

Question 1

Q: What is the difference between the role of the Corresponding Principal Investigator (PI) and the previous Lead PI of the Open-Fund Large Collaborative Grant (OF-LCG)?

A: The change in nomenclature is to better reflect the role of the Corresponding PI, who serves as the main point of contact between NMRC and the OF-LCG team. The Corresponding PI will coordinate the OF-LCG programme and is accountable to NMRC for the proper conduct of the whole programme. The Corresponding PI's host institution will take on the task of submitting the grant application and administering the awarded grant as a whole, including budget utilisation and reporting of research progress to NMRC. The Corresponding PI will work closely with the Theme PIs to resolve any issues which arise during the course of the programme, including the usage of funding, any variations to the scope of the programme etc. All post-award requests have to be submitted through the Corresponding PI to NMRC.

Question 2

Q: What is the difference between the role of the Theme PI and the Corresponding PI?

A: The Corresponding PI is one of the Theme PIs, but is given the additional responsibility to coordinate, serve as the main point of contact between NMRC and the OF-LCG team. The Corresponding PI together with the Theme PIs form the leadership team for the OF-LCG.

Question 3

Q: What is the reason for the change from Lead PI to Corresponding PI?

A: The goal of the change is for Theme PIs to be given equal recognition and credit for being part of the OF-LCG leadership team. It also provides more clarity on the roles of PIs within the leadership team.