

Pharmacy Research Opportunities

June 2024

Health and Care Research Wales Faculty - Personal awards

Health and Care Research Wales Faculty runs a number of widely accessible personal research award schemes for health and social care researchers across professions and at different stages of their careers.

These awards are designed to support capacity and capability building in health and social care research.

Personal award schemes - [frequently asked questions](#)

Find out more about the awards below:

Health and Care Research Wales Faculty personal awards

[Trials Development Award](#)

[Opens: 09/2024](#)

[Advancing Researcher Scheme](#)

[Opens: 09/2024](#)

[Emerging Researcher Scheme](#)

[Opens: 01/2025](#)

[Personal Accelerator Award](#)

[Opens: 09/2024](#)

[Research Training Award](#)

[Opens: 01/2025](#)

[Senior Research Leaders Scheme](#)

[Opens: 11/2024](#)

Cross-funder and partner schemes

[NIHR Public Health Research \(PHR\) Programme](#)

[Open](#)

[NIHR Health and Social Care Delivery Research \(HSDR\) Programme](#)

[Open](#)

[NIHR Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) Programme](#)

[Open](#)

[NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation \(EME\) Programme](#)

[Open](#)

Health and Care Research Wales funding opportunities

Funding calls open now:

[24/42 NIHR Specialised Evidence Synthesis Groups \(ESG\) to provide research evidence to support the UK National Screening Committee \(NSC\)](#)

[24/43 NIHR Specialised Living Evidence Synthesis Group \(LES\)](#)

Deadline: 02 July 13:00

[NIHR Population Health Career Scientist Awards](#)

Deadline: 11 July 13:00

[24/21 Impact of new or extended roles in primary and community health and social care](#)

Deadline: 25 July 13:00

[24/39 EME Programme researcher-led](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 20 August 13:00

[Public Health Research Programme Rapid Funding Scheme](#)

Deadline: 27 December 13:00

Discover the latest funding opportunities listed on the [Health and Care Research Wales website](#).

NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award (DSE)

The DSE award is a post-doctoral level funding opportunity aimed at supporting early to mid-career researchers in gaining specific skills and experience to underpin the next phase of their research career.

In a change from previous rounds, **applicants are no longer required to be Academy members**.

A DSE award provides funding for:

- The salary of the award holder for up to 1 year
- Training and development costs up to £5,000
- Conference costs up to £1,000
- Mentorship costs up to £1,000

Full Economic Costings (FEC) are not covered by this award.

The DSE can support post-doctoral researchers who want to further a career in applied health or care research. We are especially interested to hear from those working in the areas of health data science, clinical trials, entrepreneurship and working with industry and those aspiring to start an academic career or return from a career break.

All applicants must:

have completed any relevant pre-registration training (clinical academic applications only)

have a proposed host who is an HEI, NHS body, or other provider of health and/or care services

hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted their thesis for examination at the time of application – applicants must have been awarded their PhD or MD by the time they start the award

have not submitted a DSE application in the previous submission window

The DSE will be open to applications all year round with 3 review periods in August, December and April.

Submission Window	Start Dates
09 May 2023 - 28 July 2023 (1pm)	December 2023 - March 2024
29 July 2023 - 24 November 2023 (1pm)	April 2024 - July 2024
25 November 2023 - 29 March 2024 (1pm)	August 2024 - November 2024

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-development-and-skills-enhancement-award-dse/33250>

WoW-PRUK Research Project Grants

Wellbeing of Women-Pharmacy Research UK Partnership Research Project Grants (RG) support independent researchers and their teams to carry out clinical and translational medical research looking at the practice of pharmacy and pharmacists or exploring the role pharmacists can play in delivering the best possible patient benefit for women, girls and babies.

The scope for proposals is not limited, other than by the focus of women's reproductive and gynaecological health, however, topics that could be addressed include:

- The education of pharmacists related to safe prescribing in pregnancy and/or providing easy access to advice about prescribing in pregnancy.
- How pharmacists can support and offer a safe space for women to discuss pelvic floor health postnatally.
- How pharmacists can support women seeking medicine, support and advice during the menopause.
- The role of pharmacists in providing analgesia for painful periods.
- Knowledge, attitudes and uptake of vaginal HRT tablets prescribed by pharmacists for the treatment of Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause (GSM).

The call will not cover pure laboratory-based research, although an element of such research may be considered as part of a wider application. Proposed work is expected to have clinical relevance within 5 years from the end of the project.

Closing date 22 June 2024 (Forecast)

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/what-we-do/research/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/wow-pruk-research-project-grants/>

Research Programme for Social Care - Call 2

The National Institute for Health and Social Care (NIHR) Research Programme for Social Care (RSPC) aims to fund research that generates evidence that increases the effectiveness of social care, provides value for money and benefits people who need or use social care and carers.

The [Research Programme for Social Care](#) funds research which generates evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way social care is provided for users of care services, carers, the social care workforce, and the public across the UK - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The programme funds primary, secondary and evidence synthesis research including qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods designs. All proposals are expected to have a high degree of involvement from relevant people who need or use social care and the social care workforce.

RSPC welcomes high-quality proposals from researchers and practitioners that are focused on but not limited to:

- Studies of social care needs, circumstances and relevant outcomes related to adults, children or young people who need or use social care and carers, including studies of inequalities in any of these domains
- Evaluation of existing or new social care services, addressing their effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and distributional consequences
- Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness evaluations of interventions, including adaptations or refinements of existing interventions/technologies
- Developing and testing new assessments, interventions or services
- Research methods development
- Feasibility, pilot and definitive trials
- Research examining consequences for social care users of provision of other services (e.g., health, education, criminal justice, family courts, housing, benefits)
- Policy-implementation research
- Studies that involve secondary data analysis or record linkage
- Systematic or other reviews of evidence
- Strategies for preventing or delaying the need for care and support
- Research on approaches to support and strengthen the social care workforce
- Capacity-building opportunities within awards

Applicants considering submitting a Stage 1 application may consider submitting an outline of their proposal for guidance before official submission. This can be done using the [pre-submission form](#). This is non-mandatory and purely aimed at helping potential applicants to engage with the requirements of the call (e.g. eligibility and remit).

For other questions, contact rpsc@nihr.ac.uk

The submission deadline for applications is **13:00 on 26 June 2024**.

Webinar

The NIHR RSPC team are hosting a webinar for RSPC Call 2 at 10:00 to 12:00 on **04 April 2024**.

[Please register via Eventbrite.](#)

Early-career small grants for basic scientists

Diabetes UK invites applications for its early-career small grants for basic scientists. These enable early-career scientists and allied health professionals to undertake small research projects related to diabetes. The aim is to encourage scientists at an early stage in their career to develop their work and go on to obtain additional grant funding from other organisations.

Nurses, pharmacists and members of the allied health professions, may apply. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be in receipt of a salary for the duration of the proposed award;
- be based at, and the grant must be administered by, an established research institution in the UK;
- be no more than four years from appointment to their first academic position, excluding career breaks.

Grants are worth up to £15,000 each for one year. However, longer periods of time may be granted. Grant may cover materials and consumables, small pieces of equipment, animal purchase and maintenance and collaborative travel.

Closing date 31 July 2024

<http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For-researchers/Apply-for-a-grant/Small-grants/>

Pharmacy-led research and research into nephrotoxicity grants **NEW**

A collaborative grants round with **Pharmacy Research UK, The UK Kidney Association's Renal Pharmacy Group, The Paediatric Medicines Research Unit, Alder Hey Children's Hospital** and the **Thompson Family Trust** to develop and enhance pharmacy led research and research into nephrotoxicity.

We are now seeking applications from UK-based researchers:

- Do you have an interest in nephrotoxicity, and would your research have the potential to help our understanding and prevent deterioration of kidney function due to toxic effects of medications and chemicals?
- Are you a pharmacist who has a research idea and wishes to undertake a renal research study and /or develop your research interests and career?
- We are keen to encourage applications from hospital and community-based pharmacists who have not previously held competitively awarded fellowships, project, or start-up funding as a principal investigator.

This new call is offering five grant types that will enable you to apply for funding to realise your research potential and develop your research ideas.

Allied health professional fellowships (clinical) support nurses, psychologist, **hospital and community-based pharmacists** and allied health professionals to undertake a renal research study and develop their research interests and career.

- Funding period: over 3 years maximum, can be done part-time
- Items of expenditure: Fellow's salary, higher degree fees and consumables
- Annual consumables allowance: £8,000

Intermediate non-clinical fellowships for renal research specialisation of post-doctoral scientists

- Funding period: over 3 years maximum
- Items of expenditure: Fellow's salary and consumables
- Annual consumables allowance: £15,000

PhD studentships (non-clinical) in renal research, supporting a science graduate to obtain a higher degree

- Funding period: over 3 ½ years maximum
- Items of expenditure: Student's stipend, higher degree fees and consumables
- Annual consumables allowance: £3,500

Research project grants

For innovative standalone research projects that will advance our knowledge of kidney disease and refine current treatments or lead to new ones.

- Funding available: up to £250k
- Funding period: three years maximum

Start-up grants

For investigating new hypotheses around the kidney that lack any significant existing research prior to a full research project.

- Funding available: up to £40k
- Funding period: over two years maximum

Closing date 04 September 2024

Closing date note Opens 4 June 2024

Closing date: 5pm, Wednesday 4 September 2024

<https://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/research-grants/>

24/20 NIHR Application Development Award for Health and Care Professionals

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is seeking to commission up to ten Application Development Awards (ADA) to carry out development work prior to research applications, with a requirement for applicant teams to involve Health and Care Professionals (HCP).

Through these ADAs and other **HCP specific initiatives**, they are offering more opportunities for HCPs to develop as highly skilled researchers and research leaders, and to move towards a more multi-professional approach to addressing the health and care challenges of today and the future. For the purposes of this opportunity, Health and Care Professionals (excluding doctors and dentists) are defined as:

- Nurses (including nurses that work in social care)
- Midwives
- Pharmacists
- Healthcare scientists
- Allied Health Professions ([as specified by NHS England](#))

These ADAs are intended to support future applications for funding from any of the NIHR research programmes. Therefore applicants may find it helpful to look at the [information available about the programmes](#). These ADAs are not programme-specific in nature.

This funding opportunity will be assessed via a single stage application process. Applicants are invited to submit a stage two application. In order to apply for this, you will need to carefully review the following documents:

- [Commissioning brief](#)
- [Stage 2 guidance notes](#) (specific to this opportunity)

Timescales

Any changes to these dates will be emailed to all Lead Applicants with an application in progress.

Stage two deadline: 13:00 26 September 2024

Notification of out of remit/non-competitive decision if unsuccessful: mid November 2024

Notification of stage two funding decision: mid December 2024

Start date for funded studies: 1 April or 1 May 2025

Public Health Research Programme Rapid Funding Scheme

The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions, intended to improve the health of the public, and reduce inequalities in health.

The Rapid Funding Scheme (RFS) offers researchers the opportunity to apply for funds to conduct rapid baseline data collection, as well as other feasibility work, prior to intervention implementation, for unique, time-limited opportunities such as a natural experiment or similar evaluations of a new public health intervention.

This scheme is not intended to fund studies which provide definitive answers to questions to inform service provision – it is to prepare for such studies.

The RFS has been set up to provide the public health research community with an accelerated route to funding for small-scale, short and time sensitive proposals that demonstrate a need for a rapid commissioning process to be followed. Funding will be offered, subject to appropriate scientific scrutiny, on the understanding that a full application to support completion of the evaluation will be forthcoming at an appropriate time point.

Proposals submitted to the RFS will

- make a convincing case of the urgency to undertake the research and justify why the data collection needs to start within a timescale which can't be accommodated by the programme's normal research commissioning processes, taking advantage of an unanticipated, time limited, natural experiment opportunity
- be clear why the work could not have been proposed earlier
- meet the remit of the PHR programme, with a view to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions
- lead to the submission of a proposal for a full evaluation, which would generate research findings that are generalisable and have clear utility for public health decision makers with the potential to change practice
- be deliverable for a total cost £50,000 or less
- be for a duration of six months or less
- be for base line data collection or urgent feasibility work
- have a study team established and ready to start work if the application is successful

Application process

If you would like your proposal to be considered for the RFS, please contact phr@nihr.ac.uk with a summary of your intended project of no more than 2 sides of A4 in length describing both the proposed work, how it fits within the remit of the PHR Programme, the reasons for the projects urgency and the trajectory to a full evaluation.

Once the information provided has been considered by the PHR Programme, you will be informed whether your proposal is eligible for the RFS. If eligible you will be given 4 weeks to complete a Stage 2 application form. A final decision will be communicated to the applicant within 4 to 6 weeks of the application.

Common reasons for non-eligibility of proposals and solutions

We have identified the following common reasons for non-eligibility of proposals in this scheme, and have provided suggested solutions to these:

- the application does not demonstrate urgency, eg it does not show why usual PHR processes could not be used - as a solution we suggest that you clearly demonstrate the urgency and uniqueness of the opportunity, or use standard PHR processes to apply for funding
- the urgency of the application arises through inaction, eg it has been known for several years that an event will happen, but an evaluation has only been considered at the last minute - as a solution we suggest that you be proactive in identifying research opportunities, and apply through standard processes
- the claimed urgent opportunity occurs on a regular and frequent basis, eg the start of a school year - as a solution we suggest that you apply through standard PHR processes
- the scale of the project proposed is too large for the resources available in this funding stream - as a solution we suggest that you apply for the full project through standard PHR processes
- the proposed intervention is international and outcomes are not deliverable or applicable to the UK population

Opens: 01 March 2018

Closes: 27 December 2024

https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/public-health-research-programme-rapid-funding-scheme/20247?utm_source=NIHR+mailing+list&utm_campaign=76c1f4c723-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_04_01_10_42_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_570d86f9cb-76c1f4c723-21948581

Research grants - British Scoliosis Research Foundation, GB

The **British Scoliosis Research Foundation** invites applications for its research grants. These support research into scoliosis. The following grants are available:

- small exploratory grants, up to £15,000 for one year, for new investigators who have a preliminary concept they would like to develop into a research project;
- new investigation grants, worth up to £40,000 for two years;
- major research grants for applications in any area of spinal deformity research for a maximum of £100,000 per year for up to two years.

Applications are open to appropriately qualified professionals such as scientists, clinicians and allied health professionals. Applicants from outside the UK are eligible if they collaborate with a UK centre.

Closing date No deadline

<http://www.bsrf.co.uk/research-grants/grant-options>

Health and Care Research Wales – COVID-19 Research Hub

Our hub for COVID-19 research guidance and updates is available to view on our website. It includes:

- COVID-19 research studies in Wales
- Fast track study set up advice
- Guidance for researchers
- Funding for COVID-19 research
- Latest COVID-19 news

The hub is being updated as new information and guidance is received.

<https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/covid-19/covid-19-research-wales>