

Additional NC3Rs-specific research grant scheme terms and conditions

1. In addition to the conditions set out in point RGC 3.2 on the use of animals in research; all grant holders using animals must implement the principles in the guidance 'Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research' (www.nc3rs.org.uk/responsibility). Grant holders using non-human primates must comply with the NC3Rs guidelines 'Primate Accommodation, Care and Use' (www.nc3rs.org.uk/primatesguidelines).
2. If the award of this grant is contingent upon local research ethics committee (LREC) approval or on the granting of Home Office Licence authority, it is the responsibility of the grant holder and the Research Organisation to ensure that approval for this study is granted and adhered to, and that no research is initiated until approval has been granted. The grant holder/Research Organisation must be prepared to provide the NC3Rs with a copy of the approval, and any correspondence with the LREC or Home Office, if requested.
3. Grant holders should use the ARRIVE guidelines (www.nc3rs.org.uk/ARRIVE) when designing their experiments and researchers should ensure that they report animal-based studies in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines as far as possible, taking into account the specific editorial policies of the journal concerned.
4. All grant holders shall ensure that all outcomes of NC3Rs-funded research including the data, results, final conclusions and any other information relating to the research are published on a freely accessible platform in accordance with the UKRI/RCUK policy on Open Access. All grant holders shall ensure that the methodologies developed as part of an NC3Rs-funded project are published on the NC3Rs-F1000Research gateway or on another freely accessible platform.
Publications arising from any research funded by the NC3Rs must report the 3Rs impact(s) of the study in addition to the scientific findings. Failure to do so may jeopardise future funding. See the NC3Rs Evaluation Framework for guidance on reporting 3Rs impacts (www.nc3rs.org.uk/evaluationreport).
5. All NC3Rs grant holders must deposit publications arising from NC3Rs funded-research into Europe PMC at the point of publication or within six (6) months at the latest. Further information can be found on the Europe PMC Plus site (<http://plus.europepmc.org/emss/local/Help/>).
6. The NC3Rs uses Researchfish (www.researchfish.com) for the collection of outcomes data from NC3Rs funded grants and for monitoring progress on grants both during and after the lifetime of the award. Compliance with Researchfish reporting is a requirement for every grant issued by the NC3Rs. The Primary Investigator is responsible for ensuring their Researchfish record is up-to-date and must use Researchfish to report on their grant periodically and when requested by the NC3Rs. The final scientific report will be collected via Researchfish. Researchers who do not report into Researchfish when requested to do so, or use the system inappropriately, may become ineligible to apply for future NC3Rs research grants.
7. The NC3Rs reserves the right to sanction a grant at any stage if unsatisfactory progress has been made.
8. All NC3Rs grant holders are expected to aid the NC3Rs in its peer review process and provide a referee report if requested.
9. The NC3Rs periodically organises focused grant holder meetings on specific areas/fields of interest (e.g. animal welfare assessment, cancer research etc.). If a meeting occurs within the term of the grant, either the Principal or Co-Investigator must attend.
10. We reserve the right to amend these grant conditions at any time. We will publish on our website any changes to these grant conditions and once published, any changes will apply to the grant.

These conditions and further information for grant holders can be found on the NC3Rs website at: www.nc3rs.org.uk/informationforexistinggrantholders.

Please note: The NC3Rs is an independent scientific organisation, tasked by Government with supporting the UK science base through the application of the replacement, reduction and refinement of the use of animals in research. Though it is represented legally by the MRC, which in turn is part of the executive non-departmental public body UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the NC3Rs is managed independently.