

Blood Biomarker Challenge

APPLICATION FORM

Confidential

Reference number	5038
Applicant	Dr Test Test
Organisation	Alzheimer's Research UK
Grant Title	Non-confidential Title
Grant Duration	60
Grant Start Date	01/01/2024
Grant End Date	
Total Amount Requested	32,800.00
Participants	Captain Test Test - Collaborator Professor Test User - Co Applicant

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1. Project Summary

Title of project	Non-confidential Title
Institution	Alzheimer's Research UK
Are your Institution details above correct?	Yes
Main type(s) of dementia to be studied Please indicate the primary neurodegenerative disease that this proposal focuses on	
Disease type	
Anticipated award start date	01/01/2024
Estimated duration of project	60
Grant Total Requested £ <i>Please note: This field will populate with the total figure from your Finance and costs section later in the form.</i>	
32800.00	

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2. Proposal

Scientific Summary

Please provide a stand-alone scientific summary. You should include limited background, your hypotheses, the techniques that will be used and the expected outcomes for people with dementia. The scientific summary of the successful application may be used by the Funding Partners to create materials for public engagement or outreach purposes.

[450 words]

Key Research Questions and Expected Outcomes

Please list the key questions that the project will try to answer, including any specific hypothesis to be tested. Please include anticipated number and class of biomarkers to be measured, but note that a final decision on assays used does not need to be made before the start of the project.

[550 words]

Experimental Plan and Methods

Using your Key Research Questions to structure your response, please provide sufficient detail that experimental protocols can be assessed for suitability and likelihood of success. Please provide details of preliminary data and specify all materials and methods as well as analysis methods. It is expected that professional statistical (or other relevant) advice is sought when developing the experimental and analysis plan. Please save detailed power calculations for the 'Power Calculations' section below.

[300 words]

Study sites and recruitment feasibility

Please list the study sites that will participate in the study, with a justification for their inclusion in the project. You can describe the activities that will take place to promote a diverse recruitment in the Patient and Public Involvement Section.

[500 words]

Guidance text: We are interested in funding a community-based project that, if successful, can help build the case for blood biomarker implementation in clinics across the UK. Therefore, multiple sites with different capabilities should be included in the study, and the project must have elements of community engagement, local partnerships or capacity building, and consider aspects such as accessibility of the tests for the local populations.

Power calculations

Please include power calculations and estimated effect size for your studies. Please refer to the number of study sites, number of study participants and number of samples per participant. These should be referenced in the cost justification.

It is expected that professional statistical (or other relevant) advice is sought when developing the experimental and analysis plan.

[300 words]

Project Timelines

Please provide a milestone-based timeline of the proposed project. If you prefer, you may upload a GANTT chart in the Attachments section.

[300 words]

Journey to Impact Summary

We are funding a clinical project that aims to have a significant impact on patients with dementia by the end of the grant. We encourage applicants to outline how their work can improve patient outcomes and potentially influence

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the dementia diagnosis pathway in the UK. In addition to research-related outcomes, we ask applicants to identify potential positive societal and economic impacts of their work and describe the non-research related steps they would take to increase the likelihood of achieving these outcomes. The Funding Partners' Policy & Influencing teams will provide guidance and support to develop and enhance this workstream.

[500 words]

Public and patient involvement and engagement (PPI/E)

Please include information about actions you have taken already and future plans you have to engage or involve members of the public, patients or non-academic communities in the development/lifespan of your project. Additionally, explain how you intend to ensure involvement and engagement activities will contribute towards diverse recruitment.

- Involvement – where members of the public are actively involved in research projects (e.g. patients and carers offering advice as members of a project steering group, commenting on and developing research materials).
- Engagement – talking to patients, carers and the public to share learning from research and create dialogue (e.g. giving public talks, research open days, activities at science festivals and events).

The Funding Partners' Public Engagement teams can provide guidance and support to develop and enhance your outreach activities during your project.

[1000 words]

Guidance Text: The INCLUDE initiative from the National Institute for Health Research provides guidance for ensuring health research is inclusive, as well as a free online course: <https://sites.google.com/nih.ac.uk/include/home>

Expertise of the team

Please detail how the team's knowledge and experience will help fulfil the goals of the project. We would welcome relevant examples of participants' recruitment in similar community-based settings. Please include any equity, diversity and inclusion accreditation, initiatives or considerations that are relevant to your proposal and your team. We encourage the proposal to be developed in partnership with at least an Integrated Care System (ICS). Please include any detail of ICS Dementia Leads/ICB Chairs who will support this project. If this is not possible at application stage, the Funding Partners will help develop those relationships with local ICS leaders during the duration of the project.

[1000 words]

Related Research Activities

Explain how the proposed project relates to ongoing research in other similar settings, and your plans to collaborate/interact/share learnings to maximise the benefit to the blood biomarker research community. If there is an overlap with existing grant support or work, specify and explain the overlap as precisely as possible.

[350 words]

Relevant Research Outputs

In order to support the scientific assessment of your proposal, please list up to three key outputs that provide a rationale for the proposed project. The outputs may or may not be your own work. A brief statement of their relevance should be included. Research outputs may include, but are not limited to:

- Peer reviewed publications or preprints
- Datasets, software and research materials
- Inventions, patents and commercial activity

[500 words]

Proposal history

Is this, or a related application, currently or about to be submitted to another funder? If yes, please detail

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which funder and date when a decision is expected.

[100 words]

Guidance text: If you accept funding for this proposal from another funding body and wish to withdraw your application, then please notify ARUK's Research Team (research@alzheimersresearchuk.org) as soon as possible.

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3. References

References

Vancouver reference styling is preferred. Please list the references, including article titles, that have been cited in the previous section. Where appropriate, cite key papers rather than attempt to be comprehensive.

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4. Ethics

Will animals be used?	No
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Will human volunteers or samples be used?	Yes
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Please select from the human volunteers or samples list below

Please tick all that apply

Human volunteers, Blood samples, Brain samples, CSF samples, Stem cells, Pre-existing patient data, Healthcare records, Tissue samples, Other

If other sample type, please state:

[20 words]

Ethics approval, date received or expected:	01/05/2022
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Have you included tissue banking costs in your application?

Yes

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5. Lay Proposal

Lay proposal

Your proposal will be sent for lay review in addition to scientific review. Lay reviewers are volunteers who have personal experience of dementia, either through caring for a family member or close friend with the condition, or because they are living with dementia themselves. For further information and guidance please click the help icon.

Lay Summary

Please provide a public-facing lay summary of your proposal. Note that this summary will be read by lay reviewers, expert and non-expert peer reviewers, meeting observers and representatives of Alzheimer's Research UK and other Funding Partners during the review process. If your application is successful, it may also be used to describe your project to the public, prospective donors and other stakeholders. Please click on the help icon for advice on preparing a lay summary.

(it is not necessary to detail the importance of dementia, amyloid or tau)

[300 words]

Guidance Text: When talking to the public, it is important to be able to explain your research in simple terms that get the key messages across. Your lay summary should therefore be as clear and concise as possible as too much detail may confuse people and result in your key messages being misunderstood.

*Remember that the target audience for your lay summary will be an interested audience but are not specialists - **do not make the assumption that they are knowledgeable about medicine, science or dementia research.** You are advised to pitch your lay summary at the same level as an article in a newspaper and to ask a non-specialist to read through it to ensure it can be clearly understood.*

Key advice for writing a lay summary:

- Remember that dementia isn't a disease so refer to it as a condition.
- Keep in mind that those reading your lay summary may have loved ones with dementia, or have dementia themselves; as such think about how your words may agitate or upset people. For instance:
 - avoid words such as 'abnormal' and instead talk about 'differences' and refer to people as 'volunteers' rather than 'subjects', or 'patients' rather than 'sufferers'
- When discussing the use of human tissue, such as a donated brain, acknowledge the donation.
- Keep sentences short and avoid using jargon and technical terms – if you have to use them provide a clear explanation. For instance:
 - Use 'nerve cell' instead of 'neurone'
 - 'Shrinkage' instead of 'atrophy'
 - 'Problems with memory and thinking skills' instead of 'cognitive decline'.
- Avoid complicated English or uncommon words. For instance:
 - Use active not passive phrases; say 'we will look at the build-up of amyloid in the brain' rather than 'the build-up of amyloid in the brain will be looked at'.

For further guidance, please see the below guidance on writing a lay summary:

ARUK - [Writing a Good Lay Summary \(link\)](#)

AS - [What is Patient and Public involvement \(link\)](#)

What are the aims of the study?

Clearly state what you are trying to achieve and why it is relevant to your audience

[500 words]

How will the research have an impact on people with dementia?

People are interested in how your work could lead to a preventative measure, treatment or new diagnostic technique, so try to frame your work in this context. Remember to discuss why this work is necessary, and clearly state what benefit your research will bring to people affected by dementia.

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[500 words]

What does the research involve for people taking part?

In this section, please explain what tests the volunteers in this research study will be expected to take part in. Please include important details such as:

- The location of the study - where the people taking part will have to go
- If travel is required, will their expenses be covered?
- Can those living with, or in the early stages of, dementia, be accompanied by a family member, friend or carer?
- How many times will the person be asked to take part? Does the study involve a one-off visit or do they have to make a number of visits at different intervals throughout the research study?
- How long each individual participant session will take and whether participants will be required to have multiple tests in one visit
- If the person taking part is required to attend multiple sessions, provide details of the duration of the research study.

[500 words]

What information will be collected, and how will it be used?

Describe the information that the people involved in your research will provide you with and how this relates to the aims of the research study. If the information is being stored, how will it be stored securely and anonymously? What will happen to samples and stored information after the study has ended? How will participants be informed of the progress or outcomes of the study?

[500 words]

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6. Data and Sample management

Data Management

Alzheimer's Research UK supports the view that publicly-funded research data is produced in the public interest and that making research data openly available to the maximum extent possible, thus aiding reproducibility, is essential to the conduct and advancement of dementia science. We encourage our researchers to maximise the value of research data by sharing these data in a responsible and timely manner.

Applicants to this scheme must consider their approach to managing and sharing data at the application stage. Applicants will need to fill in a data management plan which will be subject to peer-review by external reviewers and the Grant Review Board. Costs (and cost justification) for delivering the data management plan should be included in the budget section of the grant application, as part of running costs.

The expectation is that raw data resulting from ARUK-funded research will be shared freely, for example, on institutional repositories or structured data repositories like gene and protein databases. If there are ethical or intellectual property considerations that preclude data sharing, please explain these in the box provided.

In this box please include:

1. The type(s) of data proposed to be generated, including analysis scripts
2. When you intend to share the data, including how/if data will be made available pre-publication
3. Plans for managing and storing data, including sustainability and preservation
4. Plans for dissemination of negative data, if applicable
5. Suitability for sharing as well as how others will be able to discover and access the data

[500 words]

Sample Management

Please explain how you plan to make human samples collected during this project discoverable at registries, and available to the rest of the scientific community through an open and transparent sample request process.

[500 words]

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7. Finance and costs

Staff members

Budget Item 1

Name (if known)	Test - Health Economics Researcher
Justification	
Test	
Staff Type	Research
Salary Scale	Other (please specify)
Salary Scale Other	Test
Scale Grade - Other	Test

	Year 1 (£)	Year 2 (£)	Year 3 (£)	Year 4 (£)	Year 5 (£)	Total (£)
Basic Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
National Insurance	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	150.00
Superannuation	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	150.00
Inflation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
London Weighting	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
Total	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£15,300.00

Equipment

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Equipment

Item	Test Equipment					
Justification						
Test Justification - Equipment						
	Year 1 (£)	Year 2 (£)	Year 3 (£)	Year 4 (£)	Year 5 (£)	Total (£)

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Costs	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
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Running costs

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Running Costs

Item	Test Running Costs
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Justification
Test Justification - Running Costs

	Year 1 (£)	Year 2 (£)	Year 3 (£)	Year 4 (£)	Year 5 (£)	Total (£)
Costs	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,500.00

Is inflation calculated in the non-salary costs?	Yes
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Please list the percentage used for calculation	5
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Totals						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£3,060.00	£15,300.00
Equipment	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
Animals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Running costs	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£2,500.00
Total	£18,560.00	£3,560.00	£3,560.00	£3,560.00	£3,560.00	£32,800.00

8. Lead applicant's CV

Title Dr
Forename(s) Test
Surname Test
Department ARUK Research Team
Institution Alzheimer's Research UK

Degree/qualification

From	To	Qualification	Institution
10/2022	11/2022	BA	ARUK

Employment record

From	To	Position	Organisation
01/2023	05/2023	Test	test

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Relevant outputs and contributions will differ depending on discipline, career stage and area of scientific research. By this nature, some of the CV sections may be lighter in content than others or some may be left empty. Reviewers are asked to consider the CV sections holistically, and not in isolation, when making assessments on the skills and expertise of the candidate to deliver the proposed work.

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How have you contributed to the generation and flow of new ideas, hypotheses, tools or knowledge, including to communities beyond academia?

[400 words]

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It can include up to five key outputs. Outputs can include data sets, software, research materials, conference presentations or publications, commercial or interventional products or tools, clinical practice developments, educational products and innovation, research and policy publications. You may also provide examples of knowledge exchange, engagement and/or communication of ideas and results with industry, private/public sectors, clients, policy makers, researchers in different fields/disciplines or the broader public. For each output, please articulate the importance and relevance of the output, and your specific contribution to the described work. Where outputs have a DOI please only include this, and please also highlight any outputs which are open source.

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While all applicants may describe up to five contributions, early career researchers may wish to consider highlighting two or three they consider most significant. If early career, you can also use this section to explain how you have developed skills and networks to support you with knowledge exchange in the future.

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[400 words]

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[400 words]

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Personal statement

[300 words]

Guidance text: Please provide a personal statement that reflects on your overarching goals and motivation for the activities in which you have been involved. You may also discuss future activity, and your long term research and innovation vision and career objectives.

Career Breaks , extenuating circumstances and other relevant details

Please note, Reviewers will have access to this section of the application form in order to make reasonable adjustments when assessing your research outputs and career progression.

We request that you do not share the reason for any career break, flexible working arrangement or Covid-19 related disruption, including any special category data such as sensitive or personal health information. We would also ask that within this space, please do not name any third-party individuals, identify your relationship with any third party individuals or otherwise include anything which might identify the third party. In the event you do provide us with any special category data, we will process this under our legitimate interests to review the suitability of your application and only where you have provided us with your explicit consent to do so. Whilst we request you do not provide us with special category data, by doing so in the field below we will constitute this as you providing your explicit consent, however if you are unsure as to what this means or would like further information, please contact us at research@alzheimersresearchuk.org

[1000 words - not a mandatory question]

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9. Co-applicants' CVs

Co-applicants will have responsibility alongside the lead applicant for the project. If someone is important for the project but will not have such responsibilities, please add them as a collaborator

Title Professor
Forename(s) Test
Surname User
Department
Institution

Education

From	To	Qualification	Subject	Country	Institution	Department
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Employment

From	To	Position	Organisation
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Co-Applicant Narrative CV

Each Co-applicant is required to provide a narrative CV. Please download the template document from this link, and upload a completed copy here, with the following document title: [Co-applicant name - Contributions to Research]

Please attach Co-Applicant(s) Narrative CV	File description
Co-Applicant Narrative CV - Dr Test - Narrative CV.docx is included as an appendix within this file.	Professor Test User - Narrative CV

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10. Collaborators

Title Captain
Forename(s) Test
Surname Test
Department
Institution Alzheimer's Research UK

Please attach letter(s) of support.

Please attach letter(s) of support.	File description
Collaborators letter of support - Test Collaborator Letter of Support.docx is included as an appendix within this file.	Test - LoS

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11. Attachments

NOTE: All attachments from the application will be displayed above, this includes any added in the section below.

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12. Eligibility Check

To apply for this grant applicants must fulfil all eligibility requirements. Please read and enter a response to the following eligibility questions – placing a tick next to the question means 'yes', leaving the box blank means 'no'.

- The Lead Applicant and point of contact must be based in a UK academic/research institution. However, the application can include researchers or institutions outside the UK. Are you (or will you be) based in a UK academic/research institution?
- If the project requires ethics approval (clinical work) and/or Home Office licences (animal work), the award is dependent upon the requisite approvals being granted. Do you accept this condition?
- The proposal must include an early career researcher, in any role. Do you have an early career researcher as part of your applicant team?
- The Lead Applicant is expected to have a contract (fixed term or tenure) which covers the proposed duration of the grant. If the Lead Applicant does not hold a tenure appointment, the application must include a Co-Applicant that does. Do you qualify?
- Post-doctoral Fellows are eligible to apply as a Lead Applicant but must collaborate with an administrative Co-Applicant who serves as the director of the laboratory in which the research will be conducted. If funded, the administrative Co-Applicant will be responsible for assisting in providing all institutional documents required for the project and will be required to sign any award contract. If applicable, do you accept this condition?
- Have you as Lead Applicant and all other grant participants read and understood our Bullying and Harassment policy?

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13. End

I certify that the statements in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have obtained the necessary consents and permissions to present all materials and data included in this application. In addition, I certify that I have acknowledged the source of all materials and data included in this application. I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific content of the project and to provide the required progress reports if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

As the lead applicant I certify responsibility for this application.

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Appendices

1. Dr Test - Narrative CV
2. Test Collaborator Letter of Support

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Appendix #1: Dr Test - Narrative CV

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In the event you do provide us with any special category data, we will process this under our legitimate interests to review the suitability of your application and only where you have provided us with your explicit consent to do so. Whilst we request you do not provide us with special category data, by doing so in the field below we will constitute this as you providing your explicit consent, however if you are unsure as to what this means or would like further information, please contact us at research@alzheimersresearchuk.org

[Answer here]

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Appendix #2: Test Collaborator Letter of Support

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