

## Terms and Conditions of the Royal Society Pfizer Award 2012

### Introduction

This document sets out the conditions under which the Royal Society Pfizer Award is offered. This award is also governed by the standard Conditions of Award (pdf) for Royal Society Funding schemes.

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### Outline of the Pfizer Award

#### 1 General

- The Royal Society Pfizer Award (hereafter referred to as the Award) will be made to an individual (hereafter referred to the Recipient) for an outstanding, innovative contribution to biological science, including basic medical science, which contributes significantly to capacity building in Africa.
- The award is intended for researchers at an early stage of their research career (usually having received their PhD within the last 10-15 years) with the potential to build a research project to follow on from the prize.
- The research must be based in Africa.
- The Award will make a grant of £60,000, including VAT where applicable, to the Recipient for a research project and £5,000 as a prize for the Recipient.
- The Recipient must notify the Royal Society of any change in their status or location.
- The Recipient will also be awarded a specially struck commemorative medal and s/he is expected to receive the Award in person at a high-profile ceremony at the Royal Society, except in exceptional circumstances such as ill-health.
- Nominations can be made by senior academics and members of the national academies of science.
- The project and nominee should be linked with an African centre of excellence, which would normally be a University, or equivalent research centre.
- Normally the award is given to an individual, who has not yet reached full Professorship status.
- Pfizer employees and employees of other company research laboratories are not eligible.

#### 2 Purpose of the Grant

- Grants are made to be spent on the research project as detailed in the Form B of the nomination form. The Royal Society should be notified of any alteration to this project.
- The Grant is intended to be spent on a research project which has the potential to continue after the 12 months of the Grant.

- The Grant is designed to promote capacity building within Africa.
- The Recipient of the award may not use the funds to support their own salary/personal remuneration or as a salary for research assistants.

### **3 Reporting requirements**

- The recipient of the award is required to submit a report after 6 months and again after 12 months detailing the progress of their research, the progress of their project and the expenditure of the Grant.

### **4 Conditions and payment of Grant**

- The Grant will be made in 3 payments; the first half of the grant will be made on acceptance of the award, a quarter will be paid on receipt of the 6 month report and the final quarter will be paid on receipt of the 12 month report.
- Where the terms and conditions of the Award have not been observed, the Society reserves the right to withdraw the remainder of the Grant.

### **5 Ethical permission**

- The Recipient must ensure that, before the research commences and during the full Award Period, all the necessary national and local ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in order to conduct the research are met, and all the necessary licences and approvals have been obtained.
- Projects involving human patients and therefore requiring local ethical committee approval will be funded only when accompanied by the necessary permission certificate.
- If the Grant funds are to be used for funding research involving human tissue, the Recipient is expected to follow the guidelines in the [MRCs Human tissue and biological samples for use in research - operational and ethical guidelines](#), or equivalent national guidelines.
- If Grant funds are to be used for funding research involving testing on animals, the Recipient must ensure that research conducted in the UK involving the use of animals falls within the regulations laid down in the Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 and subsequent amendments. Any element of research funded by the Award that is conducted outside the UK must be carried out in the spirit of the UK legislation as well as complying with all local legislation and ethical review procedures.