

PharmAlliance Investment Strategy (Round 2)

Proposal Application Guidelines

Preamble: Each School recognizes that strategic investment is required to accelerate collaborations and achieve PharmAlliance objectives and priorities. Funding is primarily intended to support the planning and development of education, practice/professional engagement or research projects/ programs consistent with the mission of the PharmAlliance. Future funding opportunities through this mechanism will be reevaluated following the completion of the submission process for this round.

Travel funds: Funds (up to USD\$10k) are available at any time to support travel or other planning costs to facilitate the development of collaborative proposals. Applications (up to a total of 2 pages, with duration ≤ 6 months) can be e-mailed directly to the Offices of the Deans/Director. Applications should address each of the items listed below. It is expected that groups accessing these funds will work towards a Tier A or Tier B application; or external funding opportunity at a future time.

Funding Tiers (*Funds for either Tier requires strong justification and evidence of potential high impact*):

- Tier A (up to USD\$50K) – To support projects/studies for development of more advanced collaborative programs, projects, grants, or proposals beyond the initial planning stages.
- Tier B (up to USD\$100K) – To support unique collaborative opportunities consistent with the mission of the PharmAlliance that require the generation of additional preliminary data or evidence of collaboration between the Alliance faculty or programs prior to the submission of an extramural grant or program proposal.

General Instructions:

- At least two institutions must be represented; limit of one PI & one Co-PI proposal per faculty member.
- Budgets should be broken down by institution & developed according to institutional policies. (Note that as each School needs to work within their own institution's financial budgets, regulations and associated procedures, and manage financial priorities within a wider institutional context, early discussions should occur at each School prior to proposals being developed.)
- Submit proposals online Proposal Webform at the PharmAlliance website **by Friday 14th October, 2016.**

Proposal Review Criteria (*proposals should address each question*):

- How will funding accelerate the collaborative mission of PharmAlliance and uniquely add-value to the development and evolution of PharmAlliance?
- How does the idea have the potential to radically NOT incrementally improve global health or healthcare, education or research?
- How will these funds enhance competitiveness of faculty collaborations across the PharmAlliance and what future leveraging opportunities will this lead to, particularly in securing funding unique to international collaborations?

Proposal Review Process: Associate deans/directors for research/education from UNC, Monash, and UCL will review all proposals, and advance funding recommendations to the deans/director for final decision (approx. 6 week review timeline). Funds will only be allocated to proposals that explicitly accelerate the collaborative mission of the PharmAlliance and should not be considered as an alternative source of faculty funding currently available. No written formal feedback will be provided back to the faculty at the end of this process.

Reporting: Successful proposals will need to submit a progress report (halfway) and a final report (approx. one month after the conclusion of the agreed work program). The progress report (1 page) will include an assessment of accomplishment, issues and progress against milestones. The final report (2 page) should describe the outcomes, impact, next steps to secure external funding and a statement of the funds expended at each School.

Note: This document replaces Appendix 1 – Guidelines on Funding Proposals contained within the PharmAlliance: Mission, Governance, and Operations.