

Pharmacy Research Opportunities

March 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:

[21/612 Health and Social Care Delivery Research Programme \(Evidence Synthesis Researcher-led\)](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 08th March 2022

[22/5 NIHR Evidence Synthesis Groups](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 13:00 on 14th March 2022

[21/610 Health and Social Care Delivery Research Programme \(standard researcher-led\)](#)

[21/611 NIHR NICE Rolling Call \(HSDR Programme\)](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 22nd March 2022

[21/578 Antidepressants for post-stroke emotionalism](#)

[21/580 Maintenance treatment for bipolar disorder](#)

[21/581 Colpocleisis for the treatment of pelvic organ prolapse in women](#)

[21/582 Point of care ultrasound for breech presentation at term](#)

[21/583 Patient reported outcome measures \(PROMs\) for pelvic floor disorders](#)

[21/584 Point of care Doppler ultrasound prior to emergency scrotal exploration](#)

[21/585 Early endovascular repair in type b uncomplicated sub-acute aortic dissection](#)

[21/589 Coenzyme Q10 in chronic heart failure](#)

[21/590 Thromboprophylaxis following endovenous treatment for people with varicose veins](#)

[21/591 Surgical treatment of proximal ACL ruptures with ACL repair or ACL reconstruction](#)

[21/588 Timing of pharmacological thromboprophylaxis in traumatic brain injury](#)

[21/586 Management of Perthes' disease in children](#)

[21/587 Should we prescribe postoperative antibiotics to patients with facial fracture?](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 30th March 2022

[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

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

Psoriasis Association/PRUK research award ^{NEW}

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](#)

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

GW4 CAT HP – PhD Programme for Health Professionals

Eligibility

Please direct any queries regarding eligibility to the GW4-CAT HP office via email – GW4-CAT@bristol.ac.uk

We consider candidates on a case-by-case basis as we recognise that career/training paths differ greatly across disciplines and specialties.

Clinical PhD Fellows will be health professionals registered with a national, health professional regulatory body in the UK or Republic of Ireland.

The GW4-CAT HP PhD Programme was previously open only to medics, dentists and vets however, it is now open to ALL health professionals and vets registered in the UK or Republic of Ireland

- Regulatory bodies:
 - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/arrangements.htm#a8>,
 - <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/registration/>
- Undergraduate students are **not** eligible
- Individuals registered as health professionals in other countries but not in UK/RoI are **not** eligible

The scheme is aimed at exceptionally motivated clinically qualified health professionals and veterinary graduates who can demonstrate the capability and drive to undertake a period of research with a view to developing a long-term career as a clinical academic.

Academic excellence, evidence of prior and productive research interest/experience and the desire to pursue a career in clinical academia are essential.

Applicants are **not** expected to have a defined project proposal or supervisor(s) at the application stage. The nature of the applicant's research question will articulate the areas in which they would be interested in developing a project, and have an idea of which senior supervisors they might work with from the exceptional GW4-CAT HP pool of [Wellcome Trust approved supervisors](#).

Applicants who have unsuccessfully applied to the GW4-CAT programme on two occasions are no longer eligible to apply. If you are considering reapplying for your second and final time, please contact the GW4-CAT HP Programme Manager well in advance to discuss whether the timing of your application is optimal.

General Eligibility

1. To be eligible for entry into the programme you must have a qualification that allows you to practice clinically in the UK or RoI and be Registered with a regulatory body.
2. Those who are currently registered for a PhD elsewhere will not be eligible to apply.
3. Academic excellence, evidence of prior and productive research experience/interest and the desire to pursue a career in clinical academia are essential
4. Applicants must be willing to travel between GW4 sites and participate in cohort activities and training.
5. Offers will be subject to a satisfactory completion of relevant Vetting/Barring Scheme, if required, eg. DBS check, and references.
6. The Wellcome Trust allows up to 8 hours of clinical work per week only as this Fellowship will be your main focus for the duration of the funded period. Fellows will only be encouraged to take up this opportunity if it brings added value.

Health Professionals

Wellcome's definition of a health professional is an individual who is registered with a national professional regulatory body (e.g. the General Medical Council, Health and Care Professions Council) in the country in which the PhD Programme is based. This would include, but not be limited to, the following professions:

• Allied Health Professionals (Art Therapists, Chiropodists/Podiatrists, Dieticians, Drama Therapists, Music Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Operating Department Practitioners, Orthoptists, Osteopaths, Paramedics, Physiotherapists, Prosthetists and Orthotists, Radiographers and Speech and Language Therapists)

- Chiropractors
- Clinical psychologists
- Dentists
- Dental hygienists
- Dental nurses
- Dental therapists
- Healthcare scientists (in life sciences, physiological sciences, physical sciences and biomechanical engineering, and bioinformatics)
- Health Visitors

- Midwives
- Non-medical Public Health specialists
- Nurses
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians
- Osteopaths
- Pharmacists
- Social workers
- Pharmacy technicians
- Practitioner Psychologists
- Vets

Recruitment Timeline for 2023 Start

Please note this timeline is a guide for reference purposes and may be subject to change depending on the ongoing Covid situation.

7th February 2022	Call for applications opens
11th March 2022 23:59	Call for applications closes
10th May 2022	Shortlisted applicants are invited to interview
15th (& 16th) June 2022	Face-to-Face panel interviews take place in Bristol
21st June 2022	Applicants are notified of the outcomes of the interviews
September / October 2022	Mandatory introductory week for new GW4-CAT HP cohort
September 2022 – May 2023	GW4-CAT HP fellows liaise with potential supervisors and write their project proposals with assistance from a GW4-CAT HP Director and the Programme Manager
19th May 2023	GW4-CAT HP fellows submit their project proposals
6th June 2023	Project proposal interviews take place
14th July 2023	Any amendments to project proposals are completed and signed off
August – September 2023	Most GW4-CAT HP fellows will commence their PhD (start dates are negotiable)
September – October 2023	Mandatory induction week for GW4-CAT HP fellows

For full information on applying to the programme please visit: <https://gw4-cat.ac.uk/>

[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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[New call for Health PhD Studentship Award applications](#)

Health and Care Research Wales is pleased to announce that the 2022 round of the Health PhD Studentship Scheme will open on 11 January 2022.

These awards fund talented individuals to undertake research and study leading to a PhD and support capacity building in health research in Wales.

Applications must come from the proposed supervisor, who is defined as the applicant to this scheme. There is no need for a student to have been identified at the application stage.

All applications falling within the general remit of the call are eligible. However, as usual, Health and Care Research Wales has set priority areas and will particularly welcome applications that align with the healthcare well-being objective in the Welsh Government's [Programme for Government 2021-2026](#); and/or address the challenges set out in [A Healthier Wales](#) the Welsh Government's plan for health and social care.

Call opens: Tuesday 11 January 2022

Application deadline: 16:00 on Friday 18 March 2022

General information on the Health PhD Studentship Award is available on our [Funding schemes page](#).

[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

***** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open in 2022. The following information is subject to change. *****

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.

<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](#)
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[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.

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