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| **ISSF3 Consolidation and Independence Panel:Seeds for Seed Award** |

Applicants should be aware that within the ISSF3 peer review process all applicant names and identifiers will be anonymised. This applies to all PIs and Co-Is, however this does not apply to external collaborative partners, sponsors (e.g. consolidator scheme) and named postdoctoral researchers that would deliver the project that are not PIs or Co-Is. **Please write your applications with this anonymization in mind and where at all possible please write without using individual identifiers and gender specific references e.g. individual names, he / she, his / her etc.**

The rationale behind this anonymization is our aim to make the peer review and grant award process within ISSF3 as robust, fair and transparent as possible. In our efforts to embed good practice with regards to E,D&I and account for any potential unconscious bias in the review process we test trialled the anonymization of applications during the last round. This was well received by our panels who felt this approach allowed more focus on the project quality. Exceptions such as external project partners are included so that the panel have a good overview of the project team and research environment. When talking about team members and their roles and responsibilities, please use identifiers such as PI and Co-I 1, 2, 3, for example and discuss skill sets that add value to the project team.

Please specify in the application the disciplines being brought to bear on the research question and the novelty of the approach, rather than a focus on School association. References can be made to the involvement of individuals from different Schools or Colleges to demonstrate cross-disciplinary working and the diverse skill sets that are being applied to the challenge area within the application text, however we will anonymise which is the lead School for our reviewers to focus on overall team composition.

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| Grant Title *(max 20 words)* |
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| Start Date\*: |  | Total Grant Cost (max £20K): |  |
| Duration\*: |  |

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| **\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All projects must be completed no later than 30th June 2021** |

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| Applicant:  |
| Name |  |
| Post / job title  |  |
| Department |  |
| Institution / Employer  |  |
| Telephone |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Are you applying as a Clinician?  | Yes No  |
| If yes, please provide your PhD completion date  |  |

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| Academic Cardiff University’s Sponsor (**to be completed by Clinicians only**): |
| Name |  |
| Post |  |
| Department |  |
| Institution |  |
| Telephone |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Expertise relevant to proposed project: |  |

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| Collaborator (1) [optional] |
| Name |  |
| Post |  |
| Department |  |
| Institution |  |
| Telephone |  |
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*Please add in further collaborators as required by copying and pasting the above section, while noting this is designed to be an early career-led award.*

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| **Lay Summary** - to be published externally on the Cardiff University ISSF 3 website (200 words max) – Please write for a non-technical audience, and ensure the importance of the activity is clear. For guidance on how to write lay summary, please click [here](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/write-lay-summary). |
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| **Project Outline** *-*Briefly describe your seed project using the following headings: nature of the project, objectives, research plan, hypotheses, and expected scientific outcomes *(500 words max, including figure and table legends)* **Please provide a timeline for delivery of key research tasks in an Appendix (e.g., Gantt Chart).** |
| *Nature of the project**Objectives**Research Plan**Hypotheses**Expected scientific outcomes* |

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| **Research Innovation -** What do you consider to be particularly novel and innovative about this research approach? *(200 words max)* |
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| **Research Sustainability -** How will the seed award help evidence feasibility for future funding, and what funding will you apply for? *(200 words max).* *Please note, the panel is looking for applicants to identify a specific pathway to sustainability rather than outlining a range of potential funding schemes. The outcomes you provide here will be the benchmarks used to measure success of your award, and so should be realistic and achievable. If help is required around potential funding opportunities, please contact* *BLSResearch@cardiff.ac.uk* |
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| **Enhancing Research Careers -** How will this award progress your future research career?(*200 words max)*. *Please consider the Wellcome Trust ISSF career framework in answering this question.* |
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| **Equality and Diversity –** How will you address equality and diversity in relation to involvement of staff, project management and data related to your award? *(200 words max)* |
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| **Justification of Resources -** Please provide a detailed breakdown and justification of the costs associated with this project, using the headings: staff salaries, consumables (noting animal costs), travel and minor equipment as required. Note, projects that do not outline their costs in sufficient detail will not be considered at the ISSF Panel. |
| *Staff salaries**Consumables**Travel**Minor equipment* |

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| **ISSF project association or resubmission** - Have you previously been or are you currently directly associated with any active ISSF3 projects or previous applications? (please refer to guidance to ensure eligibility within scheme groupings). |
| Yes No 1. **If yes, was this successfully funded?**

Yes No 1. **If funded, what is the title and the scheme?**
2. **If directly associated with any previously funded ISSF3 projects or previously submitted proposals, please provide an overview in broad terms how this application substantially differs. *(100 words max)***
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| **Statement of Support:** This section must be completed and signed by your current line manager to confirm that you have permission from your School that you can devote sufficient time to undertake this project, if your application becomes successful. *(200 words)* |
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| Name of Line Manager: | Job title of Line Manager: |
| Signature: | Date: |

Please tick to confirm that your application has been subjected to the normal internal peer review (e.g., review of the application by at least one grant-knowledgeable researcher) and costings procedures within your School

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| Please provide the name of the individual(s) who have peer-reviewed this application on your behalf. |
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*Please note that applicants should* ***not*** *apply to more than one funding scheme within each Wellcome Trust ISSF3 career stage per call. For example, an applicant submitting Seeds for Seed Award would not be permitted to apply for a Reconnect with Science or Fellowship within the same call.*

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| I confirm that I wish to apply for the WT ISSF fund. The information given in this application and any accompanying material is accurate to the best of my knowledge. |
| Signature: | Date: |

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| **Head of School Statement** |
| I declare that:* the academic purpose and content of the proposal are satisfactory;
* the likely outputs and outcomes are realistic;
* the School can underwrite the cost relating to the hosting and departmental support of the applicant during the award e.g. office space, computer, telephone, photocopying etc;
* the proposal is aligned with the School’s long-term research strategy and is in accord with the agreed career development plan of the individual; and
* the proposal accords with existing research expertise of the School.
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| Signature of Head of School: | Date |
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**Submission checklist**

* Application form (this includes a word version)
* CAP form
* Equality, Diversity & Inclusion form
* Supporting documents (optional)