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| **STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTRE**  **Stage 1 - Expression of Interest Form** |

*All boxes will expand if required. Font size 11 in Arial must be used for the entire case for support and CVs (excluding text on diagrams and the use of symbols). A minimum of single-line spacing and standard character spacing must be used, with margins of no less than 2 cm.*

***If the typeface or pitch is changed, the application will not be considered.***

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| **Principal Investigator:** |  | |
| **Email Address:** |  | |
| **Phone Number:** |  | |
| **Sponsoring Institution:**  *Full name, department and address* |  | |
| **Co-investigators:**  *Names and affiliation only* |  | |
| **Title:** | | |
| Total amount requested: | | **£** |
| Outline of requirements:  *(Give a brief outline of what you are applying for, e.g 4 PhD students plus 1 post-doc)* | | |
| Use of generative AI tools statement  If you have used any generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT) to assist you in preparing this expression of interest, please disclose details here, specifying which aspects of the full application have made use of generative AI tools / outputs: | | |

**DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT & CO-APPLICANTS**

*If you have more than 5 co-PIs/applicants please add further boxes as required*

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| **Principal Applicant** | |
| Name: |  | Telephone numbers: | |
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| **Co-applicant 1** | |
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| **Co-applicant 2** | |
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| **Co-applicant 3** | |
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| **Co-applicant 4** | |
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| **Co-applicant 5** | |
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**CASE FOR SUPPORT**

**(Maximum of FIVE A4 pages in total, Arial font size 11, 2 cm margins, for sections 1-5)**

**Section 1: Title & Plain Language Summary**

1. Title of project.
2. Explanation for community readers from the CF community. Please cover what is the problem are you seeking to solve for the CF community, what evidence suggests that this is important problem to solve, including if the proposal address a CF JLA priority area, what research has already been done in this area, how will this work add to the current evidence, how are you proposing to solve the problem and what will be the short / long term impact of this work on the CF community, (max. 400 words, excluding title of project).

**Section 2: Problem being addressed & brief Scientific Case**

*Section 2 (a) should be no longer than two A4 pages in length, including figures. Arial font size 11, 2 cm margins should be used.*

1. A clear statement on the main problem being addressed. Please also provide a brief Scientific Case showing how the problem will be addressed.
2. A clear statement on how the problem being addressed is of strategic relevance to people with cystic fibrosis (CF) and how they address Cystic Fibrosis Trust’s [research goals](https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/research/our-research-goals).

**Section 3: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion research design statement:**

1. A clear statement of the approach to address diversity and promoting inclusion within your research design, giving consideration to the characteristics of the population groups or subpopulations who could benefit from the research being proposed including any underserved groups in the community. Please include reference to workplace policies or practices as appropriate.

**Section 4: The Principal Investigator (PI) and the team**

1. A clear statement on the scientific and leadership role of the Principal Investigator ( PI), including evidence that the lead PI can coordinate a SRC.
2. A clear statement about the lead PI’s track record in the field of CF. If the lead PI does not have experience in this area, the first co-investigator/deputy must have the relevant expertise and this should be clearly explained.
3. A clear statement detailing the contribution of each named co-investigator and their time commitment.
4. A clear statement detailing the training opportunities for the early career scientists employed under the SRC, including how it will instill a long-lasting interest in CF research.

**Section 5: Expected Outcomes & Strategic Relevance**

1. An outline of the expected outcomes of the project within the time frame of the funding and their relevance/impact on people with CF.

**Section 6: Other relevant information**

1. A statement of how the proposed research problem requires a SRC as opposed to achieving the goals through a collection of individual project grants.
2. Where appropriate, a statement on any non-Trust funded commitments to the success of the SRC.
3. A plan for longer term sustainability following the end of the grant.

**CVs**

Please provide CVs of all applicants (lead PI and co-Investigators), using the CV template provided on our website. Each CV should be no longer than two A4 pages.

**A COVER LETTER FROM LEAD PI**

We also require a signed cover letter from the PI specifying

1. that **all** named co-Investigators are committed to the project, and that the lead PI takes responsibility for assuring this.
2. the role of each co-investigator.

No other attachments (e.g. letters of support) are required. Please submit all the required paperwork (i.e. this form, the case for support of a maximum of five A4 pages, CVs and PI cover letter) as **one PDF document** and submit electronically to [frances.fitch@cysticfibrosis.org.uk](mailto:frances.fitch@cysticfibrosis.org.uk) and Cc in [researchgrants@cysticfibrosis.org.uk](mailto:researchgrants@cysticfibrosis.org.uk)

**PEER REVIEW FORM**

Please supply a separate external peer reviewer suggestion form with your application. Do not include the form as part of the ‘one PDF document’ as outlined above.

Applications received after the deadline will be ineligible for consideration.