

# More Research Less Cancer

## Gift Opportunities

This document aims to provide an overview of the priority gift opportunities for this campaign, but we'd be delighted to talk to you about your particular interests and to explore the many ways in which we'd welcome your support. Please get in touch at: [philanthropy@cancer.org.uk](mailto:philanthropy@cancer.org.uk).

### THE FRANCIS CRICK INSTITUTE

#### PEOPLE

##### **Support the Crick's Future Leaders Fund (any level)**

A gift of any level will invest in the next generation of scientists. Your gift has the potential to support cohorts including; our PhD programme, post-doctoral training programme, and clinician scientists.

##### **Support the Crick Clinical PhD fund (any level)**

A gift at any level will support ambitious clinicians who are passionate about research as they follow the Crick's Clinical PhD programme. Your gift will support them to gain extensive scientific skills training and benefit from clinical mentoring, to undertake vital research which is inspired by personal experience of the intricacies and challenges of patient care.

##### **Support a PhD position (£150k)**

A gift at this level will provide support towards a PhD student's research, as well as their personal and professional development. In return, you will have the opportunity to witness their growth - from when they first join their laboratory, to when they emerge a more confident, dynamic and collaborative researcher ready to launch their career.

##### **Support a post-doctoral researcher (£250k)**

A gift at this level will provide support towards a postdoctoral fellow. Postdoctoral training is a critical stage in a scientist's career: having gained crucial research experience from completing their PhDs, postdocs aim to use their skills, knowledge and energy to pursue answers to ambitious research questions.



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## **Named Early Career Group Leader (6+6) (£1m)**

A gift of £1m will allow you to support and name an early career group leader at the Crick – providing them with critical core funding and support as they take on the challenging step of establishing their own independent research group. From here, they will pursue bold ideas – accessing state-of-the-art technology, mentorship, and training at the Crick as they do so. You will be able to follow the researcher over 6 years of their career.

## **Named Clinical Group Leader (£1.5m)**

A gift of £1.5m will allow you to name a clinical group leader position, supporting talented clinician scientists to drive forward innovative research projects that bridge the gap between academia and the clinic. The Crick enables clinician scientists to combine their experience of working with patients with a thorough grounding in laboratory science, fostering vital knowledge sharing, and inspiring new research directions. You will be able to follow the researcher over 6 years of their career.

## **Named Senior Group Leader (£1.5m)**

A gift of £1.5m will allow you to name a senior group leader position, supporting eminent and world-leading scientists to pursue ambitious research programmes. Senior group leaders play a vital leadership role within the institute, providing expert mentoring to other early-career researchers, helping to advise, shape and develop a new generation of scientific talent as they pursue discoveries to transform our understanding of health and disease. You will be able to follow the researcher over 6 years of their career.

## **Named PhD Cohort (£1.5m)**

A gift of £1.5m will allow you to establish a named cohort comprised of 8 PhD students. Named for you, your family, or someone you would like to honour, your support will play a crucial role as these students build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills at a pivotal point in their careers. In return, you will be granted the opportunity to follow their journeys – from when they first join their laboratories, to when they emerge as more confident, dynamic and collaborative researchers ready to launch their careers.

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## RESEARCH

### **Establish a new research group (£5m+)**

A gift of £5m would provide support to the Crick when they are establishing a new research group, enabling world-leading scientists and their teams to undertake innovative research. Named in recognition of you, your family, or someone you would like to honour, your gift will provide crucial support towards the costs of the research group, providing a legacy of investment in the future of research and innovation. In return, you will be granted exclusive insight into the science, as well as the personal and professional journeys of these rising stars as they launch their careers and seek answers to the most pressing research questions of our time.

### **Support a research area (£100k+)**

We have identified four key areas of philanthropic need within the Crick's portfolio:

- Cancer
- Neuroscience
- Infection and immunity
- Mechanisms of life

Donations in support of research will provide vital, flexible support to your chosen research area, allowing the Crick to continue to follow exciting directions and ultimately make more discoveries about how life works. You will hear about progress from across the spectrum of outstanding research projects being undertaken in your chosen area.

## TECHNOLOGY

### **Support our Science Technology Platforms (any level)**

A gift at any level will support ongoing investment in our in-house Science Technology Platforms (STPs) will allow all our researchers to continue to contemplate complex and ambitious experiments that are only possible in a few places in the world. This distinctive in-house support eliminates the wasteful duplication and segregation of specialised technology and knowledge that so often hampers progress elsewhere in academia. The efficiency of this model speeds up progress and facilitates bold and creative ways to approach scientific problems.



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## **Support our Critical Capital Upgrades** *(dependent on equipment and installation costs)*

Your gift will support the purchasing of new equipment and upgrading existing Science Technology Platform equipment; enabling the Crick to continue world-leading discovery research. For example, your gift could fund ever-more powerful microscopes which generate high resolution pictures of the biological world, next-generation genetic sequencing that can read the entire DNA code of a cell in record time, or artificial intelligence methods which enable researchers to uncover complex patterns in their data.

## **THE HORIZON FUND**

### **Support the Horizon Fund (any level)**

A gift at any level to the Horizon Fund represents the most powerful way for donors to help safeguard the freedom and creativity of the Crick to pursue demanding, life-changing research. Your gift will equip Senior Leadership to meet the Crick's greatest financial needs – whether to pursue existing scientific priorities, launch new initiatives or tackle emerging challenges.

## **WIDENING ACCESS**

### **Support our Summer Student Programme (£100k)**

A gift at this level will provide support towards our summer student programme. This gives 20 students each year from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in science the opportunity and experience they need to contemplate a scientific career. In return, you will have the opportunity to attend the summer student symposium to meet the students you have supported.

### **Name our sandwich student programme (£250k)**

A gift at this level will provide undergraduate students the opportunity to gain and develop research skills over 12 months. This hands-on experience of a working lab environment gives students a better footing from which to consider a career in science. In return you will have the opportunity to meet the sandwich students in person at their symposium event.

### **Support our education and community outreach programme (£250k)**

A gift at any level will provide support towards the Crick's ongoing work with communities, schools and universities across the country to open up new possibilities to aspiring scientists. Each year we engage with over 20,000 local school students and our lab classroom is used by 2000 children.

