PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

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| **Project summary** |
| **Name of project lead**:  | **Current role**:  |
| **Institute**:  | **Email**: **Telephone**: |
| **Additional PI, Co-Is and partners** (if applicable): |
| **Title of project**: closeNIT -  |
| **Proposed start date**: | **Duration**: |
| **Total funding requested** (Costs must be provided at 100% FEC but will be awarded at 80% FEC)**:****£** |

| **Project proposal** |
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| 1. **Summary of the project** (200 words)
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| 1. **Case for support –** please attach a project outline to include background, aims, objectives, project plan and figures as appropriate. Max 2 pages for collaborative awards and 1 page for ECR awards.
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| 1. **Justification for collaboration** (collaborative awards only) - State whether this is an existing or new collaboration. Explain how the collaboration adds value to the project, for example by combining multiple disciplines to address the challenge (up to 200 words)
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| 1. **Explain how your proposal is relevant to the aims of the CloseNIT network.** (200 words)

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| 1. **Describe how the project addresses the areas of responsible research, user involvement, public engagement and/ or diversity, inclusivity, and openness.** (200 words)
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| 1. **Are there ethical considerations arising from the proposed project?** (e.g. does the project require humans, human tissue, biological samples, personal information, use of vertebrate animals or other organisms covered by the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, the production and/or use of genetically modified animals, plants or microbes)

**YES/NO**If **YES**, please provide details, the approval required and the status of application(s). N.B. No funding will be provided until relevant ethical and HRA approvals are in place. (up to 400 words) |
| 1. **Please provide details of the funding awarded to the PI in the last 5 years** (Title, PI, Dates of Award, Value)
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| **Summary breakdown of estimated costs** |
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| **Resources** | **Estimated costs (£) at 100% fEC** |
| Staff time (incl. name if possible) |  |
| Consumables |  |
| Travel and subsistence |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |
| **Total** | **Total CloseNIT funding requested at 100% fEC****£** |
| **Please indicate any financial contribution to be made by the Institute**: |
| **Please provide a justification for the costs included above**: (up to 400 words) |

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| **Applicant signature:**  |
| **Date:**  |

The deadline for applications is the **31st October 2023**. To apply please email the completed application form, together with the case for support and a 1-page CV for the project lead, to closeNIT@newcastle.ac.uk. **Applications received after the 31st October 2023 will not be considered.** Outcomes will be notified via email by the end of November 2023.