SingHealth DukeNUS ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTRE

ACP PROGRAMME GRANTS

RESEARCH SUPPORT

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pitch-for-Funds (PFF)

Objective:

To pilot and seed research programmes for clinicians / non-clinicians aspiring to become future researchers.

General Information

1. The main objective of the Pitch-for-funds (PFF) is to equip Academic Clinical Programme (ACP) with the resources to provide seed funding to aspiring researchers under their ACPs. The funding will allow the researchers to generate preliminary data with the intention that they will be able to eventually apply for a cluster or national competitive grant.

2. The seed funding will enable young researchers to acquire valuable experience in grants application, study design, project work, writing papers and presenting their data at an early stage of their career within the ACPs.

3. Each PFF award is capped at S$120,000 and for a duration of 3 years. The budget of the PFF should be used primarily for the clinicians to off-set his / her research project expenses with an aim to generate useful data for subsequent research study.

4. Each ACP is allowed only one (1) PFF at any period. Overlapping of PFF is not allowed and ACP should write in to JOAM for approval with strong justification to put up a case. Information on the **utilisation rate** and **amount ringfenced for awarded projects**, if any, for the current PFF should be provided as part of the justification.

5. If the utilisation rate of the current PFF is less than 50% of approval grant amount (i.e. less than S$60,000) 6 months before award end date, and there is no amount ringfenced for other projects, ACPs should submit an extension request for the current PFF and use the current funding to conduct the next grant call instead of applying for a new PFF.

6. **Pitch-For-Fund is only applicable for hospital-based ACPs.**