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SPARC Reference (office use only):

# RESEARCH PROPOSAL

You should read the separate notes for guidance and the call documentation which can be found on the SPARC website. Please note that incomplete research proposals cannot be considered.

## 1 DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

**A. Investigators** Please give details of each investigator below. Please provide the details of any additional investigators in the same format as below.

Details	Principal Investigator (PI)	Co-Investigator 1
Title		
Forename(s)		
Surname		
Organisation		
Division or Department		
Telephone		
E-mail		
Current Post		
Current Post Start Date		
Post will outlast project by how many months?		
Source of support and duration of the post.		
What is the investigator's contracted working week expressed as a % of full-time work?	%	%
How many hours a week will the investigator work on the project?		

**B. Organisation Where Award Would Be Held**

Organisation	
Division or Department	
Address	
Postal Code	

**C. Title of Research Project** [up to 150 chars]

**D. Start Date and Duration** (maximum of 12 months, start date no later than 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006)

a. Proposed start date  b. Duration of the grant (months)

## E. Summary of SPARC Resources Required for Project

Those offered awards will be required to provide full details of the financial resources and staff required. Please note that SPARC will be able to fund only a proportion of the costs indicated in section a. The funding provided will cover the Directly Incurred Costs and a proportion of the FEC costs but will not meet the level which the Research Councils are applying to their standard grants. See the text of the call for more information.

### a. Financial resources

Summary Fund Heading	Fund Heading	Full Economic Cost	SPARC Contribution	% SPARC Contribution
Directly Incurred	Staff			100
	Travel & Subsistence			100
	Equipment (items between £1,000 and £10,000 including VAT)			100
	Other Costs - Consumables including small equipment items (less than £1,000 including VAT) and Exceptional Items			100
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
Directly Allocated	Investigators			100
	Estates Costs			100
	Other Directly Allocated			100
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
Indirect	Indirect Costs			0
Exceptions	Staff			100
	Other Costs			100
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
	<b>Total</b>			

### b. Summary of staff effort requested

	Months
Investigator	
Researcher	
Technician	
Other	
Visiting Researcher	
Student	
<b>Total</b>	

## F. Project Collaborators, Partners and Mentors

If your project has any collaborators or partners or you have identified a mentor then please give details about their role and contribution to the research. Where appropriate collaborators or partners will make a financial contribution or contribution in kind. If possible provide an estimate of the value of this. If there are more than two collaborator/ partner organisations or mentors, please use the same format as below. Those offered awards will be required to provide more detailed information.

Details	Partner 1	Partner 2
Name of Organisation		
Division/Department		
Address		
Name of Contact		
Telephone		
E-mail		
Contribution to Project		

**G. Other Applications** If this or a similar proposal has been submitted elsewhere give details and dates

**H. Funding Obtained to Date** explain any awards concerned with ageing-related issues which have been undertaken over the last five years. For non-ageing related awards please include only those undertaken during the last three years.

**I. Publication History** please list no more than 4 papers for each investigator published in the last five years

## 2 PROPOSAL DETAILS

Description of the proposal. **Please do not exceed two pages in 10 point type and a maximum of one further page for references.** Your text should allow the referee to judge the scientific excellence of the proposal. Applicants should read the assessment guidance for referees on the SPARC website and be certain to provide a short summary, list the objectives of the proposed research and describe the benefits for older people which could arise from the research.

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# 3 FURTHER DETAILS

Please do not exceed **one page** for this section.

## A. Triage Criterion

Please explain why SPARC support, rather than say, standard BBSRC or EPSRC responsive mode funding, is the most suitable vehicle to support this application.

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## B. Capacity Building Potential

Please explain how this proposal will produce an increase in the capacity of the UK research base to conduct ageing research. Please address the following three questions:

1. How will your institution support you? Are they offering any concrete contingent support in the way of (for example) matching funds, PhD students, teaching relief?
2. How will this project contribute towards your personal professional development in the area of ageing research?
3. How will the outcomes of the project increase capacity for ageing research? (e.g. does it provide tools for use by the community, form new collaborations and partnerships, or provide pilot data to underpin a future research council application?)

# 4 OTHER INFORMATION

Information in this section will be used for administrative purposes including the selection of peer reviewers.

## A. Nominated Referees

Please give details of 2 referees whom SPARC may approach for assessment of this research proposal.

Details	Referee 1	Referee 2
Title		
Forename(s)		
Surname		
Organisation		
Division or Department		
Address		
Area of research expertise		
Postal Code		
Country		
Telephone		
Fax		
E-mail		

## B. Conflicts of Interest

Are there any individuals you do not wish to review this application? If so then please contact the one of the SPARC Directors in writing or by email giving names, addresses and reasons.

## C. Declaration

In submitting this research proposal, I confirm on behalf of the **Administrative Authority** of .....  
 [Name of Submitting Organisation] that:

- a. we have read and understood the requirements of SPARC Funding and have checked that the proposal complies with these
- b. if an award is offered we will accept the terms and conditions applied by SPARC
- c. we have not entered into any obligations which may conflict with the SPARC terms and conditions

**Name in BLOCK CAPITALS:**

**Position:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

	Name in BLOCK CAPITALS	Signature	Date
Principal Investigator			
Co-Investigators			
Head of Department			