



Ask The MPS Foundation Q&A Clinic 2024 Grant Programme

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Research Priorities

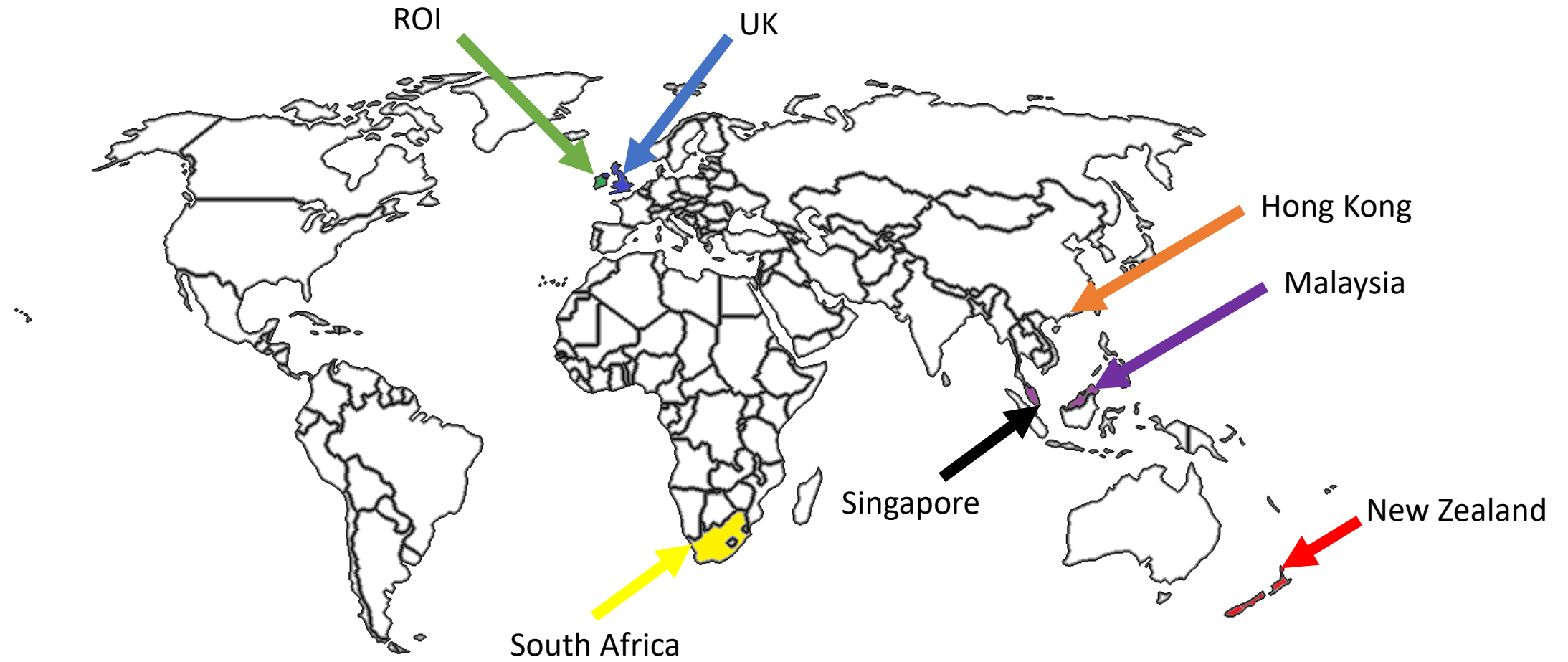
- Impact of human factors on reducing risk and improving patient safety, patient outcomes
 - Impact of processes and delivery models on reducing risk and improving patient safety, patient outcomes
 - Improving the wellbeing of health care teams and individuals
 - The impact and risks of digital integration and technology
 - Evaluation of the effectiveness of teaching and learning innovations on improving patient safety, outcomes and reducing risk
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The MPS Foundation



- Focus on private sector and dental research
 - Focus on applied rather than conceptual research – what works
 - Grants open to MPS Members and non-Members
 - Further details: [Our Priorities - The MPS Foundation Grant Portal \(smapply.io\)](https://smapply.io)
 - Case Studies: [Our research \(thempsfoundation.org\)](https://thempsfoundation.org)
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Where we've invested so far



The 2024 Grant Application Process

- 2 Stage Process
 - Initial Expressions of Interest – closes May 3 2024 @1700 BST
 - Most interesting proposals invited to Full Application –
 - Open 11th June
 - Close 12th July @ 1700 BST
 - Board select preferred projects at September Board Meeting
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- Expression of Interest
 - Ability to add a 2nd Principal Investigator
 - Project Summary broken into sections
 - Time of completion automatically added
 - Full Application
 - Budget summary entered onto Application Form
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What we will and won't pay for

- We won't pay:

- research aimed at setting standards for clinical practice
 - research associated with clinical trials
 - a service evaluation
 - market testing of an existing product or service
 - projects outside of MPS's geographical area of interest – Research must cover 51% of MPS Jurisdictions
 - purchase or maintenance of capital equipment, including clinical equipment
 - purchase or maintenance of computer hardware or software unless there are exceptional circumstances
 - undergraduate or postgraduate education involving
 - taught programmes
 - PhD university fees (we would consider funding the research element of a PhD)
 - overseas education or training
 - sponsorship of events, conferences etc
 - communication and promotional materials
 - indirect costs of the research or any other indirect or overhead costs – management costs as part of a grant will be paid to an agreed level
 - work undertaken prior to the start date of the grant
 - employing grant recipients or participants
 - travel costs not associated directly with the project – participants are expected to make use of technology, where appropriate.
 - The MPS Foundation is unable to employ grant recipients or participants or pay the employment costs for a permanent member of staff to cover an applicant's other duties **WE DO PAY FOR PEOPLE'S TIME ON THEIR PROJECT**
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What makes a good application?

- Become familiar with our priorities, processes and timescales - allow sufficient time
 - Understand your audience
 - Write a coherent and compelling narrative
 - Why is the research important and what is the challenge you are addressing
 - Why is your project unique
 - Answer the question
 - Justify your methodology – does it fit the aims of your project
 - Include relevant preliminary work – check its not been done before
 - What will be the impact of your research
 - How will the outcomes translate into other environments
 - Put together the right project team
 - Identify and mitigate the risks – show you understand your project
 - Think about the project timescales
 - Costs and Budget – If you are outside of our budget tolerances you won't receive funding
 - Are there any potential conflicts of interest to declare?
 - Don't be afraid to seek peer and mentor review
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