



ACED Funding Application Process and FAQ

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Can clinicians/clinician scientists apply for a Pathway Award?

If clinical fellows are willing to accept a non-clinical salary and are able to take the time out of their clinical training or are not following a clinical career then they can apply. There's nothing to stop anyone who has done an MD/PhD or MB/PhD applying but they will have to accept a salary cap.

[The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for pretty much excludes most clinical fellows from applying. Assuming they will have already taken their maximum time out of training to complete their PhD (3 years in UK) they wouldn't be able to request a clinical salary from the funding available. The eligibility clearly states this award must be their sole source of salary so they cannot split with an existing source of funding (e.g. NHS Consultant salary in UK) to top up to a clinical salary scale]

Section 1.3 Eligibility states 'Applicants must have a PhD or be about to complete a PhD' what does 'about to complete' mean in the context of this award?

A student in the final stages of completing their PhD would need to have passed their viva (including any corrections) by the time the award commences (if they are successful) i.e. by January 2023 for the 2022 Pathway Awards.

When is the latest date that a 2022 ACED Pathway Award can be requested to start?

End March 2023

Can salary increments be included for applicants as stated in section 1.1 of the guidance?

For UK applicants: There should be no annual increments included for UK applicants, if the award is funded then CRUK will add a fixed indexation rate to years 2 onwards.

For US applicants: (Erin/Ryan please complete)

When will I receive a decision on my application?

Application decisions will be announced in by the end of October 2022



CAMBRIDGE SPECIFIC TEXT:

Please note: If you are a PhD student then you must speak with the Head of Department before applying for agreement to host you if successful.

The application process is as follows:

A, Complete the intent to submit [online form](#) as soon as possible, but at the latest by 12 noon on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

If you are applying to another ACED Centre to be your Host Institution, then contact the ACED Programme Manager at that Centre to discuss the finance requirements for the application form, you do not need to do an X5.

If you are applying for Cambridge to be your Host Institution:

B, By 12 noon on Wed 1st June 2022 you must alert your departmental grants and finance administrator that you will be submitting an ACED Pathway award as they will need to give the Research Operations Office (ROO) 4 weeks' notice of your application and start preparing the X5.

C, By Mon 20th June 2022 send your finalised application form to your grants/ finance administrator, who will then submit this and your completed X5 to the Research Operations Office (ROO) for sign off. Signatures from your co-Mentors should be in place on the form at this time and their letters of support should be included. Note that the Host institution approval signature box on the application form is for ROO sign off after they have approved your application.

D, By Mon 20th June also send your final application form to Cambridge ACED Programme Manager, Wendy Alderton (wa266@cam.ac.uk), in order for her to obtain Cambridge Member Centre Director (Prof Rebecca Fitzgerald) sign off

E, When you receive notification approval of your X5 and application by ROO send this to Wendy Alderton (wa266@cam.ac.uk). Then send the final form with all signatures in place and letters of support to Wendy Alderton (either pdf or word) before the deadline for submission to CRUK of 12 noon on Tuesday 5th July 2022.

F, Wendy Alderton will then submit the final application to CRUK by the end of Tuesday 5th July.

If you agree to co-mentor an applicant from another ACED Centre to be hosted in Cambridge:

1, you must contact your Departmental finance and grants administrator by 12 noon on **Wednesday 1st June** to enable them to give 4 weeks' notice to the Research Operations Office (ROO) of the application and to prepare the X5 on behalf of the applicant.

2, Your Head of Department must agree to host the applicant if they are successful.



3, You must have the X5 and final application form approved by the ROO (who require 5 working days' notice) so you are strongly advised that your departmental grants finance and administrator submits to ROO by **Mon 20th June**.

4, The applicant will submit their final application via their current local ACED Programme manager, but will require approval from ROO documented in the 'Host Institution Approver' signature box in section 9 of the application form, so please supply evidence of this (e.g. email approval) to the applicant.

FAQs:

1, What is required for the X5?

Cambridge costings are required to be on the X5 using CRUK 'Standard' terms for a pathway award hosted in Cambridge.

If you are applying to another ACED Centre to be your Host Institution, then contact the ACED Programme Manager at that Centre to discuss the finance requirements for the application form, you do not need to do an X5.

2, External Affiliates: You need to gain approval in advance to add any external affiliate from the Member Centre Director via Wendy Alderton (wa266@cam.ac.uk). Please note that external collaborators are not eligible for ACED funding and cannot receive funds as part of this project. External collaborators have an obligation to share data with researchers across the ACED Centres; if you are including external collaborators in your application, please discuss this in the first instance with your local ACED Programme Manager, Wendy Alderton.

3, Who signs the signature boxes in Section 9?

You can submit more than one signature page in the final application.

For applicants to be hosted in Cambridge: The applicant and co-Mentors should sign the form in the relevant boxes in section 9 by the time the finalised application is submitted to both the ROO and to the Cambridge ACED Programme Manager on **Mon 20th June**.

The ACED Programme Manager will arrange for Member Centre Director Signature after 20th June.

The 'Host Institution Approval' box is for the ROO to sign to confirm that they have approved submission of the application. This may be done electronically. Alternatively, if the ROO have sent you email approval, add their name and state that it was approved by email including the date and forward the ROO email to wa266@cam.ac.uk.

For Cambridge applicants to be hosted at another ACED Centre:

The applicant and co-Mentors should sign the form in the relevant boxes in section 9 by the time the finalised application is submitted by 12 noon on 5th July. The Cambridge ACED Programme Manager will arrange for Member Centre Director Signature to be added.

Contact the local ACED Programme Manager at the Centre you will be hosted by for advice on 'Host Institution Approval' signatures.