Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust Award for Translational Biomedical Research
Guidelines for UCL Internal Selection Process

Internal applications are invited for the Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust (SJT) Award for Translational Biomedical Research.

Noting the disruption that the pandemic has caused to research and research funding the Trust is making up to £1 million available to support this one-off research award. The Trust is seeking to support an outstanding research project, in any discipline or disease area, which is at an advanced stage of translation and demonstrates a clear pathway to benefit for patients

UCL may submit **one** preliminary application to this call and must therefore implement an internal review and selection process.

Important dates:

UCL internal deadlines	
UCL deadline for internal applications	Tuesday 19th January 2021 (12 noon)
Shortlisting of written applications	w/c 25th January
SJT deadlines	
Deadline for preliminary application	18 February 2021
Invitation to submit full application	March 2021
Deadline for full application	10 June 2021
Announcement of the outcome of the competition	End November 2021

Scope: Supports a programme of translational biomedical research selected following a competition among applicants sponsored by the leading UK medical schools and NHS organisations. The research scope of this award is broad and not focused on any specific discipline or disease area. Applications might therefore include proposals which could lead to improved diagnosis and/or prognostic methods and to new treatments.

Funder website: SJT Award for Translational Biomedical Research and guidance notes

Budget: £1million (direct costs only) with no defined time period.

Key Eligibility and Remit Criteria
Please read the full criteria in the funder guidance notes before applying
- The proposed research must have a justifiable claim to be at the leading edge of international science. The Principal Applicant may be at any stage of their research career but must be of outstanding quality.
- There is no defined time period over which work must take place or funding should be drawn down. However, the Trustees wish to support work at an advanced stage of translation and expect this to be reflected in applicants' research plans.
- The Applicant's team must have already generated data or samples to proceed to the next stage of their work and now be seeking funding to translate the research into clinical outcomes, with high potential for impact in the short term. You must clearly define how your research will translate into benefit for patients and the timescale within which this will take place.
- The work involved must be the major commitment of the Principal Applicant, comprising the majority of their research time.

Instructions for submitting an internal application:

- Refer to the full funder guidance notes before applying.
- Please inform Pamela Tranter in the SLMS Translational Research Office (p.tranter@ucl.ac.uk) as early as you can if you plan to submit a proposal, as it will help us organise the internal review process.
- For support in planning translational aspects of the proposed research, you may also contact Pamela Tranter (p.tranter@ucl.ac.uk).
- Please provide the following sections in your application, which should be in no less than 11pt font and combined into one PDF document. *This internal application follows a similar format to the funder's online Preliminary Application form, which is relatively light-touch.*

  1. Title page including: Application title, PI name, UCL Division/Institute/Department, total estimated project cost, proposed start and end dates (1 A4 page)

  2. Summary of proposed research (max 1000 words), to include:
     - Background to application and clinical need
     - Data or previous work that will be utilised
     - Proposed aims of research
     - A timescale for clinical applicability
     - References (1 page –not included in word count)

  3. Translational aspects of the project (max 250 words).

  4. Anticipated outcomes of the project and potential short and long-term impacts (max 250 words).

  5. Proposed timelines for the project (max 200 words).

  6. Involvement of patients and public in the proposal (max 100 words).

  7. Other funding applications in play for the proposed work.

  8. PI: Outline how the Applicant fits the eligibility criteria and what institutional resources are available to them.

  9. PI: Outline how the Applicant meets the time commitments for this proposal.

  10. PI: Provide evidence of impacts of previous work and draw attention to any specifically related to the application (max 400 words).

  11. Short CV of the Principal Applicant (3 pages max), including major publications and a list of grant awards relevant to the application. Please also list any grant applications awaiting decision and describe how they relate to this application.

  12. Letter of support signed by the relevant Divisional/Institute Director (1 page max) confirming that they support the candidate and their submission and that they will be provided the required space and resources.

- Combine the above information into a single PDF document.
- Submit the application to slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk, with "SJT" in the subject line followed by the applicant's name.

For general questions on the call, please refer to funder guidance. If you can't find the answer to your question, please contact slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk.