

Cancer Research UK Policy on Applications from Post-retirement Scientists

This policy applies to all principal applicants who have passed the normal retirement date of their host institution or who will pass that date during the period of the grant for which they are applying.

- CR-UK will accept grant applications from post-retirement scientists, providing that their host institution has in place a clear and robust process for considering requests to work beyond the institution's contractual retirement date (CRD) and that their request has been considered and agreed.
- The applicant may not include a request for their own, or part of their own, salary.
- The application must provide both the following:
 - Written evidence that the host institution has formally agreed to continue the applicant's contract of employment beyond the current retirement date and confirmation of the new retirement date. It is not sufficient to have an agreement of continued support that is dependent on success of an application to CR-UK.
 - A letter of sponsorship from the relevant Head of Department, confirming that space in and support from the host department will continue to be available for the full duration of the grant.
- The maximum duration of any support will be dictated by the applicant's new retirement date, ie the grant will terminate no later than the end of the month in which the new retirement date falls or in the case of those applying before their CRD the grant will terminate at the end of the month in which the CRD falls.
- Decisions on whether or not to fund an application will be taken by the relevant Funding Committee and will be based on the quality of the research proposed.
- If key co-investigators, collaborators, or named staff on the application will reach their CRD during the course of the grant, it is the responsibility of the principal applicant to ensure continuity of expertise and scientific progress.