**NATA Research Challenges: Delivery Funding Opportunity**

Expression of Interest – Case for Support form

This form should be completed by applicants submitting an Expression of Interest (EoI) with reference to the guidance provided on the UKRI Funding Finder.

When completed, this form must be converted to a pdf file and submitted via email, along with the separate Applicant Information Form to [challenges@natahub.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CSLid01%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C4DKS5IM8%5Cchallenges%40natahub.org) **by 4pm on Thursday 6th January 2022**. You will receive an acknowledgement that we have received your application within three working days.

Work plans and consortium composition may change significantly at the full application stage. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to alter and augment their plans based on feedback from the shortlisting panel. This will be supported by the MRC, through a **compulsory workshop and networking opportunity on** **22nd February 2022**. At this stage we request an estimate of the required budget, duration and resources for the work proposed within this EoI. These may change later.

The content captured in this form **should not include identifiable information** as this document will form part of our blinded peer review and scoring process during the triage of applications. Please do not include any organisation name, location or investigator details in this Case for Support form at the EoI stage, otherwise your application may be returned or rejected.

Summary investigator details should be completed in the separate Expression of Interest Applicant information form.

The non-confidential technical summary will be shared with expert Panel members to ensure they are not conflicted before this Case for Support form is shared with them for review and scoring.

This application form does not automatically count words in your answers. It is your responsibility to ensure that your answers remain precisely within the stated maximum limits; these will be checked on receipt and your application may be returned if the limits have been breached.

Section 1: Summary

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| **Project Title (max 150 characters)**  |
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| **Non-confidential technical summary to be used to establish if reviewers have a conflict of interest relating to the application) (max 2000 characters)**  |
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| **Estimated total programme budget (100% full economic cost):** |
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| **Estimated MRC contribution (£):** |
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| **Estimated programme duration (months):** |
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| **Please indicate whether you are happy for the title and the non-confidential technical summary to be shared with other applicants or prospective partners from academia and/or industry. This will facilitate discussions as applications are developed at the full application stage, enabling applications to combine or add partners where appropriate: yes, I approve/no, I do not approve** |
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Section 2: Need and solution

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| **2.1 What is the critical need you are intending to address? (max 150 words)** |
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| **2.2 Why is this the most appropriate NAT delivery challenge to address at present and how would this result in a step-change in the field? (200 words)** |
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| **2.3 What is the proposed solution to meeting this need? Please provide an overview of the technical approach (800 words)** |
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| **2.4 How do you envisage the outputs of your programme would benefit the UK research and innovation community in practice, beyond your own consortium? Outline the relevance of the proposed solution in the context of the wider landscape, with particular reference to industry bottlenecks. What activities would be enabled by this solution? (300 words)** |
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| **2.5 Please list and describe competing or alternative solutions and their development status. What is the competitive advantage of your proposed solution? (400 words)** |
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| **2.6 How do you envisage the outputs of your programme would contribute to clinical impact, and what future activities would be required to realise this? (250 words)** |
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Section 3: Rationale and evidence

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| **3.1 What is the rationale and supporting evidence for why your proposed solution will meet the target need? (800 words)** |
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| **3.2 Please provide up to 5 relevant references. Applicants should be mindful of providing references to their own publications when considering the blinded peer review process of the expression of interest stage for this funding opportunity.** |
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Section 4: Delivery

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| **4.1 Please list the programme’s primary objectives and specific intended deliverables. Please summarise the proposed workplan, briefly describing key progression milestones. Sufficient detail should be provided to provide the assessment Panel with confidence that the proposed approach is feasible. (1000 words)** |
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| **4.2 Please provide a summary of the skills and resources (materials, methods, data, people, infrastructure, equipment, outsourced tasks, etc.) required to deliver the proposed programme and how the consortium will access these. Applicants should not provide identifiable information about investigators, collaborators or organisations. (400 words)** |
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| **4.3 What is your strategy for linking up with existing UK activity in this area, including but not limited to NATA Hub, and for ensuring successful dissemination? (300 words)** |
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| **4.4 Do you have the required freedom to operate and IP assurances to be able to deliver the proposal in line with the MRC’s expectations? Yes/no/unsure at this stage** |
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