

Dear Research Applicant

The Mammary Fold Research and Academic Collaborative welcomes your interest in running a project and getting in contact with us. The MFAC is a group of trainee breast surgeons with a variety of academic backgrounds that are on-hand to lend advice and work with you to build your project into a national collaborative. The MFAC members will review the project and determine the level of support required. If your project is selected, we will support your project and work towards achieving the desired outcome.

If you would like to apply for MFAC advice and support for your project, please follow the instructions below.

- 1) Send MFAC.research@gmail.com a copy of your research project proposal: this should be in a similar format to a journal submission, including a brief overview.
- 2) Please write a short summary (no longer than 500 words), about why you think your project would benefit from MFAC support/ input and how you see the project developing.
Please note that whilst we will support and advise, MFAC members are not automatically assumed to be contributors to the project. If an individual wishes to participate in your collaborative project, this will be an individual's decision and does not reflect the collective.
- 3) Please state your consultant lead.
- 4) Please state whether your project has special ethical considerations and/or has passed ethical approval locally. This is a very important element, as it may delay input if not already in place.
- 5) Please state whether you have already published/ presented the results from your smaller study in a journal/ at a meeting.

After you have sent the email, the MFAC Chair will advise you on the next steps. Often, we ask trainee project leads to present a short summary of your project online via a teleconference and then talk through points raised by the MFAC.

The MFAC looks forward to hearing about your exciting research innovations and how we can produce evidence-based research together!

Best wishes

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