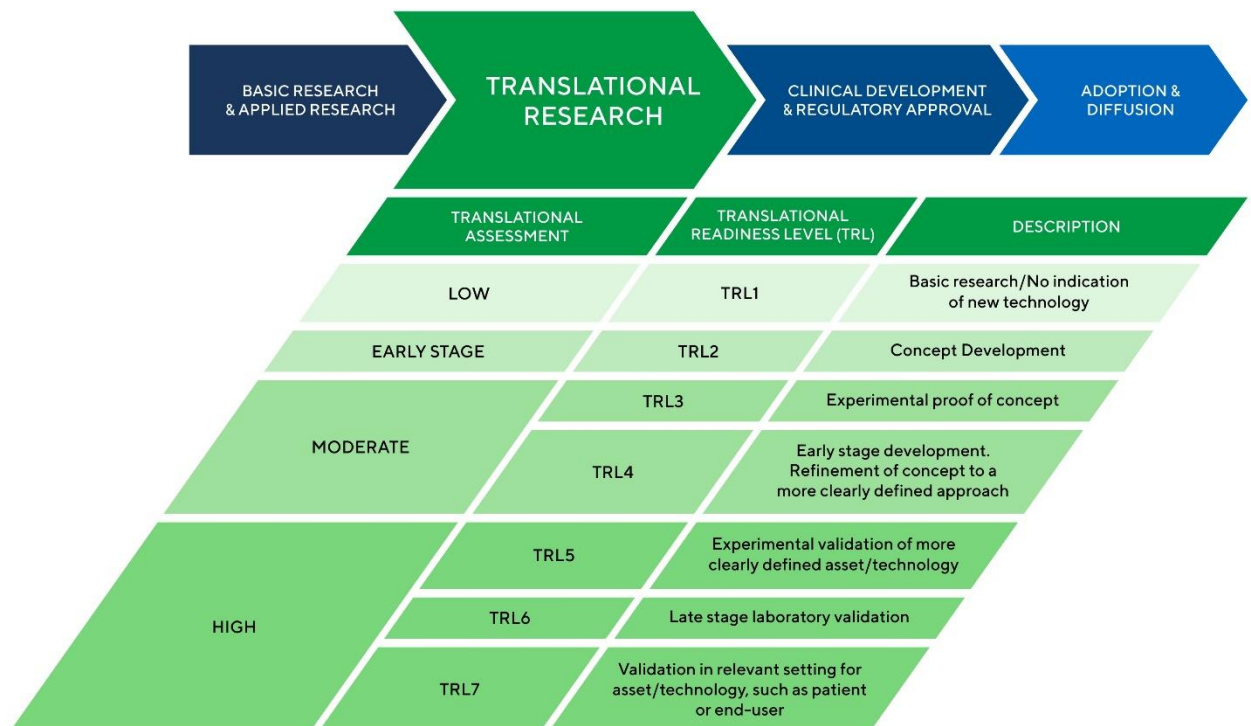


Translational Readiness Levels (TRLs) Guidance for RAB



The objective of our research strategy is to support translational research to bring forward tangible benefit for patients, faster.

Applications at an earlier translational stage than TRL 5 (as outlined in the diagram above) will not be considered under this funding scheme.

Applicants are asked to self-assess and justify their TRL, but we are also asking RAB members to assess the TRL of an application, to prevent applicants from inflating their TRL score.

The RAB-assessed TRLs for each application will be used to assess whether applications have a TRL above 5. Applications deemed to have a TRL below 5 will not be funded.

Below we have included some points from previous grant rounds to help you assess whether a project is at the correct TRL for this funding scheme.

- An application must have pre-clinical proof of concept to be eligible.
- Innovations developed in non-ocular settings with no proof of concept for ocular application should not be progressed.
- Screening libraries for biological targets would be too exploratory for this grant call.

- Proposals must provide a clearly defined translation leading to patient benefit. Exploratory research, even in a patient setting, should not be considered.

For an example of a project that is at an appropriate TRL for this funding scheme, and has received funding in a previous grant round, please [click here](#).