

The NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre is opening a call for applications for pre-application support funding from Nurses, Midwives and Allied Professionals looking to apply to an NIHR career development scheme

Details of eligibility criteria can be found in the guidance notes attached.

This funding would support applicants from the 1st of December until the 31st of March, to develop a competitive application for your chosen scheme.

Applications can include:

* Salary Costs
* Training Costs
* PPIE Costs
* Mentorship
* Accessibility Costs

Guidance notes and application form are attached.

For further information contact: cuh.nmapresearch@nhs.net

**Deadline for applications: 20/11/2024**

**Pre-Application Support Funding for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Professionals in the East of England**

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| 1. **Host organisation**   Please give details of the organisation who will be the contractor if the award is funded.  Please note that we expect the applicant’s proposed host organisation (substantive employer) to act as the contractor.  If the proposed organisation is not an HEI, please provide details of the partner HEI who will be involved with this award. |
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| 1. **Proposed start date if grant awarded** |
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| 1. **Grant duration (months)** |
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| 1. **Professional registration details** |
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| 1. **Please describe your research career to date - 500-word limit**   Please describe your research career to date, and how this makes you suitable for the NIHR career development scheme you would use the Pre-Application Support Fund to apply to. Please include details of:   * relevant skills and experience you have gained to date; * your commitment to a career in research within the NIHR's remit.   For applicants with a portfolio of research roles, please ensure the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) attributed to each role is made clear. |
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| 1. **Contextual factors**   Please use this question to detail any contextual factors you wish to make the Selection Committee aware of so that they may take them into consideration during the assessment of your application.  Contextual factors may include: • Career breaks (for example parental leave or periods of illness).  • Reduced time spent undertaking research activities (including research outputs), related to a disability or to caring responsibilities. This may include physical or mental health related impairments, or conditions, which may have impacted upon your research career. Reduced time spent undertaking research activities due other professional responsibilities, for example within a clinical or practitioner role  Opportunity to access career support e.g. mentorship, and prior research and training.  • Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your research career.  Please also use this section to detail any other factors that may have impacted you in considering or undertaking a research career not listed in the examples provided.  The impact on your career to date will be specific to your particular circumstances and may contribute to your need for this award.  The team recognise that you may be reluctant, or uncomfortable disclosing relevant information that is sensitive, so please only share what you feel is pertinent for consideration of your application. However, you should bear in mind that we are unable to take into account factors that you do not disclose. Please be assured that information provided by you is sensitive and will be treated confidentially and in line with General Data and Protection Regulations (GDPR). |
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| 1. **NIHR research fellowship**   The Pre-Application Support Fund should be used to prepare an application for an NIHR career development scheme. Please list the NIHR career development scheme you will use the Pre-Application Support Fund to apply to:   * Pre-Doctoral Fellowship\* * Doctoral Fellowship * Development & Skills Enhancement (DSE) award\* * Advanced Fellowship * Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) and Advanced Fellowship (EME-AF) * Population Health Career Scientist Award (PHCSA) * Research Professorship * Global Research Professorship * Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF)\* * Doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (DCAF) * Advanced Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (ACAF) * In-Practice Fellowship\* * Senior Clinical and Practitioner Research Award (SCPRA)\*   Please note the schemes that are highlighted with a \* already include support for writing a further application for funding, and therefore additional justification in the ‘Pre-Application Support Fund Support’ question below will be required if you are targeting one of these awards. See Eligibility Criteria for further information. |
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| 1. **Planned application for an NIHR career development scheme - 500-word limit**   Please use this section to provide an overview of your planned application for NIHR career development funding. This section should outline your planned project proposal for the future NIHR career development scheme you plan to apply for.  This should be tailored to the career development scheme you intend to apply to and cover:   * The area of research that you are interested in developing your knowledge in * An outline of the research proposal (if appropriate). It is recognised that this will be developed further if successful for a Pre-Application Support Fund award. * The training and development plan and how this will support your career development * How patient and public involvement will be incorporated into the application for funding.   Please consider the NIHR Academy Remit for Personal Awards to ensure that your planned proposal falls within this remit.  Proposals must have clear potential for directly benefiting patients/service users, carers and the public (but recognising the training element of the research). |
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| 1. **Additional support provided through the Pre-Application Support Fund - 300-word limit**   Please outline how the additional support provided through the Pre-Application Support Fund will enable you to submit the planned application for an NIHR career development scheme,  Please provide a clear plan and trajectory from the start of your Pre-Application Support Fund award through to the submission of your application for an NIHR career development scheme.  Please use this section to outline the following points:   * Why additional support is required to submit an application for NIHR career development funding. * How the support requested will enable you to submit a competitive application for an NIHR career development scheme. * Why now is the right time to prepare an application for the selected scheme. * Why other NIHR funding opportunities available are not able to support this. |
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| 1. **Research support**   Please enter the details of up to 4 individuals who will have oversight and give direction to your proposed application (if applicable). This is in addition to the supporting letter from the named research support mentor. |
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| 1. **Detailed budget**   The finance section should provide a breakdown of costs associated with undertaking the award as described in the proposal and a short statement on the justification of costs.  This section must be completed by the Applicant in conjunction with the Research Support Office or Finance Office at the host organisation.  GENERAL INFORMATION   * The information entered in this section should provide an analysis of the total funds requested to prepare the planned application for NIHR career development funding and should be based on current prices. These costs will be used to assess value for money. * It is in the best interest to undertake a thorough, realistic and accurate costing. You must provide a clear and full justification for all costs. * Costs must be provided at current prices. Whilst allowances for incremental increases should be included on the form, nationally or locally agreed pay increases should be excluded. * Years should be calculated starting from the anticipated start date of the proposed award. * Further itemisation of costs and methods of calculation may be requested to support the application at a later date. * Payments will be made to the contracted organisation only and the contracted organisation will be responsible for passing on any money due to their partner organisation(s).   INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORGANISATIONS  This award does not cover Full Economic Costs therefore all prices should be entered at, and will be paid at, 100% regardless of the type of organisation (NHS, HEI or Other). |
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**Participants and Signatories**

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| **Participant** | **Name** | **Signature** |
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| Research Support |  |  |
| Host Organisation Administrative Authority or Finance Officer |  |  |
| Head of Department or Senior Manager |  |  |