

Regulations for operating the Simon Lau Pancreatic Cancer Research Award as at 16th July 2026

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1. INTRODUCTION **Penguins Against Cancer (PAC)** is a registered charity (No. 1159905), established on 6th November 2013 with a clear mission: to help combat cancer. Founded by members of the Guy's Hospital Penguins—the oldest team of the oldest rugby club in the world—PAC has since grown into a diverse community. Its members span a wide range of ages, backgrounds, professions, and sporting teams, all united in raising awareness of cancer and supporting initiatives in cancer research, treatment, and hospice care.

In 2025, PAC established the **Simon Lau Pancreatic Cancer Research Award (SL-PC Research Award)** to honour the memory of Simon Lau—a devoted member of GHRFC and a talented vascular surgeon in training. Simon was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and tragically passed away just before his 34th birthday.

In recognition of Simon's kindness, dedication, and exceptional character, PAC's Trustees unanimously agreed to create an annual £5,000 award in his name. The **Simon Lau Pancreatic Cancer Research Award** will be awarded each year from this dedicated fund.

Applications will be reviewed by the PAC Research Committee, and recipients will be formally invited to receive their award at an appropriate ceremony.

2. GOVERNANCE The PAC Trustees are ultimately responsible for the SL-PC Research Award. However, the day-to-day management and administration of the fund is delegated to named Trustees, confirmed annually at the PAC Annual General Meeting, who form the PAC Research Committee (PACRC). The PACRC ensures that the funds are managed effectively, and their operation complies with the Charity Commission and other regulatory Guidance:

- The SL-PC Research Award will be made on an annual basis, with successful applicant(s) being informed within 30 days of selection.
- The maximum value of each grant will be determined at the previous year's Annual General Meeting, but is currently set at £5,000.
- A standard application form must be completed, which will be reviewed by the PACRC. Applicants should also provide a short (2-page) CV (Principal applicant and all co-applicants).

- The SL-PC Research Award is intended support Cancer Research. This can be through funding research consumables, equipment, staff time etc. The fund is not to be used to fund travel expenses, accommodation, or conference registration.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & PUBLICITY Any publication, presentation or poster produced by the recipient of the SL-PC Research Award must acknowledge any significant contribution from the Award and include the PAC charity logo. Branding guidelines describing how to use the logo are available from the PAC Webmaster, David Gush. The recipient must also inform the PACRC of all publications that the Award has contributed to.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY Any intellectual property arising from projects or programmes funded by the SL-PC Research Award shall vest with the host institution. If the host institution decides to withdraw or abandon a patent or other intellectual property, Penguins Against Cancer shall be entitled to take assignment of the property concerned and the host institution shall give Penguins Against Cancer no less than 30 days written notice to enable it to do so effectively. No rights to any intellectual property arising from the work may be sold or otherwise transferred to a third party without Penguins Against Cancer's prior written agreement, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Where such consent is granted, the PAC Charity may impose any conditions in such respect as it sees fit.

5. THE REGULATIONS Any update to these regulations will be notified to fundholders and posted on the Penguins Against Cancer Website.

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