

Pharmacy Research Opportunities February 2023

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:

[22/562 Children and young people's mental health](#)

[22/143 Improving services for people living with Diabetes](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 15 March 2023

[22/132 Optimal models for reablement services](#)

[22/164 Health and Social Care Delivery Research Programme researcher-led](#)

[22/165 NIHR NICE rolling call](#)

Deadline: 13:00 on 24 March 2023

[22/131 Management of antipsychotic-induced sexual dysfunction](#)

[22/146 Maintenance treatment for bipolar disorder](#)

[22/147 Pseudomonas aeruginosa eradication treatment in bronchiectasis](#)

[22/148 Surgical treatment of proximal ACL ruptures with ACL repair or ACL reconstruction](#)

[22/149 Surgery for pectus excavatum](#)

[22/150 Intravesical treatments for recurrent urinary tract infection \(rUTI\) in women](#)

[22/158 Inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system in takotsubo cardiomyopathy](#)

[22/152 Through-knee versus above-knee major limb amputation](#)

[22/154 Bisphosphonate therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy](#)

[22/156 Children and young people's mental health](#)

[22/155 Oral versus intramuscular glucocorticoids in rheumatoid arthritis](#)

[22/157 Interventions to reduce hospital-based medication administration errors](#)

[22/166 Rehabilitation and care following stroke](#)

[22/167 Imaging pathways for investigation following heart failure diagnosis](#)

[22/168 The diagnostic accuracy of colon capsule endoscopy](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 29 March 2023

[22/137 Health and health inequality impacts of electric scooters and electric bikes](#)

[22/138 Health and health inequality impacts of place-based interventions](#)

[22/139 Interventions to increase the health and wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees in the UK](#)

[22/140 Reducing inequalities in the prevention and diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections](#)

[22/144 Workforce health](#)

[22/551 Interventions to promote mental health and wellbeing among young women](#)

[22/552 NIHR NICE rolling call](#)

[22/553 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call](#)

[22/554 Continuing priority research topics of interest to the PHR Programme](#)

[22/555 Public Health Research Programme researcher-led](#)

[22/556 Children and young people's mental health](#)

[22/558 Palliative and end of life care](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 4 April 2023

[22/159 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme researcher-led](#)

[22/160 NIHR NICE rolling call](#)

[22/161 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call](#)

[22/162 Rehabilitation and care following stroke](#)

[22/163 Children and young people's mental health](#)

[22/559 Motor neurone disease](#)

[22/557 Palliative and end of life care](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 25 April 2023

[22/561 Palliative and end of life care](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 26 April 2023

[22/170 Testosterone for the treatment of menopause symptoms beyond altered sexual function](#)

[23/1 Health Technology Assessment Programme researcher-led \(primary research\)](#) ^{NEW}

[23/2 Health Technology Assessment Programme researcher-led \(evidence synthesis\)](#) ^{NEW}

[23/3 NIHR NICE rolling call](#) ^{NEW}

[23/4 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call](#) ^{NEW}

[23/5 Management of bone metastasis and skeletal related events \(SREs\) in patients with advanced cancer](#) ^{NEW}

[23/6 Motor Neurone Disease](#) ^{NEW}

Deadline: 12:00 on 3 May 2023

[22/169 Benefits and harms of maintenance therapy for refractory acne vulgaris or previous relapses by reduced dose isotretinoin regimens](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 5 May 2023

[22/171 Acceleration Award – adaptation and assessment of digital technologies for social care](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 26 July 2023

[22/136 Public acceptance of the use of administrative datasets for Public Health Research](#)

[22/141 Interventions that impact loneliness](#)

Deadline: 12:00 on 15 August 2023

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

[Social Care PhD Studentship Scheme open to applications](#) ^{New}

Health and Care Research Wales is pleased to announce the 2023 round of the Social Care PhD Studentship Scheme is now open.

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

PhD projects funded through these awards should provide robust evidence that addresses the social care needs of service users, carers and the wider population, and/or the organisation and delivery of efficient and effective social care services in Wales.

While applications will be welcome from across social care research, for the 2023 call, Health and Care Research Wales will particularly welcome applications that:

- align with the social care elements of the wellbeing objectives in the Welsh Government's Programme for Government 2021-2026
- address the social care-related challenges set out in A Healthier Wales, the Welsh Government's strategy for health and social care
- address health and social care issues related to equality, diversity and inclusion in the context of Programme for Government or A Healthier 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.

The application window opened on Thursday 12 January 2023 and will close at 16:00 on Thursday 9 March 2023.

<https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/researchers/funding-schemes/social-care-phd-studentship-scheme>

[Pre-doctoral clinical bursary](#) ^{New}

The Alzheimer's Society invites submissions for its pre-doctoral clinical bursary. This supports clinicians and allied health professionals who would like to explore a career in dementia research. The aim is for them to gather preliminary data and decide whether they would like to pursue a PhD in dementia research. Once they have finished the project they should be in a competitive position for a doctoral level research fellowship. Clinicians and other healthcare professionals working in the UK may apply. Applicants should not have registered for, or completed a PhD in a relevant subject area or have registered for an MPhil with the expectation that it would progress to a PhD. Applications must be developed with a supervisor within the same institution and included as co-applicant. Supervisors must hold an independent research position within the host institution for the duration of the

grant and must provide the facilities and support required. Applicants are expected to maintain and develop their professional practice-based skills and continue clinical practice on a part-time basis throughout the grant. Bursaries are worth up to £30,000 for up to six months. Funding covers a reasonable salary and research costs.

Closing date 20 March 2023

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/research/researchers/our-funding-schemes/pre-doctoral-clinical-bursary>

Early-career small grants for basic scientists **New**

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 March 2023

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

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.

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 two 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 four weeks to complete a stage 2 application form. A final decision will be communicated to the applicant within 4-6 weeks of the application.

Common reasons for non-eligibility of proposals in this scheme

- The application does not demonstrate urgency, eg it does not show why usual PHR processes could not be used.

- 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.
- The claimed urgent opportunity occurs on a regular and frequent basis, eg the start of a school year.
- The scale of the project proposed is too large for the resources available in this funding stream.

Solutions

- Clearly demonstrate the urgency and uniqueness of the opportunity
- Or use standard PHR processes to apply for funding
- Be proactive in identifying research opportunities, and apply through standard processes
- Use [phinder](#) to connect academics and practitioners
- Apply through standard PHR processes
- Apply for the full project through standard PHR processes

Contact

- For help with your application contact phr@nihr.ac.uk
- For more information about the funding Programme, visit the [PHR Page](#)
- Got a research idea and not sure how to turn it into a funding application? The Research Design Service (RDS) supports health and social care researchers across England on all aspects of developing and writing a funding application. [Find out how the RDS can help with your application.](#)

Opens - 01 March 2018

Closes - 29 December 2023

[Apply now](#)

[Child and Adolescent Musculoskeletal Pain](#) **New**

The Medical Research Foundation invites applications for its child and adolescent musculoskeletal pain call. This supports projects to increase understanding of the mechanisms underpinning musculoskeletal pain and improving diagnosis, treatment and management.

Applicants may be UK-based researchers, clinical academics and allied health professionals at HEIs, Research Council research institutes, hospitals and other independent research organisations. They must hold a PhD, DPhil, MD.

The total budget is £2.2 million to fund the following types of grants:

- catalyst fellowships - worth up to £150,000 for up to two years;
- career development fellowships - worth up to £400,000 for up to four years.

Closing date 05 April 2023

<https://www.medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk/grants/child-and-adolescent-musculoskeletal-pain>

[Psoriasis Association/PRUK research award](#)

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the Psoriasis Association invite applications for their research award. This award supports 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.

To be considered eligible for submission the project must have a lead who is based at a UK HEI. The activities must be conducted in the UK or with UK partners as part of a multi-centre study.

The grant is worth up to £20,000 for up to one year.

Closing date 20 April 2023 (Forecast)

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

[College of Mental Health Pharmacy/Pharmacy Research UK research award](#)

Pharmacy Research UK and the College of Mental Health Pharmacy invite applications for their research award. This enables pharmacy professionals to undertake practice research for the benefit of patients with mental illness, and to contribute to enhancing the quality of care with psychiatric medicines through improving pharmaceutical services or ensuring safe and effective use of medicines. Projects are specifically sought in the following areas:

- cross-sector communication and interface working;
- medicines safety or optimisation for those with mental illness by community, general practice or general hospital pharmacy teams;

- relapse prevention and keeping well, including maintaining adherence;
- mental health services in community and primary care, or equivalent areas;
- managing public health issues in mental health, such as physical health.

Applications with a focus on substance misuse may be accepted provided the project aims to benefit patients with co-morbid mental illness.

The lead applicant must be a full or associate members of the CMHP. They must be registered with a professional regulatory body for pharmacy in their home nation, such as the General Pharmaceutical Council, and must be based in the UK. Organisations outside of the UK are welcome to collaborate with the UK-based lead, however the project must have relevance for the UK.

Grants are worth up to £20,000 for between 12 and 20 months.

Closing date 20 April 2023 (Forecast)

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/the-cmhp-pruk-research-award/>

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 pursue a non-pharmacy MSc, worth up to £30,000 each.

All registered community and primary care pharmacists registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Research courses must take place in the UK.

Funding is worth up to £30,000 for one year full-time or two years part-time.

Closing date 20 April 2023 (Forecast)

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

Galen research development award

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 2023 (Forecast)

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

British Oncology Pharmacy Association/Pharmacy Research UK research award

Pharmacy Research UK and the British Oncology Pharmacy Association invite applications for their research award. This supports projects in translational and health service related to oncology and haematology pharmacy with a focus on patient benefit, and provides a platform for novice researchers to engage in research.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are members of the British Oncology Pharmacy Association may apply.

Projects must be conducted in the UK.

Grants are worth up to £10,000 each over one year. They may support an independent research project or research component of a higher degree.

Closing date 20 April 2023 (Forecast)

Allied health professional fellowship – clinical **New**

Kidney Research UK invites applications for its allied health professional fellowship. This enables nurses and allied health professionals to undertake a renal research study in the form of a master's or PhD qualification. All applicants must be resident in the UK and both the project and employment must also take place in a UK establishment. Applicants should hold an honorary clinical contract at the appropriate level by the employing authority and related NHS trust. They must have completed their professional training and hold a membership of an appropriate body. Research experience post-registration with the body may be advantageous. In exceptional circumstances, a

period of up to one year may be spent in an appropriate overseas facility during the term of the fellowship. Fellowships are tenable for up to three years full-time or up to five years part-time and provide a salary based on the appropriate NHS or university scale, higher degree fees and an annual consumables allowance of £8,000.

Closing date 04 April 2023 (Forecast)

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

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>