).

All categories of the costs may not be eligible for all countries - it will be handled according national regulations. Please ensure you refer to the UK specific National Annex guidance (at the end of the call text).

	Partner: X		
Position	Requested Amount (€) Enter 80% fEC figures	Own contribution – in cash / in kind (€) (if applicable) Enter 20% HEI contributions (plus other in-cash/in-kind contributions)	Mandatory: Details and justification <i>Please be as clear as possible with sufficient detail</i> <i>Please refer to MRC Applicants Guidance AND the UK National Annex for this call to make sure costs are allowable</i>
Personnel			<i>Person-Months, position of employment and role/tasks</i>
Consumables			<i>e.g., questionnaires, materials</i>
Equipment			<i>e.g., laboratory devices, IT infrastructure</i>
Travel			<i>Please provide information on expected travel expenses</i>
Other direct costs			<i>e.g., subcontracting, licensing fees</i>
Total direct costs	a	b	
Indirect costs (Overhead) ²	c	d	<i>Brief information on the calculation of overheads</i>
<u>Total requested budget (€)</u>³ (a + c)	This is the amount of funding that will be awarded.		
<u>Total costs (€)</u>⁴ (a + b + c + d)	100% fEC figure, plus any other in cash/in kind funding		

² Overhead costs: funding according to national regulations

³ This is the funding you are requesting from your specific national funding organisation (i.e. from the UK funding pot)

⁴ This is the overall total cost (UK=100%fEC), plus any other in cash/in kind funding