**MRC-SCN UK-Canada Regenerative Medicine Exchange Program Awards**

**Application Form 2023**

Applications should be prepared jointly by the UK and Canadian PIs. **All those interested in applying must submit an application form by October 31, 2023 at 5 p.m. (sender’s time).**

**All complete application packages should be sent to Ellie Arnold (**[trainingSCN@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:trainingSCN@stemcellnetwork.ca)**) and Holger Apitz (**[Holger.Apitz@mrc.ukri.org](mailto:Holger.Apitz@mrc.ukri.org)**). The submitting PI should also copy their Canadian or UK counterpart on the submission email. The copied PI should then reply stating their support for the submission.**

**All applications claiming UK costs, including bidirectional applications, must also be submitted through the Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) system. Please note that the submission deadline for applications submitted by Je-S is October 31, 2023 at 4 p.m. GMT.**

**Applicants** (*please fill the relevant sections*)

* *Each application must have one PI from the UK and one PI from Canada.*
* *Each application should include at least one exchange researcher/scientist (from Canada or from UK) and can have a maximum of two exchange researcher/scientists, one from each country.*
* *Eligible researchers include graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants or research associates, and newly independent investigators (within five years of their first independent academic research appointment). Newly independent investigators can apply as both the exchange researchers and the named PI.*

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| Your pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Institution name and city: | |
| Phone Number: | Email Address: |
| Principal Investigator Academic Career Stage:  Within five years of first independent academic appointment  Within 5-15 years of first independent academic appointment  More than 15 years since first independent academic appointment | |

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| **Principal Investigator (Canada)** | |
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| **Exchange Researcher/Scientist (from UK)**  **Same as Principal Investigator (UK)**  Yes (newly independent PIs only)  No  If yes, this section can be left blank. | |
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**Project Title (*up to 150 characters including spaces*)**

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**Summary (*up to 5000 characters*)**

**In the summary, please ensure you address each of the following points:**

* **A description of the research project and associated activities that will be the subject of the exchange**
* **Details about the specific research activities that the exchange researcher/scientist will be performing during the exchange**
* **The value that will be added to each PI’s research program by participating in the exchange**
* **Details about collaborations between the two labs, either currently existing or future collaboration activities that could arise as a result of the exchange**
* **Justification for the unique opportunity provided by the exchange that would not be available in the participant’s home countries**
* **If the two labs involved in the proposal were previously funded for an exchange through this program, the project summary must also include justification for the second exchange and how it is essential to strengthen ongoing collaborative activities**

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**Competitive Funding Details**

***The project that is the focus of the exchange must have been previously peer-reviewed and funded by a granting organization/agency in Canada (e.g., CIHR, NSERC, or SCN) or in the UK (e.g., UKRI, Wellcome, medical research charities).***

***Please briefly detail the active grant(s) held in the UK/Canada, including the funder name, funding program/scheme, grant title, grant reference, amount in GBP or CAD, start date, end date, and role (e.g. Co-Investigator*). *Please append the funded project abstract(s) to your application.***

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**Research Approvals *Please state whether there are any research approvals associated with the project and the activities to be undertaken as part of the exchange. Please state whether the appropriate institutional research approvals are in place. PIs and exchange personnel are responsible for ensuring the appropriate research approvals are in place and protocols followed in accordance with local laws (UK/Canada).***

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| **Will the project involve animal use?** | Yes  No |
| **Will the project involve use of human biological samples?** | Yes  No |
| **Will the project involve use of stem cells?** | Yes  No |
| **Are the appropriate research approvals in place? (If yes please provide details below)** | Yes  No  Not applicable |
| **Research approvals:** | |

**Budget (*Please provide a breakdown of all costs in the budget sheet provided below. Please list UK costs separately from Canadian costs. Please list each planned activity and the costs associated with that activity. Please also provide a summary of total costs.*)**

**Costs**

**Applications should be made at current costs in accordance with MRC and SCN’s travel and subsistence policies. Estimated costs should be shown for each main activity. No indirectly incurred costs can be applied for under the Exchange Program Awards scheme; consequently Full Economic Costing (FEC) is not applied to these awards. Applicants should therefore apply for 100% of the cost of the activities which they wish to undertake. Total costs should not exceed CA$15,000/£9,500 per exchange researcher/scientist.**

**UK Costs *please provide a breakdown of all planned expenditure associated with the UK exchange researcher/scientist (if applicable).***

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**Canada Costs *please provide a breakdown of all planned expenditure associated with the Canadian exchange researcher/scientist (if applicable).***

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