OUCRU Public and Community Engagement (PCE)

Seed Awards
Introduction

Aim
A small funding pot to enable and promote researcher-led public engagement

Who
All researchers at OUCRU sites (Nepal, Indonesia, Hanoi, HCMC)

Value
2016 – 2018: $5000
2019 - : >$10,000
Summary

- Started: 2016
- Funding call: 9 times
- Applications: 60
- Awarded: 39 grants
- Finished: 17 projects
- Ongoing: 13 projects
- Just funded Apr 2021: 9 grants
Application and Funding

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OUCRU PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SEED AWARDS
APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following application form. The form is designed to help you identify some key issues in the design of your project. Please feel free to use bullet points. PE team is very willing to help you plan and design your project so please feel free to discuss with them early in the process. Funds (typically £5,000 to £10,000) can be requested to pilot a new project or enhance an existing activity.

Q1 Applicant Details
Name
Job title
Department
Line manager / Group Head
OUCRU Site (HMC/Hosp/Nepal/Atlanta)

Q2 Will other people from your Group / other Group be involved? (N/A)

Q3 Collaborators external to OUCRU
Name
Institute / Department

Q4 Are you aware of other support for this work? Will they obtain government permission if it is required?

Q5 Title of project (15 words maximum)

Q6 Funding from the OUCRU PCE Seed Awards (SUSD) Maximum $10,000

Q7 Proposed start date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Q8 Length of project (in months)

Q9 Project summary
Please provide a summary of your project in no more than 250 words. If awarded, this summary of your proposed activity will be published online.

Q10 Background and Objectives
Please provide a description of the aims and objectives. Also identify the reasons why you want to do the project, including the rationale and background to the work (max 500 words).

Q11 Benefits to Research
Which research study will your engagement enhance? Give study code if applicable. Will this PE activity require ethical approval? (Please discuss with CTU/PE for advice)

Q12 Methods
Describe how you plan and deliver your project to targeted audience, how you intend to achieve the objectives: the method of engagement and why it is appropriate (max 500 words).

Stage 1
Submission of application forms
(supported by PCE Team)

Stage 2
Funding decisions

Stage 3
Further development of project plans
(supported by PCE Team)

Stage 4
Funding and follow up
How to judge

Panel: Internal + External reviewers

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Monitoring & evaluating projects

• One–to–one meeting / Evaluation workshop before starting the project
• Updating the project status and budget after 6 months
• Keeping a short update in PCE workshops/discussion/meetings
• Participating / observing some activities of Seed projects
• Submitting an end of report form when finishing
Monitoring & evaluating the scheme

• Number of applications, completed projects
• Awardees do other engagements (second application, apply for other grant, etc)
• Engaging other researchers/collaborators to be involved in PCE activities
• Feedback of Awardees about the scheme in the End of Project report
Key learnings

• Difficulty in developing an application → Breaking down the Application and Funding process
• Available supporting for application process as well as implementation
• Monitoring the activities is a challenge.
• Evaluation need appropriate for the size of the projects (we don’t need a mass evaluation or like research)
• Follow up meetings/ discussions / PCE workshops are significant
• Managing the budget
• Promoting some good projects to be a model method to apply at different sites or enhance to bigger project