

19. Externally supported R&D pricing

19.1 Background

Pricing issues can be complex, and each project must be considered individually. Project costings should be drawn up by the lead investigator and JRMO to establish a base on which price negotiations can take place. A minimum of 5 days should be allowed prior to submission deadlines for the JRMO to complete a detailed costing in line with funder requirements.

19.2 Policy

Barts Health and Queen Mary will price externally funded projects in accordance with HEFCE and NHS pricing policies and the accepted guidelines of individual external funding body. Barts Health will use the National Agreed costing template for commercial studies. Queen Mary will price commercial studies at FEC plus in line with Queen Mary's Overhead Policy. Non-commercial projects will be costed according to the funder's conditions and nationally agreed pricing policies. In general, the principles relating to Full Economic Costing (FEC) will be adhered to by both organisations. All research activity, including PhD Doctoral Training Partnerships and Queen Mary consultancy, must be submitted to the JRMO for costing and the price to be charged will be determined by the office.

19.3 Non-Commercial

For the avoidance of doubt, non-commercial research includes all externally funded research projects and projects that are for educational purposes. These projects must not contain clauses that allow a commercial or for-profit entity to impose intellectual property rights restrictions or restrictions on publishing results, in particular by limiting further analysis or use of such results or by delaying the availability of data and results for more than six months.

19.4 Collaborative Research

Collaborative Research with a commercial entity is where a protocol or workplan predefining the research project, is developed by both parties in collaboration, or where a commercial entity is providing significant input, resource or an in-kind contribution to a project. Any reduction in price to be charged because of this contribution will be directly dependent on the resource requirements of the research, intellectual property rights, adherence to any overhead policy and the allowable cost rules of the funding body.

19.4 Commercial

Where a commercial entity commissions research and Barts Health or Queen Mary undertakes to carry out the work according to pre-determined processes set out in the company's protocol and where the primary principles associated with non-commercial funding of research programmes do not apply, the research is classified as being commercial. The principal commercial beneficiary of the results of this type of study will normally be the funder of the research. Each project must be properly governed by the principles outlined in the externally supported R&D section of this document and based on

FEC and a separate account should be kept for each research project through which funds should be channelled.

This policy applies to both Barts Health and Queen Mary.