**Joint NIHR Imperial Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), Ovarian Cancer Action (OCA) Research Centre, and Brain Tumour Research (BTR) Centre**

**APPLICATION FORM – PILOT PROJECTS 2025**

Please do not supply any other supporting information as it may not be considered. Please adhere strictly to the word limits provided in each section of this form.

Applications will be reviewed and scored (equal weighting) by a panel of PIs including BRC funded basic and clinical researchers, based on the following criteria:

1. Alignment to the Surgery & Cancer Theme/Charity objectives
2. Translation potential
3. Expected value of results to patients and the NHS
4. Public and patient engagement
5. Scientific quality
6. Timeliness
7. Deliverability within the time frame

Sections 7, 8 and 9 will be reviewed by the Theme Community Partners so these must be written in lay language.

**Deadline for submission to Surgery and Cancer BRC Theme Committee – 1pm Monday 14th July 2025 by email to** antonia.gould@imperial.ac.uk

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| 1. **1) Applicant Details**
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| **Lead Applicant/Principal Investigator (within the Imperial BRC)** | **Co-Applicants (within the Imperial BRC)** |
| Name |       | Name, email, Department and BRC Theme of co-applicants |       |
| Contact email address |       |
| Contact phone number |       |
| Department |       |
| Departmental finance contact  |  |
| CID or Trust Employer ID\* |  |

*\* we request CID numbers to collect anonymised, aggregated data periodically to monitor EDI across the BRC.*

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| **2) Proposal Title (up to 20 words)** |
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| **3) Which funding scheme do you wish to apply to?** |
| NIHR Imperial BRC Surgery and Cancer Theme……………………………. [ ] OCA Research Centre………………………… ………………………………….…… [ ] BTR…………………………….………………………………………………………….…… [ ] BRC & OCA………………………………………………………………………………….. [ ] BRC & BTR………………………………………………………………………………….. [ ]  |
| **4) Background & Hypothesis (max. 250 words)***Please describe the clinical rationale for this work and your hypothesis, together with any existing supporting data / evidence.* |
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| **5) Proposal Objectives, Plan and Deliverables (max. 750 words)***Please provide realistic proposal objectives (one or more). Then describe how your proposal will achieve these objectives in the time available. Provide a summary of the proposal work plan including progression milestones.* ***For each milestone set out the success criteria that will be used to ascertain whether the milestone has been met.*** |
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| **6) Please outline how the proposal aligns with the core objectives of the Surgery and Cancer Theme (details can be found on the BRC website) and/or OCA and/or BTR****(max. 150 words)***Please outline how this proposal will deliver impact and how the proposed research addresses the needs of the local population of north west London.* |
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| **7) Please provide a lay title and lay summary (max. 300 words)** |
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| **8) Benefit to patients (i.e. how have you identified that this research question is a priority/of benefit for patients/the public) and the NHS (max. 150 words)** |
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| **9) What plans do you have to involve and engage with members of the public as part of this research project proposal?****(max. 300 words)***Please see the* [*Public Involvement Resource Hub*](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/patient-experience-research-centre/ppi/ppi-resource-hub/) *for guidance or contact the Imperial Patient Experience Research Centre on* *publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk* |
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| **10) Resources and Costs***Please provide justification for the funding requested. Any proposals which include staff costs must provide a Department approved WorkTribe costing with the application. Please note the earliest start date is the 01Oct2025 and projects must be complete by 31December2026 and a maximum of £40,000. Carryover of budget across financial years (Apr-Mar) is not automatic.*  |
| [ ]  WorkTribe attachedJustification:Amount requested: **£**       |

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| **11) Aligned Funding***Please outline what matched funding is available to support the project and future plans for funding applications.* |
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| **12) Operational Readiness / Ability to Deliver within the project period (max. 200 words)***Please provide details of your ability to begin the proposal promptly. Proposals should be ‘operationally ready’ in terms of ethical approval, patient numbers, tissue sample specifications, equipment availability, third party intellectual property considerations, data analysis, etc****.*** *Describe the ability of the applicant/team to deliver the proposal (e.g. track record, expertise in specific areas).*  |
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| **13) Ethics** |
| [ ]  Not required  | Please give reason *(e.g. does not involve human material):*      |
| [ ]  Application in progress  | Please state status:      |
| Ethics (REC) obtained | Please give relevant REC proposaltitle and reference number:      |