

[Grant Recipient's name] **(Grant Recipient)**

[Grant Recipient's address]

[Date]

Attention: [Insert name of contact]

Dear [Greeting],

[Insert name or purpose of grant] – Basic Research Grant Funding Letter

1.1 Congratulations, we can't wait to see what you will achieve and very much look forward to working with you and your team.

You recently submitted an application in response to [Insert name of competition or process to which the grant application was submitted] and ARIA is pleased to offer you a Grant for the performance of the Basic Research Project Activities up to the Maximum Sum, subject to your agreement to, and compliance with, the terms and conditions set out in this Grant Funding Letter and its Schedules.

This Basic Research Funding Letter is offered to you on the basis the activity being funded is considered experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular application or use in view.

1. Overview of the Grant

Any reference in this letter to "you" or "your" means the Grant Recipient and any capitalised terms have the meanings given in the ARIA Grant Conditions (Conditions).

The key elements of the Grant are described in the table below:

Project Activities	[Insert name of project]. A more detailed description of the Project Activities is set out in Schedule 2 (Project Activities).
Maximum amount of Grant	£[Insert total amount of Grant] including any amounts provided under a Letter of Intent]
Funding Period	The period from [Insert start date] to [Insert end date]
Grant Review	ARIA will review the Grant [annually/at [x] monthly intervals]

Monitoring and Reporting	The performance reports referred to in clause 7 of the Conditions shall be provided by you [annually/quarterly/at intervals to be determined by ARIA] and shall be sent to the [XXX]	
Project Representative	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of Grant Recipient's Project Representative]	
Grant Manager	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of ARIA's Grant Manager]	
Escalation Contacts	ARIA	Grant Recipient
	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of ARIA's Escalation Contact]]	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of Grant Recipient's Escalation Contact]]
Notices	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of ARIA's Official POC for Notices]]	[Insert name, title and contact details (phone and email) of the Grant Recipients Official POC for Notices]]

2. Confirmation of Bank Details

- 2.1 You must complete and sign the Confirmation of Bank Details form as attached as part of your acceptance of the Grant and return it to finance@aria.org.uk

3. The Grant Agreement

- 3.1 Once you sign a copy of this Grant Funding Letter in accordance with paragraph 6 (Acceptance) below, it will form a binding "**Grant Agreement**" between you and ARIA that includes and incorporates the following documents:

- (a) the **Grant Conditions** in Schedule 1;
- (b) the **Project Activities, Agreed Outputs** and **Grant Application** in Schedule 2;
- (c) the **Commercial Exploitation Terms (including annexes) in Schedule 3** - Although the parties do not envisage any commercial application of the Results, this schedule sets out your obligations if commercial exploitation of the Results does occur.; and

(d) the terms relating to Data Protection in Schedule 4]. [Optional].

3.2 [If you have previously entered into a Letter of Intent with ARIA under which ARIA has provided funds and you have started to carry out the Project Activities, the amounts already provided to you will be taken account in and form part of the Grant, and those activities already carried out by you will be deemed to be Project Activities that have been carried out under the Grant Agreement.] [Optional]

3.3 The parties confirm that it is their intention to be legally bound by the Grant Agreement.

4. Warranties

4.1 By signing this Grant Funding Letter, you warrant and represent that:

- (a) your obligations under the Grant Agreement are legal, valid, binding and enforceable;
- (b) all authorisations and consents necessary to enable you to enter into and perform the obligations in the Grant Agreement have been obtained;
- (c) the person signing the Grant Agreement is duly authorised to sign on your behalf; and
- (d) your Project Representative referenced in the table above is authorised to make decisions and provide information on your behalf.

5. Amendments to the Grant Conditions

[insert any agreed amendments to the Grant Conditions here, and if none delete this section]

6. Acceptance

6.1 To accept this Grant Funding Letter, please arrange for an authorised signatory to sign and date the duplicate copy of this Grant Funding Letter as indicated below, and return to ARIA as a complete signed original of the Grant Agreement including its Schedules, accompanied by evidence of the authorised signatory's authority to enter into the Grant Agreement and to bind the Grant Recipient.

6.2 This Grant Funding Letter will expire on [insert timescale].

Yours sincerely

[] for and on behalf of ARIA

Name of ARIA signatory: []

I confirm the agreement of **[Grant Recipient's name]** to the terms and conditions in this Grant Funding Letter and its Schedules.

Signature:

Name:

Position:

Date:

SCHEDULE 1 - GRANT CONDITIONS

1. PRECEDENCE

- 1.1 Where there is any conflict between the documents that make up the Grant Agreement the conflict will be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:
- (a) the Grant Funding Letter;
 - (b) these Conditions;
 - (c) the remaining Schedules to the Grant Agreement with the exception of Schedule 2 Part 2 (the Grant Application);
 - (d) Schedule 2 Part 2 (the Grant Application); and
 - (e) any other documents incorporated by reference in, or developed in accordance with, the Grant Agreement.

2. DURATION AND PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

- 2.1 The Grant Agreement will subsist for the duration of the Funding Period unless extended by agreement or terminated earlier in accordance with its terms. Any provision of the Grant Agreement that expressly or by implication is intended to come into or continue in force on or after termination or expiry of the Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 2.2 You may only use the Grant for carrying out the Project Activities. You may not make any changes to the Project Activities without ARIA's prior written agreement.
- 2.3 You may not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay your agreement to any changes requested by ARIA to the Project Activities or the amount of the Grant. Any agreed change will be recorded in a written variation to the Grant Agreement.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 In performing the Project Activities, you shall, to the reasonable satisfaction of ARIA, meet the requirements of all applicable Laws regarding the environment and safety, including laboratory safety requirements, if relevant, in all material respects.

4. PAYMENT OF GRANT

- 4.1 Subject to the remainder of this clause 4 ARIA will pay the Grant to you:
- (a) up to the Maximum Sum;
 - (b) in pounds sterling (GBP) by wire transfer into your bank account details of which you provided in the Confirmation of Bank Details form attached to the Grant Funding Letter; and
 - (c) if VAT is chargeable in respect of the Grant, all payments will be deemed to be inclusive of all VAT and ARIA will not be obliged to pay any additional amount by way of VAT.
- 4.2 The bank account of which you provided details in your Confirmation of Bank Details form (and any alternative bank details nominated subsequently by you) must be an ordinary business bank account

with appropriate segregation of duties and control. During the Funding Period, you must notify ARIA of any change of bank account details as soon as reasonably practicable on the same form and signed by an approved signatory. You must notify ARIA of any change of signatory for approval, as soon as known.

- 4.3 You will be the sole recipient of the Grant and you will be responsible for managing the Grant as between you and any Third Parties involved in performing the Project Activities. This includes securing the repayment of the Grant if requested by ARIA in accordance with the Grant Conditions, including where the Grant has already been distributed to Third Parties.
- 4.4 You must promptly notify ARIA if any money is incorrectly paid to you for any reason, and must repay it as soon as reasonably practicable. Any amount not immediately repaid will be recoverable as a civil debt.
- 4.5 ARIA reserves the right not to pay any Grant Claims that are not submitted within the period set out in the Grant Funding Letter or that are incomplete, incorrect or not accompanied by full supporting documentation (including any documentation that ARIA reasonably requests).
- 4.6 You may not apply for or obtain Duplicate Funding for any Project Activities.
- 4.7 You may not retain any Unspent Monies and must repay them to ARIA within 30 days after ARIA's request for repayment.

5. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- 5.1 ARIA will only pay the Grant for Eligible Expenditure incurred by you in carrying out the Project Activities. You must provide ARIA with any evidence reasonably requested by ARIA (including receipts, invoices and other documentary evidence) that all Grant Claims relate to costs that are Eligible Expenditure.
- 5.2 You may not in any circumstance claim as Eligible Expenditure paid-for lobbying, which means using the Grant to fund lobbying (via an external firm or in-house staff) in order to undertake activities intended to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, government or political activity; or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action.

6. GRANT REVIEW

- 6.1 ARIA will review the Grant at the intervals specified in the Grant Funding Letter. The review will take into account your carrying out of the Project Activities against the Agreed Outputs. As part of the ARIA review process, ARIA will review the reports produced by you in accordance with clause 7.3.
- 6.2 Following the review carried out under clause 6.1, ARIA may choose to do any of the following, taking into account any representations made by you in the course of the review:
 - (a) consent to the Project Activities and the Grant Agreement continuing in line with existing plans;
 - (b) increase or decrease the Grant for the remainder of the Funding Period, as applicable;
 - (c) redefine the Agreed Outputs; or

(d) require you to carry out remedial activity with the aim of improving delivery of the Project Activities.

(e) terminate the Grant Agreement in accordance with clause 22.

6.3 Any change will be recorded in a written variation to the Grant Agreement.

7. MONITORING AND REPORTING

7.1 You must closely monitor the carrying out and success of the Project Activities throughout the Funding Period and must notify ARIA as soon as reasonably practicable of any actual or potential failure to comply with any of your obligations under the Grant Agreement.

7.2 ARIA does not limit its engagement with you to purely administrative activities and will require details of all Results and all material Foreground IP, so you must allow ARIA personnel to visit your premises at a reasonable frequency and at dates and times agreed with you to liaise freely with your researchers for the purpose of identifying Foreground IP, evaluating Agreed Outputs and assessing progress with the Project Activities. ARIA will treat the Results and Foreground IP, and other information it learns from such visits, as your Confidential Information under clause 11.

7.3 You must provide ARIA with:

(a) the Agreed Outputs and a report on your performance against them at the intervals and for the periods of time specified in the Grant Funding Letter. ARIA may copy and adapt the contents of any of the Agreed Outputs and those reports for ARIA's internal use to review, develop and shape ARIA's funded research programmes, but ARIA will treat those contents as your Confidential Information under clause 11;

(b) any assistance and information reasonably requested by ARIA to establish whether you have used the Grant in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and

(c) details broken down in accordance with ARIA's prescribed form of all spending of the Grant.

7.4 ARIA is built for long-term impact and needs to be kept informed of the impact of its funding activities and compliance with the terms of the Grant Agreement. ARIA will therefore have the right to make reasonable requests for information from you from time to time after the end of the Funding Period about the dissemination of the Results and how this has benefited the United Kingdom. You must respond and provide the information requested within one month (unless ARIA specifies otherwise). If requested, ARIA will treat the information provided as your Confidential Information under clause 11. Nothing in this Grant Agreement will be deemed to limit ARIA's ability to use, share or publish such information as part of aggregated and anonymised reporting. This clause 7.4 shall survive termination or expiry of this Grant Agreement.

8. AUDITING AND ASSURANCE

- 8.1 Within six months after the end of each Financial Year and after the end of the Funding Period you must provide ARIA with independent assurance that the Grant has been used for carrying out the Project Activities. To satisfy this requirement you must provide a statement showing that the use of the Grant has been certified by an independent and appropriately qualified auditor or accountant.
- 8.2 ARIA and/or its authorised representative may, at any time during the Funding Period and for up to 7 years after the end of the Funding Period, conduct audits in relation to your use of the Grant and your compliance with the Grant Agreement. You must act reasonably in cooperating with any such audit, including by granting access to relevant documentation, premises and personnel.
- 8.3 You must:
- (a) maintain to ARIA's satisfaction an appropriate system of financial management and controls, maintain detailed records in relation to those controls, and provide copies of those records to ARIA on request; and
 - (b) retain, and procure that your sub-contractors retain and will provide to you on request, all relevant documentation relating to the Eligible Expenditure (including invoices, receipts and accounting records) during the Funding Period and for a period of 7 years thereafter.

9. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 You must:
- (a) maintain a sound administration and audit process, including internal financial controls, to safeguard against fraud and theft, money laundering, terrorist financing or any other impropriety, or mismanagement in connection with the administration of the Grant; and
 - (b) notify ARIA of any actual or suspected cases of fraud, theft or financial irregularity relating to the Project Activities as soon as they are identified, and keep ARIA informed of your remedial actions.
- 9.2 In the event of any actual or suspected fraud, theft or other financial irregularity (which includes use of the Grant for any purpose other than that envisaged by the Grant Agreement), ARIA may, at its absolute discretion:
- (a) require you to take any remedial steps that ARIA may reasonably specify; and/or
 - (b) suspend future payment of the Grant to you,

and in all cases you must explain to ARIA what steps are being taken to investigate the irregularity and must keep ARIA informed about the progress of any such investigation. You must, if required by ARIA, refer the matter to an external auditor or any other relevant Third Party.

10. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 10.1 You must inform ARIA promptly of any actual, perceived or potential conflicts between your and your Representatives' obligations under the Grant Agreement and your and their personal, business or

professional interests. You must have adequate procedures to manage and monitor any actual or potential conflicts of interest, whether identified in the application process or notified to ARIA during the Funding Period.

- 10.2 If ARIA is not satisfied that you are adequately managing any actual or potential conflicts of interest, or that these conflicts are not capable of such management, the parties will discuss the issues raised and try to agree a resolution. If this is not possible, ARIA may require you or your Representative to cease the conflicting activity and if that is not acceptable to you or your Representative, you may terminate the Grant Agreement on at least 30 days' notice in writing.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 11.1 Except to the extent set out in this clause 11 or where disclosure is expressly permitted by the other party, each party must treat all Confidential Information belonging to or disclosed by the other party as confidential and will not disclose any such Confidential Information to any other person without the prior written consent of the other party, except to any persons who are directly involved in the provision of the Project Activities, who need to know the information and who are subject to binding obligations of confidentiality to the disclosing party.
- 11.2 ARIA may publish a summary of the Grant Agreement in any medium (having redacted both parties' Confidential Information), including a summary of any changes to the Grant Agreement agreed from time to time.
- 11.3 Nothing in this clause 11 will prevent either party disclosing any Confidential Information of the other party:
- (a) for the purpose of the examination and certification of its accounts and/or pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983;
 - (b) to any government department, consultant, contractor or other person engaged by that party, provided that party only discloses information that is necessary for the purpose concerned and obtains appropriate confidentiality undertakings in relation to such information; and/or
 - (c) where disclosure is required by Law, including under the Information Acts to the extent they apply to that party and to the extent that no exception to disclosure under them is applicable; or
 - (d) where that party (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate for the carrying out of its public functions.
- 11.4 Nothing in this clause 11 will prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of its obligations under the Grant Agreement in the course of its normal business or activities, to the extent that this does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or an infringement of the other party's Intellectual Property Rights.

12. STATUTORY DUTIES

- 12.1 Each party must comply with its obligations under the Law, including where applicable the Information Acts, the EA and the HRA and you shall notify ARIA immediately of any investigation of or proceedings against you under the EA.
- 12.2 You acknowledge that ARIA is subject to requirements under the Information Acts and you will provide reasonable assistance and cooperation to ARIA to assist ARIA's compliance with its information disclosure obligations.
- 12.3 You acknowledge that ARIA, acting in accordance with the codes of practice issued and revised from time to time under the Information Acts, may disclose information concerning you and the Grant Agreement without consulting you. ARIA must take reasonable steps to notify you of any request for information to the extent that it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so and will give you adequate opportunity to make representations to ARIA before it discloses any information relating to such matters. ARIA will be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the Information Acts.
- 12.4 Where you are subject to the Information Acts and receive a request for disclosure that relates to ARIA or the Grant Agreement you will notify ARIA and give ARIA adequate opportunity to make representations to you before you disclose any information relating to such matters.
- 12.5 You must take account of the requirements of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 before assigning or licensing Results or Foreground IP. You are encouraged to give a voluntary notice to the Secretary of State under the Act in advance of any such assignment or licence if the assignment or licence is likely to meet the requirements of section 18 of the Act and inform ARIA if any mandatory or voluntary notification is made.
- 12.6 You must take account of the Secure Innovation and Trusted Research Guidance. You must also consider any risks to the physical safety and security of the public and implement any appropriate mitigations and measures where the Project Activities you carry out have the potential to interact with the public.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 Each party must comply at all times with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation. At ARIA's request you must provide ARIA with all relevant documents and information relating to your data protection policies and procedures that ARIA may reasonably request.
- 13.2 The parties do not envisage that either party will process any Personal Data for or on behalf of the other party under or in connection with the Grant Agreement. Where either party anticipates that the other will process any Personal Data on its behalf under the Grant Agreement it must notify the other party and the parties must agree a variation to the Grant Agreement to incorporate appropriate

provisions in accordance with Article 28 of the GDPR, or as otherwise required by the Data Protection Legislation. These provisions may be set out in Schedule 4, where applicable.

14. SUBSIDY CONTROL AND STATE AID

- 14.1 ARIA intends that the Grant complies with the Subsidy Control Act 2022 on the basis that the Project Activities constitute basic research and have no commercial application in view, notwithstanding that they may be carried out with the intention of contributing to a knowledge base which may form the basis of a solution to a recognised or expected problem. If during the Funding Period you plan to take any concrete action regarding any current or future commercial application of the Results, you must promptly inform ARIA. You must assist ARIA to comply with the requirements of the Act and must cooperate with any investigations under the Act.
- 14.2 Where the EU state aid laws apply to the Grant (where the Project Activities will affect trade between Northern Ireland and the EU), you acknowledge that the Project Activities are designed and performed so they are compatible with state aid laws. You will take all reasonable steps to assist ARIA to comply with state aid law requirements and cooperate with any investigations by the European Commission into the Project Activities.
- 14.3 ARIA will immediately stop future payments of the Grant and may require repayment of some or all of the Grant if subsidy control or state aid laws so require for the funding to be compliant.

15. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 15.1 You must act in good faith and comply with the spirit of clauses 15 and 16 and where applicable, the terms of Schedule 3, and not seek to avoid their application by artificial means.

Background IP

- 15.2 The Grant Agreement does not affect the ownership of your Background IP. You must notify ARIA during the Grant Period if any additional Background IP is required to carry out the Project Activities (such Background IP being **Required Background IP**).

Foreground IP ownership and dissemination

- 15.3 You will own all Foreground IP and, subject to clauses 15.5 and 15.7, you must publish or report publicly on the outcomes of the Project Activities within 18 months after the end of the Funding Period unless:
- (a) a delay in publication is reasonably necessary to protect any Confidential Information or Foreground IP; or
 - (b) there is some other substantial reason to delay or suspend publication and you have obtained ARIA's written consent to do so.
- 15.4 Where you assign any Foreground IP to a Third Party you must impose on the assignee the obligations relating to Foreground IP and Results contained in this clause 15.

Attribution to ARIA

- 15.5 You must ensure that whenever any Results are used with or communicated to Third Parties, ARIA's funding of the Project Activities is suitably accredited in accordance with ARIA's accreditation guidelines in force at the time. When using ARIA's name and logo you will comply with ARIA's branding guidelines in force at the time.

Patenting and publication

- 15.6 You must ensure that all Foreground IP is protected and managed in a professional manner, which may include patenting of any Results that are patentable.
- 15.7 You must notify ARIA where practicable at least 30 days (and in any event at least 48 hours) before publication of any Results by any person. This is intended to give ARIA the opportunity to discuss with you the possibility of filing a patent application before publication, and if appropriate assisting you with that process.
- 15.8 You must give ARIA as much notice as possible, but no less than 30 days' notice, of any decision to abandon or withdraw patent protection for any of the Results for the lifetime of the relevant patents or such shorter period as is agreed with us so that ARIA can consider whether it wishes to fund future prosecution and maintenance and/or request the assignment of the patents to ARIA or its nominee.

16. COMMERCIALISATION

- 16.1 As stated at 14.1 above, the Project Activities will consist of basic research with no commercial application in view. However, if commercial exploitation of the Results does arise, such commercial exploitation shall be carried out in accordance with Schedule 3.

17. ASSETS

- 17.1 You must keep a register during the Funding Period and for up to 7 years after the end of the Funding Period of all Assets, with all relevant details about each Asset, including a description, details of any improvement or development and details of ownership. You must use any Assets purchased with Grant monies for the Project Activities.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 You must put in place and maintain adequate insurance (including public liability insurance) either as a self-insurance arrangement or with an insurer of good repute to cover all insurable claims and liabilities under or in connection with the Grant Agreement. You must provide evidence of that insurance to ARIA on request.

19. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

- 19.1 You may not transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the Grant Agreement or any rights under it, to another organisation or individual, without ARIA's prior written consent. You may not subcontract any of the Project Activities to a Third Party except to the extent permitted, and to the person or persons identified, in Schedule 2 Part 1. You must seek ARIA's prior

consent to appoint any new subcontractors not identified in Schedule 2 Part 1. You shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of any subcontractor as though they were your own.

20. BORROWING, LOSSES, GIFTS, SPECIAL PAYMENTS

20.1 You must obtain ARIA's prior written consent before:

- (a) borrowing or lending money from any source in connection with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) giving any guarantee, indemnity, security over any Asset or letter of comfort in relation to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) making any gift or writing off any debt or liability in connection with the Grant, and must keep a record of all gifts given and received in connection with the Grant.

21. PUBLICITY

21.1 The parties will agree the text of a press release or other announcement to publicise the award of the Grant and all such publicity must comply with ARIA's accreditation and branding guidelines. Neither party may make any other press release or announcement about the Grant or publicise details of the Grant Agreement without the other's consent, except as required by Law.

21.2 You must comply with all reasonable requests from ARIA to facilitate visits and provide reports, statistics, photographs (with consent of your personnel if required) and case studies that will assist ARIA in its promotional and impact assessment activities relating to the Project Activities.

22. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

Events of Default

22.1 ARIA may exercise its rights set out in clause 22.2 if any of the following events occur:

- (a) you fail to comply with any of your obligations under clauses 2.2, 7.2, 9.1, 11, 12, 13 or 25, or commit a material breach of any other term of the Grant Agreement in the reasonable opinion of ARIA;
- (b) you do not commence the Project Activities within 30 days after the Commencement Date unless an extension is agreed with ARIA;
- (c) you fail to improve the performance of the Project Activities, having undertaken the remedial activity agreed with ARIA in the remedial plan under clause 6.2(d);
- (d) you obtain any funding from a Third Party that, in the opinion of ARIA, undertakes activities that are likely to bring the reputation of the Project Activities or ARIA into disrepute;
- (e) you provide ARIA with any materially misleading or inaccurate information in your grant application or in subsequent related correspondence;
- (f) you commit a Prohibited Act or fail to report a Prohibited Act to ARIA, whether committed by you or a Third Party, immediately upon becoming aware of it;
- (g) you:
 - (i) cease to operate for any reason, or pass a resolution (or any court of competent jurisdiction makes an order) that you be wound up or dissolved (other than for the purpose of a bona fide and solvent reconstruction or amalgamation);

- (ii) become insolvent as defined by section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or are declared bankrupt, or are placed into receivership, administration or liquidation, or a petition has been presented for your winding up, or enter into any arrangement or composition for the benefit of your creditors, or are unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
- (h) the Grant or any part of it is held by a court or competent authority to be a prohibited subsidy under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 or an illegal state aid;
- (i) you undergo a Change of Control which will, in the reasonable opinion of ARIA:
 - (i) be materially detrimental to, or result in fundamental changes to, the Project Activities;
 - (ii) result in your being unable to receive the Grant; and/or
 - (iii) raises national security concerns.

Rights reserved for ARIA in relation to an Event of Default

22.2 If ARIA determines that an Event of Default has or may have occurred, ARIA may by written notice to you take any one or more of the following actions:

- (a) suspend the payment of the whole or any part of the Grant for such period as ARIA may determine, acting reasonably; and/or
- (b) reduce the Maximum Sum, in which case the payment of Grant will thereafter be made in accordance with the reduction and notified to you; and/or
- (c) cease to make payments of the Grant to you under the Grant Agreement and/or require you to repay ARIA the whole or any part of the Grant previously paid to you including the costs of any Assets; and/or
- (d) terminate the Grant Agreement.

22.3 Where ARIA requires any or all of the Grant to be repaid in accordance with clause 22.2(c), you must repay this amount no later than 30 days following the date of the demand for repayment or 120 days if you require repayment to you from Third Parties. If you fail to repay the Grant within such period, the sum will be recoverable as a civil debt.

Opportunity for you to remedy an Event of Default

22.4 If ARIA wishes to exercise any right under clause 22.2 in connection with an Event of Default which ARIA considers remediable:

- (a) ARIA will provide reasonable notice to you specifying particulars of the Event of Default, how it must be remedied and the timescales for its remedy; and
- (b) following receipt of a notification under clause 22.4(a), you will be given a reasonable opportunity to remedy the Event of Default before ARIA exercises the relevant right under clause 22.2.

General Termination Rights

22.5 Notwithstanding ARIA's right to terminate the Grant Agreement under clause 22.2(d), either party may terminate the Grant Agreement at any time by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice to the other party.

- 22.6 You must promptly notify ARIA in writing if at any time the principal investigator or any key researcher(s) named in Schedule 2 working on the Project Activities is unable or unwilling to continue to be involved in the Project Activities or is moving to a new organisation. Within 60 days after the date of that notice, you must either:
- (a) nominate one or more successors, subject to ARIA's approval; or
 - (b) agree that the Grant is transferred to another organisation subject to your and the new organisation's agreement in writing and ARIA's approval of the transfer.

If ARIA is unwilling to accept the nominated successor(s) on reasonable grounds or does not approve a request for transfer, it may terminate the Grant Agreement by at least 30 days' written notice to you.

Consequences of Termination

- 22.7 If the Grant Agreement is terminated under clause 22.2(d) or 23.6 you must return any Unspent Monies to ARIA within 30 days after the date of the termination notice, save where ARIA gives written consent to their retention.
- 22.8 If the Grant Agreement is terminated or expires ARIA will not be liable to pay any of your costs or those of any of your contractors or suppliers related to any transfer or termination of employment of any employees engaged in the provision of the Project Activities, except that, if so specified in the Grant Funding Letter, ARIA will continue to fund any PhD student whose studies formed part of the Project Activities.
- 22.9 You must at ARIA's request promptly prepare a written exit plan to provide for the cessation or seamless transfer to a Third Party of the Project Activities following expiry or termination of the Grant Agreement.

23. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 23.1 The parties must use all reasonable endeavours to resolve in good faith any dispute that arises during the term of the Grant Agreement.
- 23.2 All disputes and complaints (except for those that relate to ARIA's right to withhold funds or terminate the Grant Agreement) must be referred in the first instance to the Grant Manager and the Project Term Representative.
- 23.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved between the Grant Manager and the Project Representative within a maximum of 15 Working Days, then the matter will be escalated to a formal meeting between the parties' Escalation Contacts.

24. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Neither party's liability for any of the following shall be subject to the limitations or exclusions of liability otherwise provided for in this clause:
- (a) fraudulent misrepresentation or any other fraudulent act or omission;

- (b) payment of sums properly due and owing to the other in the normal course of performance of this Agreement; or
 - (c) liability which may not lawfully be excluded or limited.
- 24.2 Subject to clause 24.1, ARIA accepts no liability for any consequences or Losses, whether arising directly or indirectly, that may arise in connection with:
- (a) your carrying out the Project Activities;
 - (b) the use of the Grant by any person;
 - (c) any reduction, suspension, withdrawal or request for repayment of the Grant; or
 - (d) termination of the Grant Agreement for any reason.
- 24.3 Subject to clause 24.1, neither party will be liable to the other party, whether for breach of contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, for:
- (a) loss of profit, sales or turnover;
 - (b) loss of contracts or business opportunities;
 - (c) loss of anticipated savings;
 - (d) loss of goodwill or damage to reputation; or
 - (e) any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage;
- in each case arising out of or relating to the Grant Agreement, whether or not such loss or damage was foreseeable or the other party was advised of its possibility.
- 24.4 Subject to clause 24.1, each party's total aggregate liability arising out of or relating to the Grant Agreement or its subject matter or anything which it has done or not done in connection with the Grant Agreement or its subject matter (whether for breach of contract, tort, including negligence, or otherwise), will not exceed the amount of the Maximum Sum.

25. RESEARCH ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

- 25.1 Recipients who are research institutions must operate in accordance with the Concordat.
- 25.2 All research data:
- (a) must be generated using sound scientific techniques and processes;
 - (b) must be accurately recorded in accordance with good scientific practices by the people conducting the research;
 - (c) must be analysed appropriately, without bias and in accordance with good scientific practices;
 - (d) and the Results must be stored securely and be easily retrievable; and
 - (e) trails must be kept to allow people to demonstrate easily and to reconstruct key decisions made during the conduct of the research, presentations made about the research and conclusions reached in respect of the research.
- 25.3 You must comply with the Code of Conduct and ensure that your Representatives undertake their duties in a manner consistent with the principles set out in the Code of Conduct. You must

immediately notify ARIA if you become aware of any actual or suspected breaches of the principles contained in the Code of Conduct.

26. VARIATIONS

26.1 Any variation to the Grant Agreement will only be valid if it is in writing and signed by an authorised representative of each party. ARIA reserves the right, acting reasonably, to require you to comply with any additional conditions required by ARIA in its sole discretion before agreeing to a variation.

27. GENERAL

27.1 **Notices:** All notices and other communications in relation to this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered, e-mailed, or mailed (first class postage prepaid) to the address of the relevant party as stated in clause 2.1 of the Offer Letter. If personally delivered or if e-mailed all such communications will be deemed to have been given when received (except that if received on a non-working day or after 5.00 pm on any Working Day they will be deemed received on the next Working Day) and if mailed all such communications will be deemed to have been given and received on the third Working Day following such mailing.

27.2 **Change of control:** You must notify ARIA as soon as practicable in writing of any arrangements that are in progress or in contemplation that if completed will result in a Change of Control, and must provide to ARIA sufficient details about the circumstances surrounding the proposed Change of Control and the identity of the proposed acquiror to allow ARIA to assess whether clause 22.3(f) is likely to apply.

28. GOVERNING LAW

28.1 This Grant Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

29. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

29.1 Where they appear in these Conditions or the Grant Agreement:

Agreed Outputs means the agreed outputs and long-term outcomes of the Project Activities described in Schedule 2;

Asset means any asset that is purchased or developed using the Grant including equipment and fixed assets;

Background IP means IP that is:

- (a) owned by or licensed to a party prior to the Commencement Date; or
- (b) developed by or on behalf of a party during the Funding Period but not in connection with the Project Activities;

Bribery Act means the Bribery Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning this legislation;

Change of Control means the sale of all or substantially all your assets; any merger, consolidation or acquisition of you with, by or into another person, or any change in the ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of your voting capital in one or more related transactions;

Code of Conduct means the Code of Conduct for Recipients of Government General Grants published by the Cabinet Office in November 2018 which is available (at the Commencement Date) at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/754555/2018-11-06_Code_of_Conduct_for_Grant_Recipients.pdf

including any subsequent updates from time to time;

Commencement Date means the date on which the Grant Agreement comes into effect, which will be the start date of the Grant Funding Period;

Concordat means the Concordat to Support Research Integrity which can be found at

<https://ukrio.org/about-us/the-concordat-to-support-research-integrity/>

Conditions means these ARIA Grant Conditions;

Confidential Information means any information (however conveyed, recorded or preserved) disclosed by a party to the other party whether before or after the date of the Grant Agreement, including:

- (a) any information that ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential (whether or not it is so marked) relating to:
 - (i) the business, affairs, customers, clients, suppliers or plans of the disclosing party; or
 - (ii) the operations, processes, product information, know-how, designs, trade secrets or software of the disclosing party;
- (b) any information developed by the parties in the course of carrying out the Project Activities;
- (c) Personal Data supplied by either party to the other for the purposes of, or in connection with, the Grant Agreement; and
- (d) any information derived from any of the above,

but not including:

- (e) information which:
 - (i) was public knowledge at the time of disclosure (otherwise than by breach of clause 12);
 - (ii) was in the possession of the receiving party, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the disclosing party;
 - (iii) is received from a Third Party (who lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or
 - (iv) is independently developed without access to the Confidential Information; and
- (f) the content of this specific version of the Grant Agreement, save in respect of any information which is exempt from disclosure under the Information Acts as they apply to the relevant party;

Crown Body means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;

Data Protection Legislation means all applicable laws from time to time in force in England and Wales on data protection, including but not limited to, the Data Protection Act 2018, the retained EU law version of the GDPR and the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003, SI 2003/2426, and any national laws or regulations implementing Directive 2002/58/EC (as updated by Directive 2009/136/EC) and any judicial or administrative interpretation of any of the above, and any guidance, guidelines, codes of practice, approved codes of conduct and approved certification mechanisms issued by any relevant supervisory authority as applicable;

Duplicate Funding means funding provided to you by a Third Party which is to fund the same activities as the Project Activities;

EA means the Equality Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning the legislation;

EIR means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004;

Eligible Expenditure means the payments made by you during the Funding Period for the purposes of carrying out the Project Activities which comply with clause 5 and ARIA's published eligibility rules (which provide for full economic cost reimbursement) and as agreed in the Grant Funding Letter;

Escalation Contact means the escalation contact appointed by ARIA or by you (as the case may be), which at the Commencement Date will be the individuals listed as such in the Grant Funding Letter;

Event of Default means any of the events or circumstances set out in clause 22.1;

Financial Year means 1 April to 31 March;

Foreground IP means any IP in the Results;

Funding Period means the period for which the Grant is awarded as set out in the Grant Funding Letter;

GDPR means Regulation (EU) 2016/679;

Grant means the sum or sums ARIA will pay to you up to the amount set out in the Grant Funding Letter, in accordance with clause 4 and subject to the provisions set out at clause 22.

Grant Agreement has the meaning given in the Grant Funding Letter;

Grant Claim means a request submitted by you to ARIA for payment of the Grant;

Grant Funding Letter means the letter from ARIA to you to which these Conditions are annexed;

Grant Manager means the individual who has been nominated by ARIA to be your day-to-day point of contact in relation to the Grant;

HRA means the Human Rights Act 1998 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning the legislation;

Ineligible Expenditure means expenditure incurred by you which is not Eligible Expenditure as set out in clause 5 and ARIA's published eligibility rules;

Information Acts means the Data Protection Legislation and the EIR, as amended from time to time;

Intellectual Property Rights or IP means copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade names, designs, know-how, trade secrets and any modifications, amendments, updates and new releases of the same and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or will subsist now or in the future in any part of the world;

Instalment Period means the intervals set out in the Payment Schedule when ARIA will release payment of the Grant to you during the Funding Period;

Law means any law, statute, bye-law, regulation, order, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgement of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body, delegated or subordinate legislation;

Losses means all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgement, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise;

Maximum Sum means the maximum amount of the Grant stated in the Grant Funding Letter;

Payment Schedule means the schedule for payment of the Grant to you as set out in Schedule 2;

Personal Data has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation as amended from time to time;

Prohibited Act means:

- (a) directly or indirectly offering, giving or agreeing to give to any servant of ARIA or the Crown any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for:
 - (i) doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of the Grant Agreement; and/or
 - (ii) showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Grant Agreement;
- (b) committing any offence:
 - (i) under the Bribery Act;
 - (ii) under legislation creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts; and/or
 - (iii) at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to the Grant Agreement; and/or
- (c) defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud ARIA or the Crown;

Project Activities means the activities to be carried out by you that are described in the Grant Funding Letter and in Schedule 2 Part 1;

Project Representative means the representative appointed by you, who at the Commencement Date will be the individual listed as such in the Grant Funding Letter;

Representative means any of the parties' duly authorised directors, employees, officers, agents, professional advisors and consultants;

Required Background IP has the meaning given in clause 16.2;

Results means all information, data, techniques, inventions, discoveries, works, software and materials generated in the course of the Project Activities;

Secure Innovation and Trusted Research Guidance means the best practice for the implementation of basic protective security measures guidance provided by NCSC and NPSA which can be found on ARIA's website;

Third Party means any person or organisation other than you or ARIA;

Unspent Monies means any monies paid to you which remain unspent at the end of the Funding Period because of termination or breach of the Grant Agreement. Unspent Monies do not include non-cancellable costs incurred prior to termination;

VAT means value added tax chargeable in the UK; and

Working Day means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.

29.2 In these Conditions and the Grant Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) references to "party" and "parties" are to the parties to the Grant Agreement;
- (b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Crown Body;
- (d) references to clauses and Schedules are to the clauses of these Conditions and to the Schedules to the Grant Agreement;
- (e) a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
- (f) the words "including", "other", "in particular", "for example" and similar words will not limit the generality of the preceding words and will be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation"; and
- (g) the headings in the Grant Agreement are for ease of reference only and will not affect the interpretation or construction of the Grant Agreement.

SCHEDULE 2

PART 1 - PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Background/purpose of the Grant
2. Aims and objectives of the Project Activities
3. Project Activities

AGREED OUTPUTS AND LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

1. The Grant Recipient is expected to achieve the following outputs and long-term outcomes in connection with the Grant:

Outputs

- [outputs to be inserted]

Long-term outcomes

- [long-term outcomes to be inserted]

2. The outputs above will be measured in accordance with the means and frequency set out in the table below:

Year	Outputs measured	Measure	Frequency (annually/quarterly/monthly/other)
Year 1			
Year 2			

3. Payment

- 3.1 Before paying any Grant Claim, ARIA must be satisfied that [the Project Activities have been carried out during the Funding Period (or that part of the Funding Period to which the claim for Grant funding relates).]
- 3.2 Grant Claims must be submitted to ARIA by the [insert] Working Day of the month

following the end of the relevant Instalment Period.

- 3.3 Payment of the Grant Claim will be made within 30 days after ARIA approves Your Grant Claim.
- 3.4 Subject to your compliance with the terms of this Grant Agreement, ARIA will make Grant payments in accordance with the following Payment Schedule:

PART 2 - GRANT APPLICATION

[Include a copy of the Grant Recipient's application]

SCHEDULE 3: Commercial Exploitation

Although the parties do not envisage any commercial application of the Results, this schedule sets out your obligations if commercial exploitation of the Results does occur.

1. LICENCES and ROYALTIES

1.1 In this Schedule:

Commercialisation Licence means a licence of IP other than a research or evaluation licence (and **Commercially License** means to license under a Commercialisation Licence);

Non-UK Entity means a legal entity that is not a UK Entity; and

UK Entity means a legal entity or group of legal entities that has its headquarters and principal establishment in the United Kingdom.

1.2 If you consider that commercial exploitation of any of the Results has become or may become viable, you are encouraged to discuss the position with ARIA. Under clause 14.1 of the Conditions you are required to inform ARIA if during the Funding Period you plan to take any concrete action regarding any current or future commercial application of the Results.

1.3 You may request that ARIA exploit the Results or assist you with their exploitation. In this case ARIA may request that you assign the relevant Foreground IP to it or its nominee. Any assignment would include a licence back to the relevant Foreground IP for research purposes.

Crown Body customers

1.4 You must ensure under any agreement for Commercial Licensing or assignment of Foreground IP, that any Crown Body is able to procure any products and services that are covered by, use or incorporate the relevant Foreground IP within a reasonable time period, at prices that are no higher than those offered to or agreed with any other customer for equivalent quantities, and in suitable quantities for the Crown Body's requirements.

Non-UK Commercialisation

1.5 To avoid any restriction on commercialisation, no consent is required from ARIA for any non-UK commercialisation or any sale or licensing of Foreground IP to a Non-UK Entity. However, ARIA is set up to create value for the UK and therefore you must secure a fee payable to ARIA (**ARIA Non-UK Fee**) in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) where you are or become a Non-UK Entity and you exploit the Foreground IP yourself;
- (b) where you assign or Commercially License any Foreground IP to a Non-UK Entity; or
- (c) where you have assigned or Commercially Licensed any Foreground IP to a UK Entity that subsequently becomes a Non-UK Entity.

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- 1.6 If you are or become a Non-UK Entity and you exploit the Foreground IP yourself, the ARIA Non-UK Fee will be the applicable direct sales royalty percentage set out in the table at Annex 2 on your own net sales of products and services covered by or incorporating the Foreground IP.
- 1.7 If in any of the above circumstances you assign or Commercially License the relevant Foreground IP the ARIA Non-UK Fee will amount to an additional twenty-five per cent (25%) of the arms-length consideration (including upfronts, licence fees, milestone payments, royalties, shares or other securities, buyouts, exit fees and other consideration) that you receive from the exploitation of the relevant Foreground IP during any period that any of the above circumstances exist.
- 1.8 For example,
- 1.8.1 if you are a Non-UK Entity and you sell a medium-margin product based on Foreground IP for £100, the ARIA Non-UK Fee will be £0.25.
- 1.8.2 If you Commercially License or assign the Foreground IP to a Non-UK Entity and you would receive £1 (via royalty or royalty buyout from the sale of a medium margin product at £100), you must ensure that your contractual mechanism enables you to collect an additional £0.25 and pay that additional amount to ARIA as the ARIA Non-UK Fee.
- 1.9 The ARIA Non-UK Fee is payable within 90 days after the end of each relevant calendar year for receipts related to that calendar year. You are encouraged to use the clauses in Annex 1 in your licences of Foreground IP.

ANNEX 1

Clause for inclusion in licences of Foreground IP[1]

[] **ARIA NON-UK FEE**

[].1 In this clause:

“**ARIA**” means the Advanced Research and Invention Agency;

“**Crown Body**” means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;

“**UK Entity**” means a legal entity or group of legal entities that has its headquarters and principal establishment in the United Kingdom.

[].2 The Foreground IP was developed with funding from ARIA. As a condition of its funding ARIA requires that a benefit is returned to the United Kingdom where the Foreground IP is licensed by the Licensor to any person that is not a UK Entity. Accordingly, in addition to any other sums payable by the Licensee to the Licensor under this Agreement, the Licensee shall pay to the Licensor within 90 days after the end of each calendar year during the Relevant Period (as defined below), and within 90 days after the end of the Relevant Period, a fee (**ARIA Non-UK Fee**) on all amounts (including upfronts, licence fees, milestone payments, royalties, shares or other securities, exit fees, buyout or other consideration) payable by the Licensee to the Licensor under this Agreement in relation to the exploitation of any Foreground IP (**Relevant Amount**) that accrues during, or relates to, any period of time that the Licensee is not a UK Entity (**Relevant Period**). The amount of the ARIA Non-UK Fee is 25% of the Relevant Amount, and is payable by the Licensee to the Licensor in addition to the amounts that would otherwise be payable under this Agreement. For example if the Relevant Amount is £100 the ARIA Non-UK Fee is an additional £25, which the Licensee shall pay to the Licensor and the Licensor shall remit to ARIA.

Crown Body customers

[].3 You must ensure that any Crown Body is able to procure any products and services that are covered by, use or incorporate the relevant Foreground IP within a reasonable time period at prices that are no higher than those offered to or agreed with any other customer for equivalent quantities and in suitable quantities for the Crown Body’s requirements.

[].4 ARIA shall have the right to enforce this clause [] under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. Neither party may amend this Agreement in a way that detracts from ARIA’s right to enforce its rights under this clause without ARIA’s prior written consent.

[1] When using this clause you may substitute the relevant defined terms used elsewhere in the agreement to capture the concept of “Foreground IP”. Where the clause refers to the “Licensor” and “Licensee” please use the appropriate defined terms to include the licensor, licensee, assignor and assignee of the Foreground IP. This clause is not suitable for assignments of the Foreground IP in consideration of the payment of one or more lump sum payments. In those cases, the Licensor must inform ARIA, and potentially make an additional payment, if the Foreground IP is subsequently assigned to a non-UK Entity or if the Assignee ceases to be a UK Entity.

ANNEX 2

ARIA Non-UK Fee Royalty Percentages for direct sales

The direct sales royalty rate for the ARIA Non-UK Fee (for products or services that are covered by, use or incorporate the Foreground IP) and of sublicensing income, shall be one of the following:

Type of product	ARIA Non-UK Fee royalty percentage on direct sales
Low margin	0.125% of net sales
Medium margin	0.25% of net sales
High margin	0.5% of net sales
Sublicensing royalty	2.5% of net receipts

SCHEDULE 4

[Data Protection Terms if used]