

Application Process

UK Military Hearing Research
Collaborative Funding

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Chapter 1: Introduction

The Military Hearing Research Collaborative/hearWELL aims to support research applicable to the Armed Forces and veterans.

All research related to the prevention, detection and prevention of hearing problems or issues aimed at service personnel are monitored and supported by the MHRC (UK). The Collaboration also works closely with other disciplines across the Defence specialities. The MHRC will act as a Hub providing support and signposting researchers in the right direction to ensure effective collaborations in the relevant funding streams.

The UK military are committed and passionate about providing resources to help fund and promote research necessary for all serving veterans and regularly serving military personnel and their families.

The Defence Medical Services Research Service Group (DMSRSG) meet regularly to discuss research proposals and ideas. The group can review and decide to fund small pots of money up to £50,000 to help run and facilitate research projects and on occasions larger research projects.

All applications are reviewed by the following personnel and for additionally specific SMEs.

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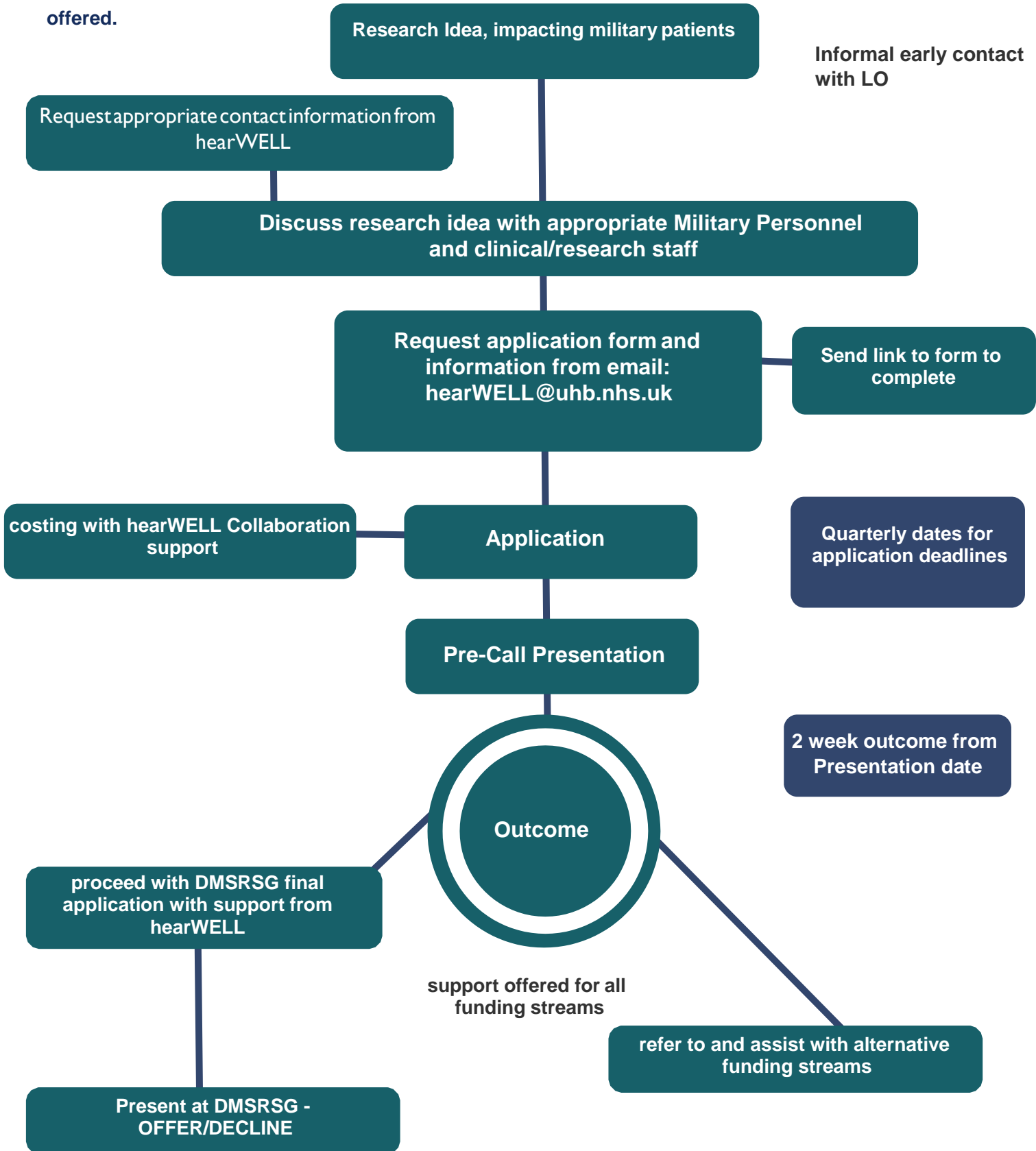
Surgeon Captain Professor Rory Rickard

Dr. Amarjit Samra

This pack aims to provide structured information on attaining funding from various sources. The pack will always be available but will be regularly updated to include future and more detailed information.

Chapter 2: Idea to Application Flowchart

MHRCUK have devised a flowchart that helps to outline the application process and the support offered.



Chapter 3:

Funding Streams

If your application is not funded directly then the team will aim to provide support with applications to receive funding from other streams.

Listed in this pack are a number of examples of other funding streams with information regarding their remit, eligibility criteria and deadlines. Information on the following funding streams is listed in the next few pages:

- The Royal British Legion
- Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA)
- Department of Defence (USA)

MHRC will aim to support current research needs and highlight upcoming research calls. These will be detailed in this application pack as well as on the bi-yearly newsletter

Current Research Gaps:

- Genetics
- Mental Health, Intervention Studies
- Prolonged Care



Chapter 3: Funding Streams

The Royal British Legion



INTRO

The Royal British Legion provides funding based on a particular need or theme that has been identified within the Armed Forces Community.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be either a not for profit organisation running or planning charitable activities in support of the Armed Services.

The Royal British Legion is unlikely to award funding towards projects or services which duplicate or risk duplicating supportive already provided by them.



REMIT

Applications must either support projects or services that support individuals are eligible for Legion support. More information can be found on the Royal British Legion website at:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Maximum funding up to £50,000



DEADLINE

Currently closed as of June 2019, but due to open imminently for 2019/2020.

Defence and Security Accelerator

Open Call for Innovation: Emerging Innovations



INTRO

The open call is an opportunity for suppliers to present their ideas to defence and security stakeholders. The Open Call is supplier-push activity.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Accelerator is open to all organisation types and individuals. There are not nationality restrictions.

The aim of emerging innovations is to find new and novel opportunities to be explored across defence and/or security that are at the following Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) levels:

TRL 3: Analytical and experimental critical function and/or characteristics proof of concept

TRL 4: Technology basic validation in a laboratory environment



REMIT

The Accelerator will fund ideas that could lead to a cost-effective advantage for UK armed forces. The investments ideas are high-risk but with high potential benefits.

Classified information should not be submitted to the Accelerator. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-and-security-accelerator-dasa-open-call-for-innovation/open-call-competition-document#emerging-innovations>

No funding limit, but the Accelerator would typically fund bids between £50,000 - £100,000 for between 3 and 10 months.



DEADLINE

N/A - Ongoing

Defence and Security Accelerator

Open Call for Innovation: Rapid Impact



INTRO

The open call is an opportunity for suppliers to present their ideas to defence and security stakeholders. The Open Call is supplier-push activity.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Accelerator is open to all organisation types and individuals. There are not nationality restrictions.

Proposals in this category are encouraged for projects which will realistically achieve an impact within 3 years and are at the following Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) levels:

TRL 6: Technology model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment

TRL 7: Technology prototype demonstration in an operational environment

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REMIT

Proposals will only be funded if there is a strong customer requirement and need for the idea. Suppliers will need to ensure they have positive user interest and support for the project before submitted a proposal.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-and-security-accelerator-dasa-open-call-for-innovation/open-call-competition-document#emerging-innovations>

No funding limit, but the Accelerator would expect to fund bids between £100,000 - £350,000



DEADLINE

N/A - Ongoing

Department of Defence (USA)

Department of Defence Hearing Restoration Research Programme



INTRO

The mission of the Hearing Restoration Research Programme (HRRP) is to support promising necessary research for the treatment of prevalent auditory system injury.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) are eligible to submit applications.



REMIT

HRRP applications should support promising research that has the potential to make, or lead to, significant advancement in hearing restoration.

REMIT CONTINUED...

HRRP applications should also address at least one of the 2019 HRRP focus areas. Further information can be found at:

<https://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2019/19hrrppreann>

Funding is at three levels:

- \$250,000 for a maximum of 2 years
- \$1,000,000 for a maximum of 3 years
- \$1,250,000 for a maximum of 3 years with a pilot clinical trials option.

It is the responsibility of the PI to select the most appropriate funding level when applying.



DEADLINE

14th November 2019

jHUB: Advantage Through Innovation

Part of Joint Forces Command and Ministry of Defence



INTRO

jHUB connect world class technology and talent to military users, fund and accelerate pilots and rapidly procure through the innovation board.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

jHUB fund market-ready or near market technology with a particular interest in 'MilTech', cutting edge digital technology that can be adapted for military use.



REMIT

jHUB's 6 focus areas are:

- artificial intelligence
- autonomy
- data analytics
- simulation
- behaviour sciences
- blockchain

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/jhub-defence-innovation>



DEADLINE

The JFC Innovation Board meets every 3 months for decisions on prioritisation and funding, but can be activated out of session as required.

Chapter 4:

Application Form

All teams or individuals applying for funding will have to complete the funding application form. All sections must be completed with the sufficient required information.

Costings

When applying for funding it is required for teams to provide the following cost breakdown in detail; consumables, staff, equipment, expenses. Please provide a costing breakdown to the research support team for review and confirmation before final submission.



Milestones

All milestones must be clearly stated with a date assigned. There should be a clear deadline assigned to each milestone.

Gantt Chart

All applicants must provide a gantt chart in conjunction with their application form. The projects duration, milestones, objectives, a spend profile to demonstrate progress against the stated aims in the project are all to be included. Progress reports and management of the project should also be highlighted.

Submission

Upon receiving your final application form you will receive a acknowledgement receipt. Following this you will then receive a date and time slot where you will be invited to come and present your idea/proposal to an initial access panel. An outcome will then be available within two weeks and if successful the application will need final revision and the team will then be invited to present at DMSRSG with hearWELL support for a final outcome. Presentations dates are due to be available quarterly.

Chapter 5:

DMSRSG Application/ Presentation

Completing Application:

Below are some points to consider when completing the DMSRSG Application.

Section 3

This should be a clear and concise overview of what your project is looking to achieve and research.

Section 5 and 6:

This should be a succinct explanation with referenced evidence as to the current literature that is supporting this research application. Effort should be taken in ensuring that Military research is provided as support. Gaps in the literature should be identified and discussed. Emphasis should be on the benefit to the MoD for carrying out this work.

Section 7

A clear thought through study design and methodology is required for this section. If the study is using military personnel then a consideration for MoD-REC approval and ethics should be discussed. This should include power calculations and numbers.

Section 8

All potential risks must be discussed as well as how these risks will be mitigated. Action plans for significant risks should be mentioned.

E.g. if the project involves the transferring of data or sensitive information how will this be done correctly and protected

Section 10

This section is critically important. The panel will need to know why this topic important to the military and provide an explanation of the impact if approval is not gained. Inclusion of the impact on services and patients should be addressed.

Section 11

Which Defence Professor and area of the hospital does the proposal affect? What area does the application fall under, medicine, trauma rehab etc.

Section 12

Please provide a detailed gantt chart of project timeframes and milestones for the whole duration of the project.

Section 13

Costings must be clear and well thought out. All costings should have been discussed with the collaboration before submission.

References will be read and detailed drill down into each application made.

For questions on any of the sections please contact hearWELL@uhb.nhs.uk

Chapter 5: DMSRSG Application/ Presentation

All teams or individuals applying for funding will have to complete the funding application form. From the application form teams will then be invited to present and discuss their idea with panel members to either assign or determine suitable funding.

Completed Application and submit to
hearWELL@uhb.nhs.uk

Receive a date for application presentation and pick a convenient slot. Face to face meetings will take place at the ICT Centre in Birmingham

Present application to panel members/hearWELL team. Key discussion points:

- Aims and Objectives
- Costings
- How your project related to military personnel
- Methodology
- Timeframes and Milestones

Outcome:
- Support application to apply and present to final DMSRSG funding decision
- not suitable for DMSRSG funding but team will be signposted to other possibilities

Chapter 6: Deadlines and Contact Details

Anyone asked to submit a final funding bid which has been supported by the team must do this by Friday 2nd August 2019 1pm.

This application will then be reviewed by the DMSRSG which will take place the w/c 15th July 2019 where teams will be required to present to the final panel.

Going forward the application pack will be updated with future versions to include further information.

Information to come in the future will include:

- Organisation Structures
- More funding streams
- Newsletter
- Future dates for other DMSRSG meetings

If you feel like you need any further information on anything specific then please let us know so we can look at including this in our revised version of the pack.

Contact:

for any requests, queries or information, please contact the team on: hearWELL@uhb.nhs.uk.

