

## Annex A National/regional regulations and contacts

<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Funding organisation</b>	UK Research & Innovation (UKRI): Medical Research Council (MRC)
<b>National contact persons</b>	Dr Charly Oakley (MRC), Email: Charly.Oakley@mrc.ukri.org Dr Karen Finney (MRC), Email: Karen.Finney@mrc.ukri.org
<b>Funding commitment</b>	Up to €1.00 million
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	We aim to support around 3-4 proposals in this call.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	We expect UK researchers to ask for no more than between €250k - €300k (as the total cost, at 80% fEC, for the UK component <u>per proposal</u> ).
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to 3 years
<b>Eligibility of partners</b>	<p><b>Standard MRC eligibility criteria</b> will be applied to the UK components of applications. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Research Council Institutes (RCIs) and Independent Research Organisations (IROs) that are normally eligible to received MRC funding can apply. Full details of eligibility conditions can be found in the MRC Guidance for Applicants (<a href="https://mrc.ukri.org/documents/pdf/guidance-for-applicants/">https://mrc.ukri.org/documents/pdf/guidance-for-applicants/</a>).</p> <p><b>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 <u>not eligible</u> for MRC support.</b></p> <p>Potential applicants are strongly advised to contact the MRC (using contact details above) in advance of making an application to resolve any eligibility and remit queries.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	<p>The UK component of a successful application will be awarded by the MRC as a standard UKRI award.</p> <p>The UK component of applications should be costed in GBP on the basis of full economic costs (fEC). If the grant is awarded, funding will be provided on the basis of 80% of fEC as per standard MRC terms and conditions. The submitting organisations must agree to fund the balance of fEC for the project from other resources. The 20% contribution from submitting organisations should be recorded as an “in cash contribution”.</p> <p><b>UK costs should be entered on the transnational JPI HDHL Call application form 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</b></p>

	<p><b>should include a statement (in the application form) to confirm the exchange rate used, and that the requested costs are entered at the 80% fEC level on the application form. This statement should also confirm the amount requested in GBP. <u>MRC will make available additional information on how to complete the financial tables in the Application Form. Please request this guidance from either Charly Oakley or Karen Finney and read it carefully before completing and submitting the application. Failure to adhere to this guidance might mean that your application is rejected.</u></b></p> <p>Please note: PhD students, or items of equipment over £10k, cannot be funded by MRC as part of this call.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>Only those UK project partners on successful applications will have to submit a formal application through Je-S. Successful UK project partners will have one month from the date they are notified of a positive funding decision to submit a formal application through Je-S. MRC will provide further details of how to do this once the outcomes of the call are known. This is to allow an award of the UK component to be made using via Je-S; no further national assessments or peer review will be required.</p>
<p><b>Submission of other information at the national level</b></p>	<p>Standard terms and conditions for industrial collaboration apply. Applicants who intend to collaborate with industrial or other non-academic partners should note that any costs incurred, direct or otherwise, by these partners cannot be met by MRC. These costs must be met by the non-academic partners as in-cash or in-kind contributions. Costs incurred by the UK academic partner as a direct result of working with other consortium partners (such as visits to labs or exchange of materials) can be requested.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b></p>	<p>Reporting: In addition to reporting requirements set out in the HDHL call document, standard UKRI reporting terms and conditions will apply. UK partners are expected to report on outputs and outcomes on a regular basis (and for at least five years post-completion) through Researchfish.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p><b>Awards</b> will be subject to standard UKRI Grants Terms and Conditions. UK grant holders are required to comply with UKRI Data Sharing and Open Access policies (both available on the <a href="#">UKRI website</a>).</p> <p><b>Acknowledgements:</b> Any publications (including academic papers and press releases) or other dissemination activities resulting from research funded through this call must acknowledge funding from MRC.</p>