**APPLICANT DETAILS**

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| **Principal Investigator** | |
| Name: |  |
| Position |  |
| Department |  |
| Division |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Research Group |  |
| **Co-Investigator (1), if applicable** | |
| Name: |  |
| Position |  |
| Department |  |
| Division |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Research Group |  |
| **Co-Investigator (2), if applicable** | |
| Name: |  |
| Position |  |
| Department |  |
| Division |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Research Group |  |

**This section is ONLY applicable if you are applying as an**

**EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER (ECR)\***

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| Are you an **Early Career Researcher**? **\*** | YES  NO |
| Please confirm that your senior PI or line manager has granted you permission to undertake this work subject to award recommendation by the panel **\*\*** | YES  NO |
| If you are applying as an ECR, please confirm that you have engaged with the Translational Research Office (TRO) prior to submitting your application.  *Please note that it is mandatory for ECRs to consult with the TRO before submitting an application* | YES  NO |
| Please can you state the details of the mentor who will support you during your proposal**\*\*\***  Name:  Email address: | |
| Please briefly state the expected skills set that you are looking to gain/develop during the course of the application with support from the identified mentor [max. 200 words] | |
| How will this application support your future aspirations? [max. 150 words] | |

*\** Oxford employed-, early career researchers which includes post-doctoral researcher, clinical researchers, or junior group leaders within the first few years of independence and/or on their first permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract.

\*\* A signed letter of confirmation from the PI/line manager will need to be appended to the case for support application.

\*\*\* The mentor can either by your senior PI or line manager. Alternatively, if you are unable to seek support from your line manager or do not match the skillset that you require we strongly suggest that you take a look at our [EiR network](https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/for-staff/resources/translational-research-office/experts-in-residence) and identify an Expert that you would require support from.

**Project Title**

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**Molecular Target and Modality**

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| **Please state the molecular target of your therapeutic approach (e.g. specific gene, RNA, protein or other molecular target):**  **Please state the modality of your therapeutic approach (e.g. small molecule, biologic, cell/gene therapy, nucleic acid etc):** |

**Administrative Contact for Award**

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| Name, position and contact details of administrative contact *(Departmental research facilitator, manager, administrator or finance officer who can facilitate award set up through IRAMS and X5).* |  |

***In order to complete this form, please use font ‘Arial’ with minimum font size of 11 without adjusting the margin of the text box.***

***Applicants are strongly advised to use the ‘Guidance for Applicants’ document on ‘What are the panel looking for?’ hints under each section of the case for support form when completing your application.***

**Non-confidential lay summary** (max. 250 words)

This information could be shared with external agencies such as funders and potential industry partners if deemed within the best interest of the PI. Please Include a description of your innovation and its impact, who the potential partners and/or end user could be, the competitive advantage, how the funding will be used to reach a critical milestone.

I am happy for this summary to be shared with selected potential industry collaborators and/or funders Y N.

**Funding History (please tick all that apply):**

Please indicate if the project has received any funding from the following sources to-date.

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| Previous MLSTF applicant |  |
| Medical Research Council (MRC) |  |
| Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) |  |
| National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR) |  |
| Cancer Research UK (CRUK) |  |
| Wellcome |  |
| Previous/current Oxford-Harrington Scholar |  |
| Other (Please specify) | |

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| Has your proposal been submitted to be considered for funding elsewhere?  Y. N. | If yes, please give brief details: |

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: Brief outline of existing and expected intellectual property (IP) from this proposal**.

It is highly recommended that you consult with Oxford University Innovation (OUI) −contact details at end of document − to discuss all (IP) matters (max 200 words).

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| Do you have any patents/IP in place or submitted that covers this work?  Y. N. | Please give brief details: |
| Do you anticipate that work proposed here will give rise to any new IP?  Y. N. | Please give brief details: |
| Do any organisations other than Oxford University, have any rights to the work being proposed here *(e.g. through commercial sponsorship, or grant funding)? How will IP be managed in respect to these collaborators?*  Y. N. | Please give brief details: |
| Do you need to access background IP/patents, materials, data or other resources held by anyone else for this work (*e.g. using a technique/ discoveries patented by another group, or materials, data or equipment provided under an agreement)?*  Y. N. | Please give brief details: |
| Have OUI been engaged in discussions around the proposed research?  Y. N. | Please give brief details of Licensing and Ventures Manager engaged with project: |

**Ethics**

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| Not required | Please give reason *(e.g. does not involve human material):* |
| Application in progress | Please state status: |
| Ethics obtained | Please give relevant ethics committee project title and reference number: |

**CASE FOR SUPPORT FORM**

**SECTION 1.1: Scientific Justification and Project Developmental Plans** (max 500 words)

**Please use this section to include scientific background information and justification such as:**

The unmet clinical need of your proposed project; Background data and progress to date; project objectives, milestones, go/no-go success criteria and proposed end-point outcomes; Next steps in the development plans post funding. You are **HIGHLY** encouraged to append **supporting data and information (figures / tables**) [max 1 page] and a **comprehensive Gantt chart on the milestones and timeline** of your project [max 1 page] in support for your application form.

Which follow-on funding streams would be most appropriate for your project?   
 MRC DPFS  NIHR i4i  BHF TA  CRUK MPA  Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Scholar Award  Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance  Other

**SECTION 1.2: Please list the key risks to delivering the project** (max 500 words)

Provide 1) A list of risks associated with the project, including the unlikely-likelihood of occurring; 2) What impact the risks would have on the successful completion of the project (low-medium-high); 3) How will these risks be managed and what mitigation plans are put in place?

**SECTION 2: Competitiveness of the approach** (max 400 words)

Discuss the competitive landscape in both academic and industry sectors and what the significant advantages the proposed research will offer over the methodologies already on the market or in development by your competitors.

**SECTION 3: Industry engagement** (max 200 words)

Provide the details of an industrial collaborator, if you have one, and what their contribution will be. If there is no collaboration currently in place, please describe any conversations that you may have had with industry or what your plans are for engaging with the commercial sector.

**SECTION 4: Regulatory management** (max 300 words)

Provide evidence and details of consultation with the appropriate regulatory body or regulatory experts and summarise the outcomes of these discussions. Alternatively, summarise why regulatory discussions are not necessary at this stage.

**SECTION 5: Data Management Plan** (max 100 words)

State your data management plan or provide evidence that the creation of such a plan is currently underway and how you propose your data fill fit within the NHS Secure Data Environment.

Does your project include utilisation of clinical data from the NHS or other sources as training model for your proposed technology? Yes No

**SECTION 6: Justification for support** (max 200 words)

Provide a description of what resources (models, equipment, infrastructure, expertise) are needed to undertake the proposed project. Also provide justification for the funds being requested and state why the FA Alliance Catalyst Fund is an appropriate scheme for your proposal.

**SECTION 7: Sources of matched funding** (max 100 words)

Provide details of other sources of funding to match the FA Alliance Catalyst Fund. These could include: industry cash or in-kind, internal/external awarded grants, Departmental support. Not mandatory.

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| **Once completed please append the following documents to this case for support form and merge into a single PDF to be uploaded onto IRAMS by 17:00 on 26th February 2025:**  **One page CV for each named applicant**  **One page of the X5 costing**  **One page MAX of a comprehensive Gantt chart for the proposed project (Please see this exemplar Gantt chart ‘Setting Realistic Timelines’ to help prepare your application** [**https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/for-staff/resources/translational-research-office/news-training-events/tips-for-mlstf-applicants**](https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/for-staff/resources/translational-research-office/news-training-events/tips-for-mlstf-applicants)  **One page MAX of your supporting data/table/figures for SECTION 1.1**  **A signed letter by senior PI or line manager confirming permission for ECR to undertake the proposed activity in application** |