AGILE Research Grant

### General Information

AGILE is offering two research grants, of up to £2,500 each, for a maximum of a year, to support a research project related to physiotherapy for older people. The scheme is not intended to provide funding for clinical audit, undergraduate or postgraduate teaching, to provide rescue funding for the continuation of established projects, to supplement existing grants or to support any activity not directly related to research. The grant may be used to support a feasibility or pilot study to enable an application for external funding for the main study.

### Eligibility

The grants, which are only available to AGILE members, are administered by the AGILE National Executive Committee, and are intended for health care professionals (clinical or academic).

### Proposals

Applicants must submit a study proposal that includes the following:

* Study title
* Research question
* Rationale/background to the research
* Aims and objectives
* Research methods
  + Research design
  + Study population and recruitment
  + Intervention/exposure (where appropriate)
  + Outcomes (including data collection methods and times)
* Sample size and justification
* Analysis
* Project management
  + Project team details
  + Study timescales (use a Gantt Chart)
  + Host institution/study sponsor and R&D contact person details
* Service user involvement
* Ethical considerations
* Proposed outcomes of the research/dissemination
* References

The proposal should be a maximum of 3 pages (Arial size 11 font).

The closing date for applications is 1st September 2015. Recipients will be announced at the AGM on October 15th 2015.

Submit applications to the AGILE Research Officer [v.goodwin@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:v.goodwin@exeter.ac.uk)

### Conditions of Award

1. Applicants must seek approval from their host organisation to sponsor the research. This is usually done via the Research and Development team for NHS organisations.
2. Successful applicants must ensure ethical and NHS governance approvals are in place before the study commences.
3. The grant must be used solely for the purpose set out in the application and approved by the AGILE committee.
4. Within the limits of the total budget, the spending should conform broadly to the original estimate, unless changes are agreed with the AGILE Committee. At the end of the grant period, any remaining balance, where applicable, must be returned to AGILE, unless approval has been given otherwise.
5. Any support of the research work from other sources must be made known to AGILE.
6. **Within six months of the receipt of the award (and six monthly afterwards) the recipients should submit a report of between 750-1000 words** summarising the progress of the project. The Research Officer will contact the recipient initially to ask for the report and a 10 day grace period will be allowed. This report will be submitted to the National Executive Committee and any comments/questions will be submitted to the recipient. Comments on the mechanics of the programme together with ideas for improvement are also invited.
7. When the project is finished a final report of **between 750-1000 words** will be submitted to the Research Officer. The successful applicant/team will be expected to submit an article for publication in AGILITY and/or an abstract to the annual AGILE Conference.
8. Acknowledgement of the AGILE grant should be made in any publication resulting from the research. A copy of any manuscripts/abstracts should be submitted to the Research Officer at the time of submission.
9. These Conditions of Award may be subject to change, at the discretion of the National Executive Committee.

### Application procedure

**Please provide the following information**

1. Name and position of lead applicant
2. Address (for correspondence regarding the application)
3. E mail address ( this is mandatory)
4. Title of research
5. Starting date
6. Period of time for which the grant is needed (< 1 year)
7. Financial details of the grant required (e.g. staff, equipment, travel, administration, dissemination)

Item Amount

£

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Total (not exceeding £2,500) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Summary of the research to be carried out (< 300 words). This should include a brief description of the background to the project, and should make clear what you propose to do, how you intend to do it, and why you think it is worth doing. You should also include an explanation of why a grant is needed and how it will be used.
2. Letter of support from your institution
3. Brief biographical details:
4. degrees, awards and qualifications;
5. previous appointments;
6. Research track record
7. Publications (In view of the nature of the grant, this list is likely to be short or may even be non-existent).
8. Have you received, or are you applying for, a grant for this research from another source? If so, please give details. If you are applying for a grant elsewhere, please say when you expect to hear the decision.
9. Research proposal (< 3 pages, Arial 11pt)

**REMINDER POINTS**

* Please ensure that you have allowed sufficient time for the application to be processed before the research project is to commence, to allow for a decision to be reached and any ethical/NHS governance approvals to be in place.
* Correspondence will not be entered into concerning the adjudicators' decision.

**STATEMENT**

1. I have seen the general regulations of the AGILE Grant and accept the Conditions of Award.

Signature: ...................................................................................................Date: ...............................

**(Applicant)**

2. This application is made with my support and I would be willing to help to administer any grant that might be made by AGILE.

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Name and title of supervisor or Head of Department

Signature: .................................................................................................... Date: ...............................