UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

DIVISION OF INFECTION AND IMMUNITY

MATERNITY-PATERNITY FUND

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

As part of its commitment to Athena SWAN the Division of Infection and Immunity has ring-fenced £25,000 of funding per annum to help support personnel and projects during times of maternity or paternity leave.

This scheme applies to current PhD students and academic/ research staff taking maternity/ paternity leave within the Division.

Applications can be made for funding for salary and/or support for consumables. Possible examples may include:

* *Salary support to allow a piece of work to be completed*
* *Funding for a training course to maintain skills*
* *Funding for childcare costs to facilitate students/staff keeping in touch with work during their maternity/paternity leave*

Priority will be given where there are no alternative sources of funding to support the proposal and where it will help a PhD student or member of staff to complete/sustain their work.

Any personnel from the Division of Infection and Immunity may apply (PhD Students, Research Assistants and Post-Docs should discuss applications with their supervisor) and should do so by completing the attached form and e-mailing it to: [j.donovan@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.donovan@ucl.ac.uk).

Applications will be virtually reviewed by the Division’s Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team upon receipt.

Queries about the scheme should be directed to Dr Clare Jolly (<c.jolly@ucl.ac.uk>), Chair of the Division of Infection and Immunity Athena SWAN Committee.



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Application form for small awards to assist personnel and projects in relation to periods of maternity or paternity leave. Completed forms should be returned to Jade Donovan ([j.donovan@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.donovan@ucl.ac.uk)).

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| Name of applicant |  |
| Name and position of person going on maternity or paternity leave, anticipated dates of leave and their current source of funding |  |
| Details of the relevant funder’s policy in terms of providing alternative resources during maternity leave |  |
| Details of the amount of funding being requested and what it is proposed to fund |  |
| Where this information is known to the applicant: details of alternative sources of funding available to the PI (e.g. discretionary funds) and an explanation about why these are not available to the applicant |  |
| Explanation of how this support will be of assistance to the PhD student/researcher in their work |  |
| Explanation of how this support will be of assistance to the Principal Investigator’s work |  |