

Additional NC3Rs-specific research grant scheme terms and conditions

1. Not with standing RGC 5.2, this Award has a latest start date of 31 March 2026. The start date may not be delayed beyond this date.
2. In addition to the conditions set out in point RGC 3.2 on the use of animals in research; all Award holders using animals must implement the principles in the guidance 'Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research' (www.nc3rs.org.uk/responsibility). Award holders using non-human primates must comply with the NC3Rs guidelines 'Primate Accommodation, Care and Use' (<https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/primatesguidelines>).
3. If this Award is contingent upon local research ethics committee (LREC) approval or on the granting of Home Office Licence authority, it is the responsibility of the Award holder and the Research Organisation to ensure that approval for this study is granted and adhered to, and that no research is initiated until approval has been granted. The Award holder/Research Organisation must be prepared to provide the NC3Rs with a copy of the approval, and any correspondence with the LREC or Home Office, if requested.
4. Award holders should use the ARRIVE guidelines (www.nc3rs.org.uk/ARRIVE) when designing their experiments and awardees should ensure that they report animal-based studies in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines as far as possible, taking into account the specific editorial policies of the journal concerned.
5. All Award holders shall ensure that all outcomes of NC3Rs-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/RCUK policy on Open Access. All Award holders shall ensure that the methodologies developed as part of an NC3Rs-funded project are published on the NC3Rs-F1000Research gateway or on another freely accessible platform. Publications arising from any research funded by the NC3Rs must report the 3Rs impact(s) of the study in addition to the scientific findings. Failure to do so may jeopardise future funding. See the NC3Rs Evaluation Framework for guidance on reporting 3Rs impacts (<https://nc3rs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-reports-and-reviews>).
6. The NC3Rs uses Researchfish (www.researchfish.com) for the collection of outcomes data from NC3Rs funded grants and for monitoring progress on grants both during and after the lifetime of the award. Compliance with Researchfish reporting is a requirement for every grant issued by the NC3Rs. The Award holder is responsible for ensuring their Researchfish record is up-to-date and must use

Researchfish to report on their grant periodically and when requested by the NC3Rs. Awardees who do not report into Researchfish when requested to do so, or use the system inappropriately, may become ineligible to apply for future NC3Rs research grants.

7. Compliance with outcome reporting is a requirement for every award issued by the NC3Rs. The Award holder is required to submit an end of award report in the format sent to the Award holder by the NC3Rs within three (3) months of the award end date.
8. The Award holder/Research Organisation must inform and consult the NC3Rs if there are any significant changes that may affect the Award's progress, delivery, or that may potentially breach any applicable [Subsidy Control Act 2022](#) or State Aid regulation. No substantive changes to the experimental design of an Award involving the use of animals or human participation, which might affect the ethical characteristics of the Award, are permitted without the prior approval of the NC3Rs. If the Award holder proposes to make significant changes to the Award, the NC3Rs may require revised proposals for its approval and reserves the right to make a new Award in place of the existing Award, or to revise, retain or terminate the existing Award.
9. The NC3Rs reserves the right to sanction a grant at any stage if unsatisfactory progress has been made.
10. The NC3Rs periodically organises focused Award holder meetings on specific areas/fields of interest (e.g. animal welfare assessment, cancer research etc.). If a meeting occurs within the term of the Award, either the Principal or Co-Investigator must attend.
11. The NC3Rs reserve the right to amend these Award conditions at any time. We will publish on our website any changes to these Award conditions and once published, any changes will apply to the Award.
12. The NC3Rs will provide the Award holders and any Co-Investigators contact details to the BBSRC.

These conditions and further information for Award holders can be found on the NC3Rs website at:

<https://nc3rs.org.uk/our-funding-schemes/award-terms-and-conditions>.

Please note: The NC3Rs is an independent scientific organisation, tasked by Government with supporting the UK science base through the application of the replacement, reduction and refinement of the use of animals in research. Though it is represented legally by the MRC, which in turn is part of the executive non-departmental public body UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the NC3Rs is managed independently.