

IMPRINT Public Engagement Application Guidance

Summary

The **vision** of the IMPRINT Network is the widespread implementation and uptake of safe and effective pregnancy and neonatal vaccination programmes that lead to improved long-term neonatal and maternal health, in all relevant settings.

The IMPRINT network **aims** to advance our understanding of fundamental scientific questions about vaccination in pregnancy and the neonatal period and to identify the best methods of assessing the efficacy, safety and acceptability of vaccines given in pregnancy and the neonatal period.

Public awareness grants **goal** is to improve the public's awareness and understanding of maternal vaccinations, build confidence and address risk perceptions. Projects may focus on but are not limited to: (short-) films or podcasts, theatre plays, development of information materials (brochures, mobile apps), workshops. IMPRINT values high-impact projects whether they reach out to a wide target audience or to a specific group of stakeholders. Grants are available for projects of up to a maximum of £15,000.

The public engagement grants will be advertised to members of the network via email and intranet, clarifying eligibility and timelines. Applications will be screened for eligibility by the Network Manager, suitable applications will undergo a committee review.

Public engagement applications are open to all IMPRINT members.

All awardees will be required to fill out an assessment sheet to evaluate the level of engagement at the end of their project. Awarded projects will be included in IMPRINT Network outcomes and publicity. All output needs to acknowledge the funding by IMPRINT.

All applications must be submitted to IMPRINT@LINQ-management.com by 3pm GMT on the deadline for submission as indicated on the IMPRINT website.

Please see the further details below about this award and how to apply.

Details

Funding eligibility

Applicants: Funding is for IMPRINT members with an interest to further the public's understanding of maternal vaccinations. Applications for projects in/for LMIC and/or with LMIC participation are particularly encouraged and will be prioritised for funding. A list of LMIC countries can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>.

Activities supported: All projects must be within the scope of the IMPRINT network and its remit. For more details, see www.imprint-network.co.uk.

Value of grant: Public engagement projects will be funded up to a maximum of £15,000.

Project duration: The project duration can be chosen by the applicant. However, all projects must finish by the end of April 2020.

Application process

Public engagement calls will be open from 17 May 2019 and will be advertised on the IMPRINT website and via the network. The application deadline is 17 July 2019 by 3pm GMT.

The application form and associated documents must be submitted by email by 3pm GMT on the deadline to the Network Manager at IMPRINT@LINQ-management.com. You will receive acknowledgement of your application within three working days. If you don't receive an acknowledgement, contact us again to ensure your application has been received.

Review

All applications received in the funding round go to the IMPRINT Network Manager to be screened for formal eligibility. Applications are then forwarded to the reviewers. The application will be scored using a standard template according to the following criteria: reach and impact (40%), creativity and innovation (30%), clarity of proposal and objective (30%).

Notification of Review Results

All applicants will be informed immediately after funding decisions have been made. Successful candidates will be sent a letter agreement confirming the funds available.

Post-award Administration

The funds will be managed by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The awardee (institution) will sign a letter agreement confirming the funding, project duration and terms and conditions. Total funds (100%) will be made available against invoice at the start of the project.

Projects can start as soon as the grants are awarded – early start dates are encouraged. The actual start date must be confirmed with the Network Manager. All projects must finish by the end of April 2020.

The level of engagement will be evaluated with an IMPRINT assessment sheet after the project has finished.

IMPRINT does not require receipts to be submitted but these must be kept by the host institution as they may be required for possible future audits. The grantee's host institution must follow their standard accounting practices.

Publicity

All work arising from this grant must acknowledge the funding source as:

“This work was supported by the IMMUNISING PREGNANT WOMEN AND INFANTS NETWORK (IMPRINT) funded by the GCRF NETWORKS IN VACCINES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH WAS CO-FUNDED BY THE MRC AND BBSRC.”

Awarded Public Engagement projects will be listed on the IMPRINT website and in other publicity materials, with a non-confidential abstract outlining the work proposed. Copies of applications will be made available to the IMPRINT boards who will use information provided for reviewing the proposal and post-award administration. IMPRINT may choose to publish details of awards, awardees, and information about successful projects.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Network Manager, Claudia Schacht, at IMPRINT@LINQ-management.com.