



Application Guidance: BBSRC/NC3Rs joint call: development of next generation non-animal technologies

Funding Scheme Remit and Eligibility Criteria

Scheme remit

1. This is a joint call from BBSRC and the NC3Rs¹. Proposals must fall within [BBSRC's remit](#), whilst having the realistic possibility of replacing the use of specific *in vivo* models in line with the [NC3Rs mission](#). Eligibility for this scheme is in accordance with [standard UKRI practice](#).
2. Non-animal technologies include complex 3D tissue models, organ-on-chips/microphysiological systems, stem cell platforms, and *in silico*/computational tools. Applications to this scheme should address **either** the development of new non-animal technologies **or** enhance the capacity and confidence in existing non-animal technologies. The call aims to fund a balanced portfolio, with approximately equal numbers of awards to be made in each of these two areas. Applicants should state in their Covering Letter which of the two areas their proposal falls under.
3. It is important to note that the development of models using animal-derived cells or tissues is **not** within the remit of this call. Animals and animal-derived cells or tissues may **only** be used for experiments required to **validate** new models developed through the call or for **building confidence** in existing non-animal technologies (e.g. for comparative studies). Any proposed use of animals or animal tissues must be fully justified and follow the NC3Rs guidance on the use of animals in research. This can be found in the NC3Rs [Applicant and Grant Holder Handbook](#), Section 4.6.

¹ The NC3Rs is an autonomous body responsible for setting and delivering its strategy and the use of its resources. It is not an independent public authority and for this reason operates under the umbrella of the Medical Research Council (MRC) which is part of UK Research and Innovation. As such it uses some MRC and UKRI administrative systems which are referred to within this document.

4. Proposals with an Industrial Project Partner are particularly encouraged. It is envisaged that there will be substantial in-kind and/or financial contribution from a business partner.

Institutional eligibility

5. Organisations normally eligible for UKRI funding including:
 - UK Higher education institutions
 - Eligible independent research organisations (IROs)
 - Public sector research establishments
 - UKRI-funded laboratories and facilities

Individual eligibility

6. Applicants should be UK-based researcher(s) who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in its delivery.
7. At the time of application Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators must be employed by the Research Organisation submitting the proposal and hold a research staff appointment (at academic Lecturer level or equivalent).
8. All applicants must have (i) a contract of employment that extends beyond the duration of the proposed grant or (ii) an assurance from the submitting Organisation that, if the proposal is successful, a pre-existing contract of employment (or pre-existing formal commitment to provide support if not employed at the Organisation) will be extended beyond the end date of the grant.

How to apply

9. Applications must be submitted the UKRI [joint electronic submission system \(Je-S\)](#).

Please note for applications: Once all the details of your application are complete you must submit it to your administering authority for approval; this is done via Je-S. This enables institutional checks to be carried out before final submission to the NC3Rs.

Please allow appropriate time (**a minimum of five working days**) before the submission deadline for this process as the final submission will come directly from the Research Organisation and must be made by the deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Guidance on using Je-S

10. Applicants must create an account in Je-S before they can access the application form. All user accounts will be automatically validated with the host organisation's Research Office. Applications

cannot be submitted until the account is valid so please allow sufficient time for this process to be completed.

Submission of applications via Je-S

11. To access the application form you will first need to log-in to your Je-S account from the Je-S homepage and follow the instructions below:

- Log in to the Je-S home screen.
- Under 'Account', select 'Documents'
- Then under 'Functions', select 'New Document'.
- Then select Council (NC3Rs) and 'Next Generation Non-Animal Technologies'.

12. Applicants should abide by the character limits indicated in each of the sections. Je-S will automatically truncate any words over the character limit. Microsoft Word should not be used for the character count as Je-S uses a different counting system to Word. Please use the character count feature within Je-S for this purpose.

13. All fields in the form are mandatory and must be completed. Although Je-S may allow submission of the form if some sections are incomplete, your form will be returned upon receipt if it has been completed incorrectly. This will lead to delays in the processing of your application.

Difficulties with Je-S

14. If you experience difficulties using Je-S or have questions regarding its use, contact the Je-S helpdesk:

- Email: JeSHelp@je-s.ukri.org
- Phone: +44 (0) 1793 44 4164

The BBSRC/NC3Rs application form

15. This funding scheme requires an application form and additional documents to be completed.

Project details

16. Please select the Organisation and the Department you will be submitting the application from. If your Organisation is not listed, you will need to contact your Research Office and ask them to register with Je-S. This process can take several weeks so please ensure that adequate time is allowed for registration to be completed. If the Organisation has provided you with a reference number, this can also be entered on this screen.

17. Enter the title of the proposal and select 'Next Generation Non-Animal Technologies' from the drop-down list. You must also enter the start date and duration of award for the grant. Projects can run for up to 24 months and must start no later than 3 January 2023.
18. Please enter a submitter's reference. This reference should be used to help distinguish between proposals in your current documents list and is unrelated to the reference that the Organisation would be asked to provide if a grant were awarded.

Investigators

19. Please ensure all applicants are eligible to apply (see [BBSRC eligibility criteria](#)).
20. Project Partners should be named in the Case for Support, and a Letter of Support from each uploaded as an attachment. Any collaborations with individuals or other departments within the same Organisation as the Principal Investigator, or any of the Co-Investigators, should be noted in the Case for Support only.

A Project Partner provides a substantial intellectual contribution to the project, and their Organisation may also provide resources either in-kind or financially. For example, in-kind contributions could include access to data, compounds or equipment. Project Partners are not expected to request NC3Rs funding as part of the application.

Objectives

21. Please list the main aims and objectives of the proposal in order of priority.

Summaries

22. BBSRC and the NC3Rs publish the summaries from their grants to demonstrate the potential impact of its funded research. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that any confidential information, or information that might be considered controversial or sensitive, is not included within the summaries.
 - In the "Summary" field, please describe the research in simple terms suitable for a lay audience.
 - In the "Technical Summary" field, please describe the proposed research in terms suitable for a specialist reader.

Academic beneficiaries

23. Please describe who will benefit from your research. You should include details of academic or industry collaborators, areas of research the work could impact on, any clinical translation potential, as well as the general benefit to science.

Communications plan

24. Please outline how you will communicate and disseminate your research to scientific audiences in order to promote uptake of the non-animal technology described in your proposal and increase its potential to replace the use of *in vivo* models; this should not be limited to publications and conference attendance.

25. What plans, if any, do you have for communicating information about your work to the public? How are these plans supported by the host institution's own policies and facilities for communication with, and education of, the public?

Other support

26. Please list all the funding you have received in the past three years as either a Principal or Co-Investigator for work in a similar field of research to the current proposal. If you have submitted an application upon which you are still awaiting a decision, this will also need to be listed.

Please note: the same or similar grant application to the current proposal should not be submitted to another funding organisation at the same time.

Related proposals

27. If this application is related to a previous BBSRC or NC3Rs grant, please provide details in this section.

Financial information

28. The Resource Summary section will be automatically populated with the information you complete in the costings sections. In line with the Research Councils, applications should be submitted under the Full Economic Costing (FEC) model.

29. Please enter the costs being requested on the proposal under the relevant headings of Staff, Resources, Indirect and Estates costs. Costs should show 100% of the FEC. BBSRC and the NC3Rs will fund 80% of these costs (unless there are Exceptions). The amount requested should be dependent on the science and is limited to a maximum of £250k (100% FEC).

30. Additional guidance on completing the **Resource section** can be found in Section 5 of the [BBSRC Research Grants Guide](#).

MRC Institutes, MRC Units and Partnership Institutes can apply for BBSRC and NC3Rs funding but applicants must follow the costing guidance detailed in Section 3.8 and 3.9 of the Resourcing section of the [MRC Guidance for Applicants](#) when completing their application.

Equipment costs

30. Single items of equipment costing less than £10k should be included in Other Directly Incurred costs at 80% FEC. If VAT and/or Import Duty do not apply, a value of zero should be entered in these fields.
31. For all items of equipment costing between £10k and £138k (including VAT) additional justification for the requirement for these items including evidence of an evaluation of the use of existing relevant capital assets and details of the proposed contribution to the cost of the equipment will be required. Further guidance can be found in the [UKRI equipment guidance](#).
32. Proposals must include a Letter of Support from the appropriate institution authority detailing the proposed contribution to the cost of the equipment. BBSRC and the NC3Rs will contribute no more than 50% of the final purchase price of any item between £10k and £138k (including VAT) and will expect the Research Organisation to contribute the remainder. This contribution must not be conditional, for example, on the success of other applications for support and must not be from other BBSRC or NC3Rs grants.
33. A business case, not to exceed more than two sides of A4, is required for all items of equipment above £138k (including VAT) outlining the strategic need for the equipment. For further information please consult the [UKRI equipment guidance](#).

The **justification for resources** requested must be provided as a separate attachment.

Any **exceptional costs** will need to be approved by the NC3Rs Office, in advance of submitting an application, with the details of this included in the Cover Letter.

Classifications

34. Under the “Board or Panel Portfolio” please select “replacement” from the drop-down box.
35. Complete the “Research setting” option to indicate the type of environment the work will be undertaken in. Clinically qualified candidates should also complete the questions relating to their clinical speciality and sub-speciality.
36. If the proposal uses human or biological samples, stem cells or will involve research in a developing country, please complete the relevant sections. If the proposal will develop technologies that can be used in a clinical setting, complete the “Technology Development” section.

37. Please include up to ten keywords in the “**Keyword**” section to highlight the scientific areas that will be covered in the proposal.

Ethical Information

38. Please complete all sections relating to ethical information around the use of human participants and genetic and biological risks.

Attachments

39. The “Attachments” section of the form should be used to upload specific documents that are required as part of your application. Please select the type of document you are attaching by selecting the appropriate descriptor from the dropdown list under the “Document type” tab.

Please note: You may only attach PDF, postscript or Microsoft Word files – all documents can be drafted offline and will be converted to PDF files once uploaded. Please take care when naming attachments as these will be seen by the Panel. Please ensure files are given a logical file name and description so they can easily be found.

40. The following attachments are mandatory for this funding call:

- Case for Support
- Justification of Resources
- Data Management Plan (DMP)
- CVs
- Cover Letter

41. In addition, the following attachments may be included in your application:

- Letters of Support
- Experimental design and methodology appendix. This should be included as a one-page appendix at the end of the main Case for Support.

Additional considerations

42. If you wish to include Letters of Support, quotes for equipment, or extra details on ethical issues, please upload these as separate attachments in the “Attachments” section in the Je-S application form.

43. Applications cannot be supplemented with further information after the deadline for submissions has passed. As such, please ensure that all information and attachments, as per the scheme requirements, are uploaded as part of the application at the time of submission.

Writing a Case for Support

44. The Case for Support should include detailed information on the scientific proposal, potential of the technology to replace the use of animals, past achievements, environment, people involved in the proposed work and references.
45. The guidelines below list general considerations to be taken into account when writing the Case for Support. Each proposal is unique, and it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all relevant information is provided.
46. Before writing the Case for Support, applicants are advised to refer to the Assessment Criteria document for this scheme.
47. The maximum length of the Case for Support for this scheme is **five sides of A4 (six if including the experimental design and methodology appendix)**. This is inclusive of any references, figures and figure legends. The Case for Support should be submitted via Je-S as a PDF attachment and can be drafted offline.

Format and length

48. The Case for Support should be written in a minimum of Arial 10 pt font size, with margins of 2cm at the left, and 1.5cm on all other borders.

Please note: Justification of resources should not be included within the Case for Support. This information should instead be supplied in a separate attachment, see **Justification of Resources** for further information.

Content

49. Evaluation of proposals will take into consideration both the quality of the science and the potential impact on replacing the use of *in vivo* models should the proposed research be successful. The overall score assigned to an application will combine the evaluation of the scientific and animal replacement potential of the proposed research.

Scientific importance and potential for the replacement of animal use

Detailed guidance on how to write about the potential of your proposal to replace the use of animals can be found on the [NC3Rs website](#).

50. Please highlight:

- The types of animal models or studies that the technology you propose could replace? This should include an estimation of the scale of the animal use that could be replaced in your own laboratory where appropriate and/or more widely in the scientific community. Evidence to support your estimation should be included, for example, through Letters of Support from collaborators (this is particularly helpful if your own laboratory does not use animals) or based on a review of the scientific literature.
- You should describe any barriers that will need to be overcome for the non-animal technology to be used by others, the steps that you will take to help overcome these and how you will promote the technology to the wider scientific community to drive its uptake.

Research plans

51. Give details of the experimental approaches, study designs, and techniques that will be used. It is not necessary to describe each experiment, but enough detail must be provided to show how and why the research is likely to be competitive in its field and that it has been carefully planned to provide useful and reliable results.

- Explain the need for research in this area and how, if successful, it will benefit biological or veterinary research. In some instances, it is useful to include Letters of Support from the research community as a measure of this need. If the work has potential application to other research areas, it may be beneficial to describe this.
- Highlight plans that are particularly original or unique.
- Explain in greater detail how new techniques, or particularly difficult or risky studies, will be tackled and describe plans for alternative approaches should these fail. The inclusion of a Gantt chart is encouraged.
- Give sufficient details of other past and current research to show that the aims are scientifically justified, and to show that the proposed model/technique will add distinct value to those currently used or in development by others.
- Identify facilities or resources you will need access to.

- If successful, what will be the next steps for evaluation, validation and implementation? How will this be achieved? What, if any, additional steps will be required before an advance in the replacement of animal studies can be implemented?

52. If these plans have been discussed with an Industrial Project Partner, it is important to include this and provide details. Letters of Support from industrial collaborators can be included as part of the application.

- Is the proposed research likely to generate commercially exploitable results? What arrangements and experience does the research group, or the host institution have, to take forward the commercial exploitation of research in this area? Any plans must be realistic and credible and if discussed, please include the appropriate industrial links.

Environment, people and track record

53. The proposal should describe how the scientific environment in which the research will be done will increase the chances of success. It should include the expertise of the team and how it meets the requirements of the research and how the research will benefit from the facilities provided by the host institution. Please also describe any collaboration needed to support the research, or to help translate it into practice. Letters of Support should be included.

54. The Je-S application form will ask for details of other research funding held to be included. Describe the research support (e.g. aims, value, staff) available which is relevant to your proposal.

Please note: preliminary data and GANTT charts must be included in the Case for Support and not as separate attachments.

Additional considerations

Experimental Design and Methodology Appendix

55. Applicants may include an Appendix to the Case for Support, to provide additional information on the proposal's experimental design and methodology. This Appendix is solely for the provision of information relating to the experimental design and methodology of the proposed research and must not be used as a continuation of the Case for Support. Applicants should not duplicate information presented elsewhere in the application, particularly when already provided within the Je-S proposal form and the Case for Support.

56. The use of this Appendix is **strongly advised** where the methodology/experimental design proposed is particularly novel. Applicants are encouraged to use this Appendix to provide important information relating to reproducibility, methodology and experimental design. Where appropriate, the use of

figures, tables and/or diagrams is encouraged. Applicants are encouraged to seek input from those with the relevant statistical and/or methodological expertise to review their proposed experimental design and analysis plan.

57. The Appendix must not exceed **one side of A4** in length and should be clearly labelled as the 'Experimental design and methodology appendix' at the end of the main case for support.
58. In many instances, this section may include statistical power calculations based on justifiable and explicit assumptions about the anticipated size and variability of the experimental effects. If statistical power calculations are not given, applicants should provide a principled explanation of the choice of numbers. Power calculations can be used to calculate the minimum sample size required so that it is reasonably likely to detect an effect of a given size, or to calculate the minimum effect size that is likely to be detected in a study using a given sample size. Explanations based solely in terms of 'usual practice' will be considered insufficient. An overview of the planned statistical analyses and their relation to the choice of sample size should be included.

What to include in the Appendix

Robust methodology and experimental design should be at the centre of any proposal to aid the reliability and reproducibility of research findings. Below is a summary of key points taken into consideration during preparation of applications.

In the Appendix, applicants are required to clearly describe and justify the following:

- Measures for avoidance of bias (e.g. blinding, randomisation)
- Number of experimental and control groups and sample size per group
- How the sample size was calculated, showing power calculations and including justification of effect size
- For circumstances in which power calculations are not appropriate, justify why this is the case and provide a principled explanation of the choice of numbers.
- Overview of the planned statistical analyses in relation to the primary outcomes to be assessed
- Frequency of measurements/interventions to be used

Applications that do not provide sufficient detail to convince the Panel that the proposed experiments will be carried out appropriately to produce robust and reproducible research will be rejected for funding on these grounds and subject to the usual limits on resubmission.

Letters of Support

59. Letters of Support may be included and can come from a number of sources including collaborators and Industrial Project Partners. The Letter must:

- Be dated, signed and on headed paper.
- Should confirm the role the collaborator/Industrial Project Partner will have in the research, including details of any expertise or resources that will be provided.

Data Management Plan

60. All applications are required to upload a [Data Management Plan](#) (DMP) as an 'Additional Document' attachment type as part of the application on Je-S. The DMP should comply with the [MRC's Policy on Research Data Sharing](#). The DMP should demonstrate how the applicant will meet, or already meets their responsibilities for research data quality, sharing and security. It should refer to any institutional and study data policies, systems and procedures and be regularly reviewed throughout the research cycle. The DMP is reviewed by peer reviewers alongside the Case for Support. The [data management plan template](#) can be used to develop a DMP to accompany a research proposal. If it is not used, then the applicant should ensure that all the topics listed on the template are addressed. The length of the DMP will be dependent on the complexity of the data collected but should be **between half a page to a maximum of three pages**.

CVs (PIs and Co-Is)

61. All applicants (Principal and Co-Investigators) should upload a CV in the "Attachments" section. CVs added on Je-S should not exceed **three sides of A4** in length (minimum Arial 10pt font size) and should detail employment history, qualifications, funding history and a selection of relevant publications.

Please note:

- The CV should only include information relevant to the application. Unnecessary personal data (e.g. home address, date of birth, personal phone numbers and emails) should **not** be included.
- CVs should clearly show why the group is best placed to successfully undertake this research. However, if it is not obvious, you may wish to elaborate further in the Case for Support.
- The NC3Rs allows researchers to cite preprints in their applications. Preprints may be cited in applications only if they have a permanent identifier such as a DOI or any other persistent identifier and when they are less than five years old at the time the application is submitted.

Cover Letter

62. The Cover Letter should be added as an attachment on Je-S. It must not be used to cover anything which should be included within the proposal form, Case for Support or other required attachments.
63. The Cover Letter should state if the proposal addresses the development of new non-animal technologies or enhancing the capacity and confidence in existing non-animal technologies.
64. Applicant's Declaration of Interests must be included in the Cover Letter. Additional guidance on the information required can be found on the [UKRI website](#).
65. Any exceptions agreed with the NC3Rs Office such as exceptional costs should also be included in this attachment.

Justification of Resources

66. UKRI guidance on writing a good Justification of Resources (JoR) document is available on the [Je-S Help Pages](#). The role of the JoR is to aid reviewers when assessing proposals so that they can make an informed judgement on whether the resources requested are appropriate for the research proposed.

For more information on completing the Justification of Resources document please see section 5 of the [BBSRC Research Grants Guide](#).

67. The JoR should be **no more than two sides of A4**, and is a free text document, which is uploaded as an attachment to the proposal. This statement should be used to justify the resources required to undertake the research project and is required for all applications. The JoR should explain why the resources requested are appropriate for the research proposed, taking into account the nature and complexity of the research proposal. It should not be simply a list of the resources required as this is already given in the Je-S form. All items requested in the Je-S form must be justified in the JoR.

Assessment procedure

1. Applications to the BBSRC/NC3Rs call will be processed by the NC3Rs and BBSRC. Those that do not fit the remit will be returned and not assessed by the Panel. Further information on the assessment procedures including Panel membership for this scheme, can be found on the [NC3Rs website](#). Please note that funding decisions are final and are not open to appeal. BBSRC and the NC3Rs reserve the right to amend the application process.
2. BBSRC and the NC3Rs handle all applications for funding in confidence. Panel members involved in assessing proposals may need to consult in confidence with colleagues about individual research grant applications. Where this happens, the confidentiality criteria must be adhered to by the consultees.
3. Panel members are required to comply with the [UKRI Conflicts of Interest Policy](#). Members are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might, or that might be perceived to, conflict with the NC3Rs' or BBSRC's interests.
4. Declarations of interest for the Panel for this call will be made available on the [NC3Rs website](#).

Use of information

For successful applications, the following information will be recorded and published by BBSRC and the NC3Rs on their websites and on [UKRI Gateway to Research](#) and other publicly available databases:

- Grant holder names, including Co-Investigators
- Host institution, department and location
- Name of any collaborating and/or co-funding organisation or body
- Value of the award
- Start and end dates and duration of award
- Research project title
- Lay summary
- Scientific summary
- 3Rs and research classification
- Potential impact on replacing the use of animals.
- Grant associated publications and other outcomes

Expectations of grant holders

5. This call is being run by the NC3Rs as part of the collaboration with BBSRC on the development of next generation non-animal technologies. Awards will be made jointly by BBSRC and the NC3Rs under call specific terms and conditions, and will be administered by the NC3Rs.
6. Grant holders are expected to abide by the [UKRI Terms and Conditions](#) and additionally to the BBSRC/NC3Rs call-specific Terms and Conditions.
7. Information on post-award processes (including grant extensions, requests for suspensions and transfers) can be found on [the NC3Rs website](#).

Publications and open access publishing

8. Grant holders should ensure that all outcomes of NC3Rs/BBSRC-funded research including the data, results, final conclusions and any other information relating to the research are published on a freely-accessible platform in accordance with the [UKRI policy on Open Access](#). Methodologies developed as part of NC3Rs/BBSRC-funded projects must be published on the [NC3Rs-F1000Research gateway](#) or on another freely-accessible platform. Publications arising from NC3Rs/BBSRC-funded research must report the 3Rs impact(s) of the study in addition to the scientific findings. Failure to do so may jeopardise future funding.
9. Peer-reviewed papers reporting research that is wholly or partially funded by the BBSRC/NC3Rs call must:
 - Be published in journals which are compliant with the [UKRI open access policy](#).
 - Include details of the funding that supported the research. BBSRC and the NC3Rs support from this call for a research project must be acknowledged on all publications where such support has been significant (i.e. accounts for at least 20% of funding).
 - Provide a statement on how the underlying research materials such as data, samples or models can be accessed.
 - BBSRC and the NC3Rs should be informed of any publications or other promotional material or events arising from the grant; please email a PDF copy to 3Rsgrants@nc3rs.org.uk.
10. From 1 April 2013 and until further notice, UKRI will solely pay for Article Processing Charges (APCs) through block grants to UK Higher Education Institutions, approved independent research organisations and Research Council Institutes. Applicants should not include any costings for APCs or other types of publication in respect of peer-reviewed research articles and conference proceedings that acknowledge funding from BBSRC or the NC3Rs.

All grant holders must deposit any publications arising from NC3Rs funded-research into **Europe PubMed Central** at the point of publication.

Reporting requirements and evaluation

11. BBSRC and the NC3Rs use Researchfish (www.researchfish.com) for the collection of grant outputs and outcomes data and for monitoring the progress on grants both during and after the lifetime of the award. You will receive log-in details from Researchfish and will then be able to check, add to and edit your outputs and outcomes data.
12. Grant holders must use Researchfish to report on their grant periodically and when requested to do so by BBSRC, the NC3Rs or Researchfish. Data can be inputted into Researchfish all year round as well as during the formal annual submission period. There is also a requirement to update Researchfish when your grant is coming to an end. Researchers who do not report into Researchfish when requested to do so, or use the system inappropriately, may become ineligible to apply for future [UKRI research grants](#).

Reporting requirements

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| Who? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compliance with Researchfish reporting is a requirement for every grant issued by BBSRC and the NC3Rs ▪ The Principal Investigator is responsible for their Researchfish submission, but can give access to other team members to help input information |
| When? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant holders can, and should, submit information to Researchfish all year round and for at least five years after the grant has ended ▪ In line with UKRI, the NC3Rs also has an annual collection period ▪ There is also a requirement to update Researchfish when your grant is coming to an end |
| What? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3Rs question set – detailing, in this case, the animal replacement impacts of the non-animal technologies developed. ▪ Details of all outputs, outcomes and impacts, when available, arising from the grant. |

Why?

- To showcase your impacts and achievements
- To identify how we can use our expertise and networks to help maximise your impacts - both scientific and 3Rs
- To monitor progress on grants. Researchers who do not report into Researchfish when requested to do so, or use the system inappropriately, may become ineligible to apply for future [UKRI research grants](#).
- Researchfish is not a publicly accessible data repository. However, data held in Researchfish may be used by BBSRC and the NC3Rs to populate their websites and for production of corporate publications.

Post Award Management

Changes to an NC3Rs-funded project

13. Grant holders must inform and consult with the NC3Rs if there are any significant changes that may affect the progress or delivery of the project.
14. If a Grant holder proposes to make significant changes to their project, BBSRC and the NC3Rs reserve the right to request revised proposals for their approval. Where significant changes are proposed, BBSRC and the NC3Rs may decide to make a new grant in place of the existing grant, or to revise, retain or terminate the existing grant.

Mid-award progress report and meeting(s)

15. Grant holders are required to complete a mid-award progress report. Grant holders will be contacted in advance to schedule a meeting to discuss the progress report form. Members of the NC3Rs team, BBSRC team, and, in some cases an NC3Rs Board member, will attend on behalf of the NC3Rs and BBSRC. The NC3Rs reserves the right to sanction, and in exceptional cases to terminate, a grant at any stage if unsatisfactory progress has been made.
16. Queries about our reporting requirements should be sent to 3Rsgrants@nc3rs.org.uk.