

## 2027 Lister Institute Application Form

This is a copy of the online application form. Once the call is open in July you will be able to start your application on our grant management system Benefactor Cloud.

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The 2027 Lister Prizes are now open. The deadline for submitting is midnight on **Monday 28 September 2026**. Once you have submitted your application it will be sent to members of our [Scientific Committee \(SC\)](#) for review. From the initial applications, roughly a third are long listed; you will be informed by January if you have been selected. By February, the long listed applications are then sent out for independent, external peer review which is then shared with the SC for final evaluation and scoring. From this, the shortlist is chosen. Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 11-Wednesday 12 May 2027 in London**.

**Please avoid making multiple applications by navigating to your started applications when you log back in rather than creating a new one each time.**

The Lister Institute is an NIHR RDN Non-commercial Partner. This means the studies that we fund may be eligible to access the NIHR Study Support Service which is provided by the NIHR Research Delivery Network.

The NIHR Research Delivery Network supports researchers and the life sciences industry to plan, place and perform high quality research to agreed timescales and study recruitment targets, for the benefit of patients and the public, within the NHS, public health and social care system.

In partnership with your local R&D office, we encourage you to involve your [Regional Research Delivery Network](#) in discussions as early as possible when planning your study. This will allow you to fully benefit from the support available through the NIHR Study Support Service. To find out more about how you can apply for this additional support to help deliver your study, please visit the [NIHR Study Support Service webpage](#).

As you complete each section of the form, please click the next section to save. You can also use the Review and Submit to check your answers as you proceed.

👤 A - Your Details ⚙️
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**Individual**

A.1 Contact Details ?

Title ★ ☰

Firstname ★ ☰

Lastname ★ ☰

Email ★ ☰

Mobile ★ ☰

Gender ★

Nationality ★

If Nationality is Other, please state ★ ☰

Ethnicity ★

If Other, please state ★ ☰

A.2 Correspondence Address ?

Address line 1 ★ ☰

Address line 2 ☰

Address line 3 ☰

Town ★ ☰

County/Region ☰


Country ★ ☰

Postcode ★ ☰



A.3 Name of your Institution ?


+ B - Further Details


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B.1 Academic Qualifications 


Qualifications 

If other, please specify  

B.2 Are you clinically qualified as a doctor or allied health professional? 



Clinically qualified, yes/no? 


Clinical discipline 

B.3 How long have you been in your current post? 

Years 


Months 


Position  

B.4 Will your position change during the award tenure (5 years)? 

Tenure change


If yes, please give details

B.5 Year PhD or MD awarded (post graduate research degree for medically qualified persons) 


Whichever is earlier 

dd/mm/yyyy

If your PhD was awarded more than 10 years ago have you discussed your eligibility with the Lister Institute?

B.6 Duration of any career breaks 

The years post doc starts from when you are awarded your PhD or MD. We do take into account time away from research such as parental leave or if you have been working full time in a clinical setting or full-time teaching post.

B.7 Please explain your career breaks. 



If it has been over 10 years since you have completed your PhD you will need to speak to Lister staff to confirm eligibility.

Please note that the Institute has recently updated our parental leave policy which you can [find here](#). A 12-month flat-rate extension per child born before or after the date of the successful defence of the PhD degree for the person bearing the child. If an applicant can demonstrate a longer period of leave (i.e. maternity leave or maternity leave combined with parental leave), the eligibility period will be extended by the total duration of actual leave taken.

If unsure please email [secretary@lister-institute.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lister-institute.org.uk) or use the messaging function within this system. You will need to share a summary of your career breaks and a copy of your CV.

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This should be evidenced in your CV or additional information in section H


B.8 Length of full-time equivalent research experience at time of application (post PhD or MD whichever is earlier)  


Time since PhD or MD minus career breaks


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Years 


Months 


B.9 Please select the source of your salary 

Salary source 

If other, please specify 

B.10 Please give the start and finish dates and the names of the funder and grant holder (if relevant) for your salary 

Grant holder 


Name of funder 


Start date

Finish date

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy

B.11 If your salary or funding finishes less than 3 years from the start of the Lister Award (October next year) please explain how your salary would be funded for at least the first 3 years 


B.12 How long since you first established your own group? 

We are interested in how many months and years you have been independent for

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Years 

Months 

B.13 Group Size  

Include number of Postdocs, PhD students and other lab staff

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Please give details about the size and composition of your research group 

**b** C - Your Research

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C.1 Title of your research proposal [?](#)

Proposal title [★](#) [⚙](#) [≡](#)

C.2 A summary of the proposed research and its potential significance. This should be written in a form understandable to scientists not specialised in your particular field. Please indicate the key scientific objectives and challenges of the research and note potential medical implications. [?](#)

You will be able to submit files describing your research in detail in section D

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Summary of proposal [★](#)

C.3 If your Lister Prize is to be used to fund research in a location other than your employing Institution (Question A.3) please give details stating core funding and facilities/services that will be provided. [?](#)

C.4 Does your research involves working with animals or their tissue

This guidance from the NC3Rs on [responsibility in the use of animals in research](#) is a helpful resource.

Any application involving higher species that passes to the long-listing stage will be referred to the [National Center for the 3Rs \(NC3Rs\)](#) for additional peer review.


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Yes/No [★](#)


How many animals to be used & which species? Include your sample size calculation, whether any animals or tissue are sourced from outside the UK and those not protected under UK law, such as flies. State whether the proposal includes procedures to be carried out under the Animals Act 1986 [★](#)


Are any of the animals genetically modified? [★](#)


Describe the 3R considerations you have made, we are particularly interested in justification for the use of animals and how you have looked for alternatives. [★](#)


C.5 Does your research include involvement with human subjects? 



Yes/ No 


C.6 What area of medicine/health does your research address? 

Select all that best cover your research 

C.7 Have you applied to us previously? 

Applied previously 

What year?  To which stage did you get? 


C.8 How will you spend the prize money if you are successful? (maximum 300 words) 


What would receipt of the prize money enable you to achieve that would not otherwise be possible?


Also, please indicate briefly how the prize money would be spent. NB the proposed pattern of expenditure may subsequently be altered with the Institute's permission


**Please explain how the Lister funding will distinguish from or fit in with existing funding. Think about how you would use the Lister money and describe and clarify how this funding is different or will complement any other funding that you have**


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


C.9 Personal statement on the impact of the prize on you, your research and your career. What would receipt of the prize money enable you to achieve that would not otherwise be possible? The SC Reviewers will need to understand how transformative the prize would be for you. (maximum 350 words) 





C.10 Your non-research commitments / professional circumstances. Please give details of any teaching, tutorial or administrative responsibilities that you have. 





C.11 Please give details if you have been out of research for any significant period of time (e.g. seconded or employed in a non-research role) or if, for similar reasons, you do not spend all your time on research now or may not in the future. 


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C.12 Do you sit on any grant review boards or on the editorial boards of any journals etc? 




C.13 Please give details of any clinical training requirements etc that have impacted or will impact on your ability to undertake research and any current and future clinical service commitments. 



 D - Upload Research Proposal Documents

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D.1 A two-page CV to include: 

- Education
- Employment history
- Grants and research funding (including indication of whether main applicant or co-applicant, whether sum awarded to self, funder and dates)
- Selected professional activities
- Selected invited seminars and presentations
- Prizes, Honours and Awards

In addition to the above please also include the below. This is in addition to the 2 page CV as above

A full list of publications and other academic outputs.

- Please provide a brief commentary of which 3 are the most significant and why along with a brief description of your contribution to them.
- Ensure you separate primary research publications and academic outputs from reviews and other secondary publications and outputs.


**Please do not include any personal information such as email address or mobile number as your CV will be shared with external reviewers alongside your research proposal.**

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D.2 Detailed research proposal (not more than four single-sided A4 pages, including references). The text may be accompanied by a maximum of three additional pages of figures.

There are no formatting requirements

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 E - Head of Department and Collaborators

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E.1 Upload a signed statement by your Head of Department, using the recommendations in the help text, on your institution's headed paper. 

**Guidance for Head of Department**


Please explain why this applicant merits consideration for a Lister Institute Research Prize which would offer them a unique opportunity to advance their research career. Please give your opinion as to the independence of the candidate, and the value of the proposed research. Please comment, too, on the originality and appropriateness of the proposed work, its relation to other work on-going within the Department and on the facilities available to carry it out.

You must confirm that the applicants salary is secured for the first 3 years of the award.

Please use the below statement or similar:

**Dr.....'s** salary or funding will be covered by **Insert Institute name** for at least the first 3 years of the award, starting from next October, when the fellowship will start.

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E.2 Optional Collaborator letters relevant to this application 

The collaborator's comments should be a signed statement on headed paper

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The Institute will seek the views of expert referees. Candidates are requested to name below scientists or clinicians, preferably but not essentially UK or Europe based, whom they believe will be able to give an unbiased opinion on the research.

Any named referee should not be working in your institution or in any way collaborating with your group, nor should they have substantively collaborated with you in the last 3 years. Being the organiser of a scientific meeting to which you are invited is allowable. Please see our full conflicts of interest policy [here](#).

It is a huge undertaking by the Institute to gain at least 3 expert reviews for the longlisted applicants. If you are longlisted please help us by contacting your reviewers to let them know our request is coming and by making sure the reviewers you have listed are not conflicted in any way.

F.1 Referee #1

Title  First Name  Last Name

Email

F.2 Referee #2

Title  First Name  Last Name

Email

F.3 Referee #3

Title  First Name  Last Name

Email


F.4 Referee #4

Title  First name  Last name

Email

F.5 Referee #5

Title  First name  Last name

 G - Finance Statement

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G.1 Finance statement - please make sure you read the help guide for instructions

The Institute will pay the employing institution a lump sum of £300,000 that will then be made available solely to the prize holder for use in their research over a period of up to five years. Approved uses of the funds could include, but are not limited to, equipment, consumables, travel, salary for replacement lecturer, post-doctoral workers, technicians and PhD students etc. The normal purchasing rules of the host institution must be followed. A statement of expenditure, countersigned by the Prize holder, must be submitted annually to the Institute by the employing institution. Use of the funds for a personal salary or salary augmentation will not be allowed.

**Please use the below text on your Institute's headed paper and upload the file with a signature from your finance officer.**

I confirm that if the application for a Research Prize by **Dr.....** is successful then the **Insert Institute name** will accept responsibility for administering the financial arrangements and other contractual agreements. **Dr.....**'s salary or funding will be covered by **Insert Institute name** for at least the first 3 years of the award. Starting from next October, when the fellowship will start.


The email address for requesting bank details from the Institution is:

Contact Number for finance team:

**Signature of Finance/Contracts Officer**

*(Please make sure the contact details provided is the official email address and contact number for your finance department as if awarded we will use them to request bank details)*


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 H - Personal Circumstances


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*We recognise that many factors can influence the amount of time that an individual can devote to research, and we want to be able to put your research and achievements in context. If you have had any significant time away from research due to personal circumstances including childbirth, childcare, caring for a relative, illness, or anything else and would like to make the Institute aware of it please complete this section. Please note due to the personal nature of this question only Lister staff and Scientific Committee Members will be able to view this information.*

H.1 

 I - Personal Responsibility and AI Usage

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I.1 I confirm that I take full personal responsibility for all content in my Lister Prize application documentation. 


Confirmation 

I.2 Have you used generative AI in the writing of your application?

See our [AI Policy](#) here

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Generative AI used? 

 Review and Submit

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If your application progresses to the long-listing stage of our review process it will be sent out to external peer reviewers who must agree to keep it confidential. Nevertheless, if you wish to present ideas or unpublished data that have the potential to lead to intellectual property, it may be prudent to alert your technology transfer office before submitting the proposal.