

DEBRA International Terms and Conditions for Research Grants

1. Grants may be used for remuneration for either whole-time or part-time research workers, associated research expenses and the purchase of special equipment, as detailed in DEBRA's formal offer of the grant.
 - a. DEBRA will not normally fund any part of the salary of the Principal Investigator (PI), as it is assumed that he/she will be in a fully salaried position at a research institute, university, or hospital, guaranteed for at least the length of time covered by the grant application.

DEBRA will not normally fund any part of the salary of research assistants on academic or clinical salary grades over the age of 32 years; however, there is no age limit applied to technical grade research staff. Exceptions may be considered where the career structure of the country in which the research will be carried out may mean that researchers at a particular grade are usually older: such exceptions must be justified in the application.
 - b. DEBRA will fund research consumables expenses and the purchase of special equipment associated solely with the research-grant application, as detailed in DEBRA's formal offer of the grant.
 - c. The funding of attendance at meetings or conferences cannot be met from the grant, unless the researcher will be presenting work funded by the grant.
2. Research using protected animals must be carried out under the appropriate licences and certificates (e.g. Home Office if carried out in the UK) and any other relevant national regulations in the country where the research will be carried out.
 - a. DEBRA will only support the use of protected animals where no valid alternative exists, and the applicant must have regard to animal welfare and advances in the refinement, replacement and reduction of animal uses
3. Whatever the period of the grant, yearly continuation will depend upon receipt of satisfactory annual interim reports. No payment of grant owing will be made until any outstanding report has been received and accepted by DEBRA. We expect to receive copies of the interim annual reports on the anniversary of the date work commences, with a fuller report at the end of the grant period. Reports will be circulated to members of the DEBRA International Medical and Scientific Advisory Panel. The lay summary may be circulated to other grant holders, national EB Support Groups, and used in publicity and placed on the DEBRA website. If there is any reason why this should not occur with an individual report, please inform DEBRA at the time of submission.
 - a. If you receive project grant funds from DEBRA which are, in part or in whole, received by us from another source, which has its own additional reporting requirements, this will be made clear to you at the time of the grant offer. Acceptance of the grant offer means that you agree to meet these requirements, too.
4. In the extreme cases of contemporaneous research developments negating the meaningful conclusion of the research, or where DEBRA's financial position is such that funding of the grant cannot be continued for the full term, DEBRA reserves the right to discontinue the grant by giving three months' notice of the intention to do so.

5. It is DEBRA's policy to publicise as widely as possible its grants and the scientific progress achieved through them. It is a condition of accepting financial assistance that grant holders agree to co-operate in such publicity efforts.
6. We must be notified as soon as is reasonably practicable of any potentially patentable discovery or invention arising from work supported in whole or in part by DEBRA funding. DEBRA's written consent must be obtained prior to any disclosure or publication in any form of material or details relating to any such invention or discovery.
7. DEBRA requires the findings of the research it funds in full or in part to be published promptly, but with due regard to protecting the intellectual property of research outputs. The support of DEBRA must be acknowledged in all publications or other public output arising from the work funded, whether written or oral (e.g. scientific or popular publications, press releases, conferences, seminars, etc.). DEBRA must be acknowledged explicitly as the sponsor or co-sponsor of the research.
8. The results of the research and any intellectual property rights subsisting in the results must not be licensed on an exclusive basis for the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of Epidermolysis Bullosa (the "Field") or assigned in whole or in part to any third party without the prior written consent of DEBRA. The grantee will ensure that all reasonable endeavours are used by the exclusive licensee or assignee to exploit the results and intellectual property rights subsisting in the results in the Field. If all reasonable endeavours are not used the grantee must terminate or convert the licence to non-exclusive or procure the assignment or license back of the results and intellectual property to the grantee for exploitation in the Field.
9. DEBRA is entitled to receive a reasonable proportion of any financial benefit received by the grantee or its affiliates arising from exploitation of the results of the research supported by DEBRA and any intellectual property rights subsisting in the results. If the financial benefit received exceeds a value of €50,000, then the grantee shall promptly pay to DEBRA an amount negotiated in good faith by the parties and representing a reasonable proportion of any financial benefit received by the grantee or its affiliates.
10. Under no circumstances will DEBRA agree to meet administrative or other overheads imposed by a University or other Institution.
11. Payment for salaries and recurrent expenses will only be made quarterly in arrears and against invoice. DEBRA will not accept any finance or service charges imposed in respect of this arrangement. No reimbursements will be made for invoices submitted more than one year after the end of the grant period.
12. Grants awarded by DEBRA are subject to the standard conditions of grant at the time the grant is awarded. DEBRA reserves the right to change conditions of grant from time to time. If for any reason during the lifetime of the grant, an amendment is made to the award, DEBRA reserves the right to apply the conditions of the grant in place of those which were applied at the time of the original award.