

Training Grant Conditions

- In addition to the condition set out in TGC 3.2 on the use of animals in research; all Grant Holders must implement the principles in the guidance <u>Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research</u>; and all research involving non-human primates should conform to the NC3Rs guidelines '<u>Primate accommodation</u>, <u>care</u> and use'.
- 2. If the award of this Training Grant is contingent upon local research ethics committee (LREC) approval or on the granting of Home Office Licence authority, it is the responsibility of the grant holder and the Research Organisation to ensure that approval for this study is granted and adhered to, and that no research begins until approval has been granted. The Grant 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.
- 3. All Grant 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 <u>UKRI policy on Open Access</u>. All Grant Holders shall ensure that the methodologies developed as part of an NC3Rs-funded project are published on the NC3Rs gateway or on another freely accessible platform.
 - Publications arising from research funded by the NC3Rs joint award must report the 3Rs impact 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 (www.nc3rs.org.uk/evaluationreport).
- 4. The NC3Rs should be informed of any manuscripts accepted for publication arising from the grant; they will be included in the NC3Rs Research Portfolio (www.nc3rs.org.uk/our-science). Grant Holders must deposit any publications arising from NC3Rs funded-research into Europe PMC at publication or within six months at the latest.
- 5. Grant Holders should use the ARRIVE guidelines (www.nc3rs.org.uk/ARRIVE) when designing their experiments and ensure that they report animal-based studies in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines.
- 6. The NC3Rs uses Researchfish (www.researchfish.com) for the collection of outcomes data from NC3Rs funded grants and for monitoring the 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 Grant Holder is responsible for ensuring their Researchfish record is up-to-date and must use Researchfish to report on their grant periodically/ when requested by the NC3Rs. Researchers who do not report into Researchfish when requested to do so, or use the system inappropriately, may become ineligible to apply for NC3Rs research grants. The final scientific report will be collected via Researchfish. Failure to update Researchfish within three (3) months of the grant end date will result in financial and non-financial sanctions. Further information on grant holder responsibilities in relation to reporting on Researchfish can be found here https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/research-outcomes/principles-of-use-and-award-holder-responsibilities/
- 7. The NC3Rs reserves the right to impose a financial or non-financial sanction to a Training Grant at any stage if unsatisfactory progress has been made.

- 8. Grant Holders must update the Student Data Portal on Je-S within one (1) month of the student's registration.
- 9. Condition TGC 8: Absence; does not apply in full to NC3Rs Training Grants. The NC3Rs will not financially supplement a Studentship once it has been awarded. The NC3Rs does not provide additional funding for maternity or paternity cover. It is the responsibility of the host Research Organisation to provide funding for maternity or paternity cover in line with UKRI policy.
- 10. The NC3Rs expects students to submit their theses no later than six (6) months from funding end date.
- 11. Under reasonable circumstances, as the holder of an NC3Rs award, Grant Holders are expected to aid the NC3Rs in its peer review process and provide a review if requested.
- 12. The NC3Rs organises focused grant holder meetings on specific areas/fields of interest e.g. animal welfare, neuroscience etc. These take place approx. every two (2) years. If a meeting occurs within the term of the Training Grant, the Primary or co-Investigator/ Supervisor must attend.
- 13. We reserve the right to call for periodic updates on the Training Grant's progress or to visit the Grant Holder and Student, or request participation in evaluation studies. The Grant Holder must make all reasonable efforts, if so invited, to respond to requests for information or to attend events or activities organised by the NC3Rs concerning the research undertaken, including requests or events after the end of the Training Grant Period.
- 14. The NC3Rs organises a Summer School for NC3Rs funded PhD students. The student must attend at least one NC3Rs Summer School during the term of their PhD. Failure to attend may result in financial and non-financial sanctions being imposed.
- 15. The NC3Rs reserves the right to amend and vary these Terms and Conditions at any time. Further information can be found on the NC3Rs website at: www.nc3rs.org.uk/grant-holder-information.

These conditions and further information for grant holders can be found on the NC3Rs website at: www.nc3rs.org.uk/informationforexistinggrantholders.

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.