

Very Important Project (VIP) PET Prize

Terms and Conditions

1. Scope:

The aim of the VIP PET Prize competition is: (a) to identify pilot Positron Emission Tomography (PET) experimental research projects of preclinical nature with the greatest potential to lead onto large follow-up funding; and (b) if your application is successful, to foster and support your project to help achieve that goal. By entering this competition you accept these Terms and Conditions together with any specific instructions and terms for such competition which may be mentioned in any electronic messages, or on the “PET is Wonderful” meeting website, or communicated to you in any other way by Edinburgh Imaging (EI). Such competition information shall prevail in the event of there being any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and such competition information.

EI may cancel or amend the competition, competition information, or these Terms and Conditions without prior notice. Any changes will be posted either within the competition information or in any updated Terms and Conditions.

2. Periodicity:

A single VIP PET prize will be awarded at the time of the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting.

3. Eligibility:

The VIP PET prize competition is open to any academic researcher in the UK or abroad that has registered to attend the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting via the meeting registration page.

The opening and closing dates and times for entries are as indicated in the competition information on the “PET is Wonderful” meeting website. Any entries received before the opening and after the closing of the competition will be invalid and will not be entered into the competition.

By entering the competition, you hereby warrant that all information submitted by you is true, current, and complete. You also warrant that you are the copyright owner of any copyright works submitted.

You hereby warrant that your entry and all information which you submit and/or distribute will not infringe the intellectual property, privacy or any other rights of any third party, and will not contain anything which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, indecent, harassing or

threatening. If relevant, EI reserves the right, but not the obligation, to screen, filter and/or monitor information provided by you and to edit, refuse to distribute or remove the same.

The proposed preclinical PET pilot experiments, to be supported by the VIP PET prize, as well as, the subsequent experiments from follow-up funding secured based on the pilot results collected with the VIP PET prize support, must be undertaken in full at the University of Edinburgh’s preclinical PET and radiochemistry facilities at EI.

4. Description:

The VIP PET prize includes support towards a pilot preclinical PET project, specifically, a maximum of six hours of PET/CT scanning and supply of PET radiotracer, subject to local and feasible production of the proposed radiotracer and availability of the scanners. The following radiotracers are examples of PET radiotracers currently available onsite and may be selected to design the proposed pilot PET experiments to be supported under the VIP PET prize scheme:

^{18}F -FDG	^{18}F -RGD
^{18}F -NaF	^{18}F -Octreotate
^{18}F -FLT	^{11}C -PK11195
^{18}F -DOPA	^{11}C -DTBZ
^{18}F -FHBG	^{11}C -Palmitate
^{18}F -Fluorocholine	

Other radiotracers may be proposed by the Principal Investigator (PI) and could be made available at the sole discretion of the Head of EI Radiochemistry Facility.

The VIP PET prize does not include animal costs, consumables costs, or any other additional research costs (beyond PET/CT imaging fees and radiotracer production costs up to the agreed amount) required to undertake the proposed experiments, which are at the discretion of the project PI.

The VIP PET prize expires one-year after the award date.

5. Application guidelines:

A single project PI needs to be named in the application (the “**Project PI**”). The application title should not exceed a maximum of 125 characters including spaces, and should clearly convey the study hypothesis. The body of the application constitutes of a single structured paragraph, with a maximum of 2000 characters, and the following sub-headings: (1) project aims; (2) experimental plan, including detail on how the

remaining research costs not supported by the PET VIP prize will be supported by the Project PI; (3) expected project outcomes; and (4) proposed follow-on funding approach. A single figure or table may accompany the application.

Applications must be submitted electronically via email to PiWTeam@ed.ac.uk and by following the instructions provided.

6. Selection criteria:

Applications will be reviewed and scored separately by the Heads of the preclinical PET and radiochemistry facilities at the University of Edinburgh. External review members might be invited to assist with review and scoring of proposals. The top three applications independently selected by each Head of facility and, if applicable, external reviewers will then be further reviewed jointly and a decision will be made on the final prize winner. The winner will be announced at the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting. Decisions will be made based on:

- Need for PET to address the research question;
- Originality of the research question;
- Feasibility of proposed research;
- Value for Money principle;
- Alignment of proposal with the “PET is Wonderful” strategic biomedical research areas at the University of Edinburgh. Currently these are: tissue injury and repair, neurodegenerative diseases and cancer.

7. Feedback:

Feedback may be provided upon your request by the Project PI and this will include suggestions for improvement for subsequent VIP PET prize applications.

8. Accepting the prize:

The VIP PET prize winner will be announced at the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting. The successful PI will need to be present at the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting.

9. Further conditions:

Research supported by the VIP PET prize will be in collaboration with the preclinical PET and radiochemistry facilities, who may make contributions to the study design, image acquisition, analysis and interpretation, if appropriate. Authorship and contributorship will be discussed with the Heads of the preclinical PET and radiochemistry facilities at the

University of Edinburgh and will be agreed with the Project PI.

A separate agreement may be required prior to the commencement of the above support and access to facilities and radiotracers.

Abstracts and manuscripts arising from studies supported by the VIP PET prize will be reviewed by the Heads of the facilities involved to ensure correct reporting of methodology and acknowledgement of the facilities used, as well as, the VIP PET prize support.

All applications will be treated as confidential and upon awarding the VIP PET prize at the end of the “PET is Wonderful” Annual Meeting, only the project PI name and the project title will be disclosed.

EI may exercise its sole discretion to use the winner’s name, image and their comments relating to the prize and competition experience for future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes in any media worldwide without notice or without any fee being paid.

In the event that you do not, or are unable to, comply with and meet these Terms and Conditions and the competition information, EI shall be entitled at its sole discretion to disqualify you, without any further liability to you. In these circumstances, any prize won by you may be forfeited and EI reserves the right to reclaim any prize already distributed to you.

EI may in its sole discretion refuse to provide a prize, or seek its recovery, in the event of non-entitlement under these Terms and Conditions or your breach of these Terms and Conditions, fraud, dishonesty, or other inappropriate or improper conduct.

EI does not guarantee to use or otherwise make available any entry. EI may, in appropriate circumstances, and at its sole discretion, reject, edit, remove or disable access to entries that appear to be legally or otherwise problematic e.g. infringe the copyright or other intellectual property or privacy rights of others, are defamatory etc. or for any other reason.

EI cannot accept any responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by you entering the competition or as a result of accepting any prize. Nothing shall exclude EI’s liability for death or personal injury as a result of its negligence.