**HIC-Vac Pump Priming Grant Application Form**

Please complete each section in 11pt Arial font. Where stated, word limits must be followed. Please ensure you refer to the Pump Priming guidance for details of eligibility and grant requirements. The guidance document can be found [here](https://www.hic-vac.org/funding/pump-priming-funding).

**Please note all projects must complete with all funds spent by 30th Sept 2025.**

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| **1. Project Title (non-confidential)** |
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| **1a. Short Project Title (6 words or fewer) or Acronym for easy reference** |
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| **2. Lay Summary (non-confidential, as successful projects’ titles and lay summaries may be listed on the HIC-Vac website; 250 words)** |
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| **3.1 Lead Applicant Details** | |
| Name |  |
| Post held |  |
| Department and institution |  |
| Country |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| HIC-Vac Network membership level  *Please note at least one applicant must have HIC-Vac Investigator level membership* | Investigator / Associate |

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| **3.2 Co-applicant 1 Details** | |
| Name |  |
| Post held |  |
| Department and institution |  |
| Country |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| HIC-Vac Network membership level | Investigator / Associate / Affiliate |

(If there is more than one co-applicant, please add new sections for their details as necessary.)

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| **3.3 Supervisor (if applicable) and Collaborators** Please note that collaborators cannot be awarded any budget nor engaged in a formal research agreement. |
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| **4. Project Relevance to the HIC-Vac Strategic Priorities – mark Y for all that apply:** |
| Methodology development Y / N Regulatory development Y / N  Deeper analysis of existing samples Y / N Challenge agent manufacture Y / N  Ethical framework development Y / N Effect of co-infection on challenge Y / N  Attenuated Challenge Y / N Comparison of natural infection with challenge Y / N |

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| **5. Description of the Proposed Project** – include background to the research, main aims and objectives, planned methods and key milestones. **(1000 words maximum, plus we encourage a supporting figure or data or table of no more than a single A4 page as an appendix)** |
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| **6. Description of how the proposed project leads to increased impact of the HIC-Vac network (400 words)** e.g. on vaccine development, UK ODA priorities, industry engagement, HIC-Vac Early Career Researcher career development, etc. |
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| **7. Project Budget**  Please specify the full economic costing for your project (£).  *All UK-based costs will be covered at 80% FEC; overseas high-income country costs will be covered at 100%, excluding indirect costs; and LMIC-based costs will be covered at 100% FEC, including indirect costs.*  ***Total project costs (100% FEC) must not exceed £100,000.***  ***Investigator salary costs are not allowed****.* |

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| **Lead applicant** | | | | | | |
| Name of Institution | |  | | | | |
| **Direct staff costs (£)** | | | | | | |
| Name | Position | | 100% FTE salary | % FTE requested | Cost (£) | |
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| **Direct consumables costs (£)** | | | | | |  |
| Description | | | | | | Cost (£) |
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| **Direct equipment costs (under £10,000) (£)** | | | | | |  |
| Description | | | | | | Cost (£) |
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| **Other Direct costs (£)** | | | | | |  |
| Description | | | | | | Cost (£) |
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| **Total direct costs for Lead applicant** (total of above, A) | £ |
| **Indirect** costs for Lead applicant (B) | £ |
| **Estates** costs for Lead applicant (if applicable) (C) | £ |
| **Total costs for Lead applicant** (A+B+C) | £ |

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| **Co-applicant 1** | | | | | | |
| Name of Institution | |  | | | | |
| **Direct staff costs (£)** | | | | | | |
| Name | Position | | 100% FTE salary | % FTE requested | Cost (£) | |
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| **Direct consumables costs (£)** | | | | | |  |
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| **Total direct costs for Co-applicant 1** (total of above, A) | £ |
| **Indirect** costs for Co-applicant 1 (B) | £ |
| **Estates** costs for Co-applicant 1 (if applicable) (C) | £ |
| **Total costs for Co-applicant 1** (A+B+C) | £ |

(If there is more than one co-applicant, please add new sections for their costs as necessary.)

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| **Overall total project costs** (for all applicants) – *cannot exceed £100,000* | £ |

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| **8. Operational readiness (500 words)** *Please provide a spend timeline and details of your ability to begin the proposal by 1st October 2024. Proposals should be ‘operationally ready’ in terms of ethical approval, patient numbers, tissue sample specifications, equipment availability, third party intellectual property considerations, data analysis, etc****.*** *Please indicate whether you have appropriate staff* ***already in place*** *to carry out the proposed work from day 1. Describe the ability of the applicant/team to deliver the proposal (e.g. track record, expertise in specific areas).* |
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| **9. Ethical Concerns** – Does your research involve (please choose Y for all that apply): |
| Use of human biological samples – if yes, please answer Q9.1 Y / N |
| *Use of animals is not allowed.* |
| **9.1 Use of human samples** – please detail how these samples were obtained and confirm that you have appropriate ethical review and approval (please give relevant REC proposaltitle and reference number), and plans in place for any import/export  (200 words) |
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| **10. Equality and Diversity** – HIC-Vac recognises that equality of opportunity is essential to achieving excellence. Please describe how your project supports equality and diversity aims.  (150 words). |
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| **11. Reviewers** – please declare if you are aware of any reason why any individual on the HIC-Vac Network Management Board (NMB) should not review this proposal. The current Board is listed on the HIC-Vac website <https://www.hic-vac.org/members/network-management-board>. |
| Individuals with potential conflicts of interest within HIC-Vac NMB: |

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| **12. Required additional documents – please include the following with your application:** |
| If relevant, supporting figure/data/table/gantt chart of no more than a single A4 page Y / N  CV (2 page) and publications list (1 page) for all partners and collaborators  on the project Y / N  Letter of Support from Head of Department of Lead Institution Y / N |

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| **13. Signature** – Each applicant to please sign and date this form before submission | | |
| **Lead applicant and co-applicants (add more boxes if necessary)** | | |
| **Name** | **Signature** | **Date** |
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Please submit your application form and associated documents by 12pm BST on the closing date to Dr Maija Maskuniitty at [aino-maija.maskuniitty08@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:aino-maija.maskuniitty08@imperial.ac.uk). Please send any queries about the grant call to Maija at this address as well.