# Translate Technology Accelerator Package: Funding Call

## Do you have an idea or existing medical technology that would benefit from additional support and clinical, patient, or public involvement?

**Up to £130,000 of support** isavailable for academics in the Leeds City Region to progress their medical technology research projects closer to market.

**Translate** has funding available to offer **Technology Accelerator Packages,** providing financial and in-kind support **worth up to £13,000 per package** to aid the successful translation of existing academic research projects. Up to 10 packages will be offered in total.

The funding will support early stage validation and de-risking of technologies: conducting early stage market and opportunity validation, ensuring there is a clear need for a new technology, and that the technology is designed to meet the demands of the end user from the outset. This accelerates technologies towards commercialisation or clinical adoption, and assists in attracting external funding or investment.

The **Translate Technology Accelerator Package** can support**:**

* **Holding patient, carer, and public consultation workshops** to identify and validate the need for a particular project or technology
* **Holding clinical consultation workshops** with clinicians and healthcare professionals to validate the need for a particular project or technology
* **Holding consultation or technology showcase workshops with regional and national representative bodies**- including clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), NHS organisations, representative networks, large charities, and regional third sector organisations
* **Further support may be available to pursue specific project opportunities through:**
  + Developing technology road maps and routes to commercialisation
  + Market and opportunity analysis
  + IP landscaping and advice on IP protection
  + Confidentiality agreements and non-confidential disclosures
  + Regulatory pathway guidance
  + Links to potential commercial and industrial partners
  + Identification and assistance applying for external funding
  + Project planning and work plan development

## Support and Funding Available

**Up to £3,000 is available per package** to cover associated costs (e.g. holding workshops and specific pieces of external consultancy work), with additional one-to-one **support worth up to £10,000** provided by a dedicated Technology Innovation Manager.

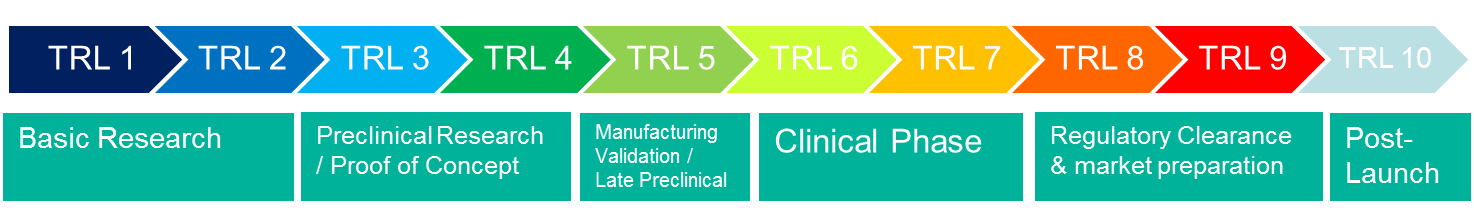
## Eligibility

Applications are invited from academics (including post-doctoral to professorial level) who are based at one of the five Translate partner universities - University of Bradford, University of Huddersfield, Leeds Beckett University, University of Leeds, and the University of York.

We support the development of medical devices, materials, and software, but we do not support the development and discovery of pharmaceuticals and cancer therapeutics.

We will only support applications from academics who are interested in successfully translating their research into commercial or clinical opportunities. The scheme is **not intended to fund basic research only**.

Whilst applications are invited from academics seeking to explore applications of their technology which may be at a very early stage of development (including TRL 1 and 2), development should have at least progressed beyond the blue sky idea phase, with some tangible background work in place. An example of the TRL stages in medical device development is show below, however applicants are encouraged to get in touch to discuss their technology if they are unsure.

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*Example of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) used in medical device development*

Applicants should ensure that their technology or unmet clinical need addresses at least one of the Translate primary areas of interest:

* [Evaluative and Enabling Technologies](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/evaluative-and-enabling-technologies/)
* [ICT and E-Health](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/ict-e-health/)
* [Imaging and Diagnostics](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/imaging-and-diagnostics/)
* [Implantable Devices](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/implantable-devices/)
* [Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/rehabilitation-assistive-technology/)
* [Surgical and Medical Equipment](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/surgical-medical-equipment/)
* [Wound Care and Infection Control](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk/key-strengths/wound-care-and-infection-control/)

If you are unsure about the eligibility of your project or you have any questions, contact one of the Translate Technology Innovation Managers. Contact details are included at the end of this document.

## Duration

Support will initially be provided over a period of **12 months** from the date of award, however, further support may be available, based on the progress made with the technology.

## Key Dates

Applications for the **Translate Technology Accelerator Package** are invited in two rounds:

**Opening Date:** 13th March 2017

**Closing date** **Support to be provided by**

Round I: 31st May 2017 31st May 2018

Round II: 31st July 2017 31st July 2018

## How to Apply

Application forms are available to download from the [Translate website](http://www.translate-medtech.ac.uk), however, applicants are advised to contact us before submitting an application to discuss the best options for your particular project. Applicants are also advised to engage with their host institution’s business development managers or technology transfer office before completing an application.

Academics who have previously discussed project opportunities with us should speak to their Translate Technology Innovation Manager to discuss the best options for their project.

Completed forms should be emailed to [hello@translate-medtech.ac.uk](mailto:hello@translate-medtech.ac.uk) by 31 May or 31 July 2017, early applications are recommended.

## Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising business and technology development professionals from the Translate partner universities. Input from academics, and non-academic members of the Translate External Advisory Board will be sought as appropriate. Confidentiality of applications will be ensured throughout the assessment process.

The panel will consider the following:

* Development of new collaborations
* Likelihood of progress towards commercialisation or clinical application
* Potential markets and sizes
* Estimated time period required for development
* Regulatory pathway
* Current clinical procedures, or current stage of the technology
* Skills and track record of the project team

## Conditions of Award

Successful applicants will be expected to work in partnership with a Translate Technology Innovation Manager throughout the period of award. Recipients of funding will be expected to provide regular updates after specific activities have been completed, or when significant project milestones are reached. This will be discussed and agreed between the award holder and their allocated Technology Innovation Manager.

Successful applicants may also be required to:

* Provide a final report on the value gained from the package (template to be provided)
* Provide a case study (written in conjunction with a PR agency) or a blog post for the Translate website
* Present at a Translate event

## About Translate

The Leeds City Region is a driving force in the UK healthcare sector, with world-leading clinical expertise alongside research and development capacity across its universities, hospitals, healthcare and medical device manufacturing sectors.

**Translate: Medical Technologies in the Leeds City Region** is a partnership of five universities in the Leeds City Region with world-class expertise in the development of new medical technologies. It aims to develop nationally leading capability in Medical Technology Innovation in the Leeds City Region, establishing a sustainable community of academic, industry and clinical partners that are connected and committed to working in partnership to deliver a strong local economy and patient benefits. Translate works alongside and supports its partner university technology transfer offices and business development colleagues. The programme is financed by the HEFCE Catalyst Fund.

## Further Information

If you would like further information, help or advice with an application, or to discuss your technology or unmet needs in a confidential manner than please contact:

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