

Pharmacy Research Opportunities

April 2022

Many of the currently advertised PHR Programme funding opportunities may be impacted by and can be related to the COVID-19 situation. For research proposals focused primarily on COVID-19 interventions please apply via the [NIHR COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research process](#).

Health and Care Research Wales funding opportunities

Funding calls open now:

[21/568 Suicide prevention in high risk groups](#)

[21/569 Effectiveness of interventions aimed at preventing domestic abuse](#)

[21/570 What are the health and health inequality impacts of being outdoors for children and young people?](#)

[21/571 Digital health inclusion and inequalities](#)

[21/572 Increasing uptake of vaccinations in populations where there is low uptake](#)

[21/602 Pain management for children and young people \(0-19 years\)](#)

[21/603 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call \(EME Programme\)](#)

[21/604 NIHR NICE rolling call \(EME Programme\)](#)

[21/607 Mechanisms of action of health interventions in patients with multiple long-term conditions \(MLTC\)](#)

[21/609 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme researcher-led](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 5th April 2022

[21/592 Hypertension in pregnancy](#)

[21/593 Pain management for children and young people \(0-19 years\)](#)

[21/598 Health and social care outcomes and cost-effectiveness of assistive technologies](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 04th May 2022

[21/577 Supporting the delivery of net zero health and social care system](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 24th May 2022

[22/10 Social Care Needs Assessment](#)

[22/11 Implementing the Mental Capacity Act in practice \(Mental Capacity Assessments\)](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 19th July 2022

[22/02 Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams \(PHIRST\) - call for Local Authority Initiatives](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 12 September 2022

[22/18 Applications with industry collaboration - The development and evaluation of predictive algorithms using Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) \(EME Programme\)](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 10th May 2022

[22/20 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships Rolling Call \(HSDR Programme\)](#) ^{NEW}

[22/19 HSDR Researcher-led call](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 17th May 2022

[22/25 Evaluating the implementation of the Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision Green Paper](#) ^{NEW}

[22/26 Evaluating the High Volume Low Complexity \(HVLC\) surgical hubs model](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 25th May 2022

[22/21 Interventions to support the health of unpaid carers](#) ^{NEW}

[22/22 Interventions to prevent eviction and homelessness](#) ^{NEW}

[22/23 Interventions to prevent male violence against women and girls](#) ^{NEW}

[22/24 Application Development Award: Adult drug screening and brief interventions in key health, social care and justice settings](#) ^{NEW}

[22/38 Application Development Award: Universal Basic Income](#) ^{NEW}

[22/39 Methodological development in public health](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 16th August 2022

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

Galen research development award **NEW**

Pharmacy Research UK invites applications for the Galen research development award. This enables UK-based pharmacists to develop pharmacy practice research capacity. Awards may also be used for new areas of research, such as pre-pilot and feasibility studies that would not be considered by other funding bodies.

Applicants must be registered with the General Pharmaceutical Society. The research must take place in the UK. The annual budget is £30,000 for one or more awards.

Closing date 20 April 2022

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/personal-research-awards/>

Crohn's & Colitis UK **NEW**

Applications are invited for grants to be awarded in 2022 by Crohn's & Colitis UK. Grants up to a maximum of £100,000 for up to three years are available to fund research into Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis or other types of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD).

This year, we would like to receive proposals which address one of the James Lind Alliance Top 10 Priorities, specifically those which have not received significant attention to date and where there is still room for progress to be made. Applications for funding of pilot and feasibility studies are also welcome. We encourage, where possible, studies that have the potential to realise rapid benefits for people living with Crohn's and Colitis, at the "bedside" end of the "bench to bedside" spectrum. Applications involving researchers from outside the UK will be considered, however a UK-based research team must be involved.

The priorities we are interested in are:

JLA Priority 2: What are the optimal markers/ combinations of markers (clinical, endoscopic, imaging, genetics, other biomarkers) for stratification of patients with regards to a) disease course and b) monitoring disease activity and c) treatment response?

JLA Priority 5: What is an optimal treatment strategy for perianal Crohn's Disease and what individual factors determine this?

JLA Priority 6: What is the best treatment for controlling diarrhoea and/or incontinence symptoms in people with IBD, including novel pharmacological and non-pharmacological options? Is high-dose Loperamide safe and effective in the treatment of diarrhoea in IBD?

JLA Priority 8: What is the association between IBD and fatigue and how should it be managed?

JLA Priority 9: Does early surgery or later surgery for terminal ileal Crohn's disease result in better outcomes (quality of life, cost-effectiveness)?

Closing date: 12am (Midnight) 29 May 2022

<https://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/research/researchers/looking-for-funding>

Psoriasis Association/PRUK research award

The Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award is a great opportunity for researchers to undertake pharmacy research for the benefit of patients living with psoriasis.

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the Psoriasis Association are working together to offer the opportunity for health service researchers to receive a Research Award for projects relating to pharmacy research into psoriasis. Projects can investigate a range of issues, such as how pharmacy services can support the treatment of psoriasis or how patients can better manage their symptoms with the support of pharmacists.

This new partnership offers up to **£20,000** for pharmacy research into psoriasis, with a focus on future patient benefit. The research must not exceed 12 months duration.

To be considered eligible for submission the project must:

- Have a lead who is based at a UK Higher Education Institute
- Be completed within 12 months (unless under exceptional circumstances)
- Request no more than £20,000. The judging panel may decide to award the total amount to one project or to one or more smaller projects
- Be aligned with the Psoriasis Association and PRUK charitable objectives

Following submission, projects will be reviewed by an expert panel and one or more awarded funding according to the following criteria (see guidance document below for more details):

- Investigate novel research, which aligns with the Psoriasis Association and PRUK organisational objectives/Research Award scope and adds value to the current research literature
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis with potential to improve outcomes for patients

- Have a feasible and robust methodology designed to meet the aims/objectives of the project
- Have clear, defined and measurable outcomes

Please refer to the Psoriasis Association (<https://www.psoriasis-association.org.uk/research>) and PRUK (<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/about-us/our-story/>) webpages for information about their organisational aims. For more detailed information and to apply for this award, please download the Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award guidance and application form.

- [Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award Guidance Document 2022](#)
- [Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award Application Form 2022](#)

For further information on the selection process, please see [how we fund research](#). If you are unable to download any of the documents above please [contact us](#).

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<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/psoriasis-association-pruk-research-award/>

[NIHR NICE Rolling Call \(HTA Programme\)](#)

The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is accepting stage one applications to this funding opportunity. The programme is interested in receiving applications to meet recommendations in research identified in [NICE guidance](#) that has been published or updated since 2015.

Proposals must be within the remit of the HTA Programme and the primary outcome measure must be health related. (This call is also open in the Public Health Research (PHR), Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME), and Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) programmes for proposals which fall within the remit of those programmes – applicants should apply directly to the relevant programme).

In order to apply for this call you will need to carefully review the following documents:

- [Specification document](#)
- [Stage 1 guidance notes](#)
- [Stage 1 application supporting information](#)

Applications received to this call which are deemed to be both in remit and competitive will be considered by a HTA Funding Committee, and successful applicants will then be invited to submit a Stage 2 application. Applicants will have eight weeks to complete and submit their stage 2 application form, which will then be considered at the following HTA funding committee meeting.

All primary research projects are expected to establish a programme appointed Study Steering Committee and it is important that you read the [TSC/SSC Guidance](#) before completing your application. Costs incurred by this committee should be included in the budget as appropriate.

Contact

- For help with your application contact htafunding@nhr.ac.uk
- For more information about the funding Programme, visit the [HTA Page](#)

Supporting Information

- [HTA tips for applicants](#)
- [Word version of the stage 1 application form \(.DOCX - Word\)](#)

Please note that the Word version of the stage 1 application form is to be used as a guide and to assist with completion of the on-line application form only, for example to see how many characters are accepted in each section and how the printed complete form is laid out. Please do not try to use this as an application form, you must apply using the online form available through the links available when calls are open. You should also refer to the application form guidance notes.

Opens: 06 January 2022

Closes: 13:00 on 04 May 2022

[Apply Now](#)

HTA Researcher-led call Primary Research

The Health Technology Assessment Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream. In order to apply you will need to carefully review the:

- [Specification document](#)
- [Supporting information](#)
- [Stage 1 guidance notes](#)

Applications received on this date which are deemed to be both in remit and competitive will be considered by a HTA Funding Board in July 2022 with first stage decisions communicated to applicants in July 2022.

Please note the following

The programme reserves the right to review and develop potentially important research areas for the NHS highlighted during the assessment of unsuccessful researcher-led applications. Research topics may be further developed with the aim of openly funding further research to address NHS priorities. Research assessed as an NHS priority will be advertised as a commissioning brief (i.e. a call inviting research proposals in a specified topic area addressing an NHS need). All briefs are openly advertised and proposals submitted to address a brief are considered in direct competition. The programme obtains topic suggestions from a wide range of sources and on occasion proposals may be submitted to the researcher-led (CET) streams which are on a similar topic area as one in development via our commissioned stream. Please note that **commissioning briefs take priority over applications to researcher-led funding calls**. If an application is submitted on a similar topic to a commissioning brief or any proposed research areas for HTA commissioned calls, it will not be considered and either:

- once the commissioning brief is advertised, the applicant can tailor their application to the commissioning brief and submit it in response to this, or
- if a decision is made not to advertise a commissioning brief, applicants can apply through the researcher-led workstream in the usual way.

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Research training fellowships for nurses and healthcare professionals

The British Heart Foundation invites applications for its research training fellowships for nurses and healthcare professionals. These provide nurses and allied health professionals with a foundation in research training in an established research institution in the UK, leading to the award of a PhD.

Applications must be submitted by an established investigator who will be the supervisor for the named student and must devote at least 10 per cent of their time to supervising the student. A second supervisor should also be included. Students should be working in a cardiovascular setting and be a nurse, midwife, allied health professional or healthcare scientist. They should usually hold a good quality masters degree or equivalent. Students who have started a PhD or equivalent may be eligible to apply for a research training fellowship, but the application must be received within six months of having registered for their PhD. In these circumstances, the proposed start date for the fellowship should also be no more than one year from the date of registration for the degree.

Fellowships are tenable for three years or up to five years on a part-time basis. They include salary costs, research consumables usually worth up to £10,000 per year, tuition fees at the standard home student rate and travel funding worth up to £500 per year to present at or attend scientific meetings. Up to 20 per cent of the time may be spent on patient care if the fellowship is taken on a full-time basis.

Closing date 20 April 2022

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/research-training-fellowships-for-nurses-and-allied-health-professionals>

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 01 June 2022

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

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>

COMING SOON: Kids Kidney Research paediatric research awards

Kidney Research UK and **Kids Kidney Research** invite applications for their paediatric research awards. These support clinical or laboratory research in paediatric renal diseases. Two types of grant are available:

- research project grants, worth up to £250,000 over three years – these support innovative, standalone research projects;
- innovation grants, worth up to £40,000 over two years – these support new areas of clinical or science research where initial pilot or supporting data is required prior to an application for a research project award.

Clinical research projects may focus on the following aspects of diseases of the kidney or urinary tract: diagnosis, natural history, epidemiology or treatment; prenatal origins of kidney or urinary tract diseases; impact on adult health of these diseases with an onset in childhood or the prenatal period. Laboratory research projects may focus on the following aspects of diseases of the kidney or urinary tract: causes and new treatments, or formation, growth and maturing of the diseases before and after birth.

Non-medical, medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health professionals may apply. Applicants must be resident in the UK and both the project and employment must take place in a UK establishment.

Opening date: 30 August 2022

Closing date: 04 October 2022

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

Pharmacy Research UK Research training bursaries

Pharmacy Research UK, supported by the **Leverhulme Trust**, invites applications for its research training bursaries. These enable pharmacists to develop their skills in conducting research relating to everyday practice. The following levels of funding are available:

- level one bursaries provide funding to undertake research modules and small-scale projects, worth up to £5,000 each;
- level two bursaries provide funding to upgrade a diploma in clinical or community pharmacy to an MSc degree, which usually involves undertaking a further two modules and undertaking a project, worth up to £10,000 each;
- level three bursaries provide funding to pursue a non-pharmacy MSc, worth up to £30,000 each.

To apply for a Research Training Bursary, please download the Research Training Bursary application form and read the Research Training Bursary Guidance document for further information on completing the application form. Please ensure you refer to the guidance document before submitting your application.

- [Research Training Bursary Guidance 2022](#)
- [Research Training Bursary Application Form 2022](#)

For further information on the selection process, please see [how we fund research](#). If you are unable to download any of the documents above please [contact us](#).

Selection

Shortlisted applicants for Level 2 Bursaries will be invited to interview to discuss their application, which will include a presentation from the applicant, followed by questions from the interview panel.

Our previous bursary recipients can be viewed [here](#).

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<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/research-training-bursaries/>

Pharmacy Research UK Research Development Awards

Pharmacy Research UK offers one or more awards made annually to a total value of **£30,000** funded by a bequest by Rowland Henry Williams, only available to registered pharmacists in the UK.

Who is eligible to apply?

All applicants must be a UK registered Pharmacist (those currently undertaking preregistration training will be considered but will need to have joined the register before receiving funding).

As a key purpose of the awards is to **build research capacity and capability in pharmacy** the award might, for example, be appropriate for:

- Practitioners relatively new to research;
- PhD students requiring 'research costs' to enhance their PhDs;
- those requiring funding between PhD and post doctoral grants.

The awards can also be used to fund new areas of research, e.g. pre-pilot and feasibility studies that would not be considered by other funding bodies.

Please note that the Leverhulme Pharmacy Research Fellowship has come to a close, however we welcome applications relating to community pharmacy and encourage community pharmacists to apply to us.

To apply for a Research Development Award, please download the Research Development Award application form and read the Research Development Award Guidance document for further information on completing the application form. Please ensure you refer to the guidance document before submitting your application.

- [Research Development Awards Guidance Document 2022](#)
- [Research Development Awards Application Form 2022](#)

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<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/personal-research-awards/>

[British Oncology Pharmacy Association/Pharmacy Research UK research award](#)

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the **British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA)** are working together to allow pharmacy professionals in oncology and haematology pharmacy to undertake research.

This year, the BOPA-PRUK grants will increase in value, up to **£10,000** and may be used to support an independent research project or research component of a higher degree.

The Research Award will support projects in translational and health service related to oncology and haematology pharmacy with a focus on patient benefit and provide a platform for novice researchers to engage in research.

Both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are eligible to apply for funds for projects in translational and health service research related to oncology and haematology pharmacy.

To be considered for funding the project must:

- Have a lead applicant who is a current BOPA member
- Be aligned with Pharmacy Research UK and BOPA organisational objectives
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis
- Have a robust methodology
- Have clear, defined and measurable outcomes
- Be completed within 12 months (unless under exceptional circumstances)
- Be conducted in the UK
- Request no more than £10,000

To apply for this award please download the BOPA-PRUK Research Award guidance and application form. Please ensure you refer to the guidance document before submitting your application.

- [BOPA-PRUK Research Award Guidance Document 2022](#)
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<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/the-bopa-pharmacy-research-uk-pruk-research-award/>

Clinical research fellowships – Versus Arthritis **NEW**

Versus Arthritis invites applications for its clinical research fellowships. These encourage clinically qualified professionals into an academic research career in any discipline relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions. The aim is to provide training in clinical and laboratory research techniques leading to a higher degree, usually a PhD.

Medical and non-medical healthcare professionals may apply. Medical graduates must apply during their speciality training and non-medical healthcare professionals must have at least one year's experience of clinical practice. Non-medical healthcare professions that are eligible to apply include: dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, occupational therapists, podiatrists, prosthetists and orthotists, psychologists, veterinary surgeons, radiographers and pharmacists. Applicants must be associated with an established sponsor, within a multidisciplinary research group in a UK university department, hospital or research institute. The application must be made jointly by the candidate and their sponsor. Applications for master's degrees are not accepted.

The fellowship is normally awarded for three years, although applications for less than three years' funding are also encouraged. The award covers salaries, reasonable research expenses such as small pieces of equipment up to £30,000 in value, consumables, purchase and maintenance of laboratory animals and travels to collaborating institutions. Consultant level salaries or NHS salaries above band 7 are not funded, and PhD tuition fees are not provided.

Closing date 12 January 2023 (Forecast)

<https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/information-for-researchers/fellowships/types-of-fellowship/>