

# Pharmacy Research Opportunities

## April 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:**

[22/137 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**

[23/12 Health Determinant Research Collaborations \(HDRCs\)](#)

**Deadline: 12:00 on 18 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 \(primary research\)](#)

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

[23/3 NIHR NICE rolling call](#)

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

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

[23/6 Motor Neurone Disease](#)

**Deadline: 12:00 on 3 May 2023**

[23/15 Precision medicine platform studies to efficiently evaluate the efficacy of interventions](#)

[23/16 A platform trial to evaluate potential interventions in dementia](#)

[23/25 Aviation Noise School Insulation Interventions](#)<sup>NEW</sup>

**Deadline: 12:00 on 4 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**

[23/8 Care \(Education\) and Treatment Reviews \(C\(E\)TRs\) for people with learning disabilities and/or autistic people](#)

[23/10 Health and Social Care Delivery Research Programme researcher-led](#)

[23/11 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call](#)

[23/14 Motor neurone disease highlight notice](#)

[23/18 Reducing compound pressures on the NHS and social care](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

**Deadline: 12:00 on 31 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](#)

[23/24 Application Development Award \(ADA\): The health impacts of dark kitchens and rapid grocery delivery services](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

[23/26 Effectiveness of interventions aimed at preventing domestic abuse](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

[23/28 Health impacts of having ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

[23/29 Reducing compound pressures on the NHS and social care](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

**Deadline: 12:00 on 15 August 2023**

[23/47 Adult Social Care Needs Assessment](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

**Deadline: 12:00 on 20 September 2023**

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

## [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](mailto: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, e.g. 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](mailto: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](#)

## [Allied health professional fellowship – clinical](#)

**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/>

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

**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>

## [Health and Care Research Wales 2023 Research Training Awards now](#)

[open](#) **New**

**Health and Care Research Wales** is pleased to announce the first round of the [Research Training Awards is now open.](#)

This scheme will provide funding (tuition fees and partial salary support) to undertake a Masters in Research degree or equivalent M-level research training award in applied health and/or social care research commencing in the 2023 academic year.

The opportunity is open to staff based in NHS Wales, local authority adult or children's social care services, or independent health and social care provision such as primary care, community pharmacy, adult or children's residential care, or domiciliary care. The award is aimed at those in the early stages of their research career (not necessarily early clinical or practice career stage) to support them to develop applied research skills and take the first steps on their research journey in health and social care.

Applicants should have a clear interest in developing their research skills and should aspire to develop their research career further following this course.

**The application window closes** at 16:00 on Thursday 13 April 2023.

<https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/researchers/funding-schemes/research-training-award>

## **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 member 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)

## [Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams \(PHIRST\)](#)

The **NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme** is seeking to commission four new Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST) to join the existing PHIRST teams. The new teams will conduct evaluative research of local government initiatives, to build the evidence base for local government decision making as it relates to health and health inequalities.

Each team will be commissioned for four years at a value of up to £2 million in total over the four years.

In order to apply, you will need to carefully review the [specification document](#) for further information.

The expression of interest should be no longer than three A4 sides and emailed to [phr@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:phr@nihr.ac.uk) by 1pm, 25 April 2023.

### **Contact**

For help with your application contact [phr@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:phr@nihr.ac.uk)

For more information about the funding Programme, visit the [PHR Page](#)

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**Deadline:** 13:00 on 25 April 2023

## [Career development research fellowships for nurses and allied health professionals](#) **New**

The **British Heart Foundation** provides a career opportunity for individuals with an established research record who intend to become leaders in academic nursing or allied health professional research.

### **Entry requirements**

- The applicant will normally be a member of one of the following groups of healthcare professionals, who is working in a cardiovascular setting:
  - Nurses
  - Midwives
  - Allied Health Professionals
  - Healthcare Scientists
- The applicant will hold a PhD or equivalent taught Practitioner/Professional Doctorate.

- The research proposed should usually be related to the improvement of care and outcomes for people with cardiovascular disease. More fundamental/basic science research may be better supported through our other funding schemes. If you have any queries about the suitability of your research for this scheme, please contact us in advance of submitting an application.
- Get to know some of BHF-funded researchers [here](#) to read more about their lives, career inspirations and research interests.

#### **Grant overview**

- Three years duration, with the possibility of a two year extension.
- The candidate must have the support of a named senior investigator who will guarantee access to space and resources and provide scientific guidance for the duration of their Fellowship. This individual should be named on the application form as a 'Supervisor' and provide an appropriate letter of support as part of the application.
- The Fellowship may be taken up on a part-time employment basis, where appropriate, following discussion and agreement with us and the employing institution. For more information, read about our [Flexible working policies](#).
- If the Fellowship is taken up on a full-time basis, we recognise that part of the time (ideally no more than 20% though sometimes more if it can be argued that the research directly involves their patients) may be spent on patient care.

#### **Award may include**

- Salary of applicant
- Salary for technician or research assistant if required and fully justified
- Research consumables, directly attributable to the project
- Research equipment essential for the project
- Travel funding of up to £500 per year to present research at or attend scientific meetings relevant to the grant

**Closing date** 10 May 2023

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

## **Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship**

**Diabetes UK** invites preliminary applications for the Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship. This enables candidates to establish themselves as independent researchers with a view to a long-term career as a clinical research leader in the field of diabetes. It is expected that the proposed research will be informed and strengthened by its clinical work. Applications are accepted from basic science studies which have direct relevance to the aetiology or treatment of diabetes through to translational and clinical research.

Fellowships must be held at a UK-based research institution. Applicants should have previously undergone a period of research training and must have completed a PhD or equivalent. They may be of any nationality, however they must normally have been resident and working in the European Economic Area for three years prior to application. Medical candidates should have a national training number or have obtained their certificate of completion of training, but should be no more than three years post CCT. Other clinically qualified professional candidates, including nurses, pharmacists and members of the allied health professions, must currently be registered with the relevant professional body or council of their profession. GPs are advised to contact the office prior to application. Medical candidates should spend at least 50 per cent of their time on research, or 70 per cent of their time if they have completed their CCT. Other clinically qualified professional candidates should spend at least 70 per cent of their time on research. The fellowship lasts for up to five years if they require more than one year's clinical training before CCT, or up to four years for other clinically qualified professional candidates. It comprises salary costs, running expenses, travel costs for training overseas, the salary of a technician or research assistant.

**Closing date** 31 May 2023

<http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For-researchers/Apply-for-a-grant/Harry-Keen-Intermediate-Clinical-Fellowship/>

## **Early career grants**

The **Royal Osteoporosis Society** invites applications for its early career grants. These support osteoporosis researchers in the early stages of their career through specific funding of a research project.

Early career researchers, clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, and members of the allied health professions, who are no more than four years from appointment to their first permanent academic position, may apply. Applicants must be based at a university, postgraduate institute, medical school, NHS trust or health board in the UK or other British islands. They must hold an employment contract at the institution that they are applying from, which covers the

proposed duration of the grant. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are on an upward trajectory with great potential and be ready to take the next step towards becoming an independent principal investigator. Grants are worth up to £30,000 over up to two years to cover direct project costs.

**Closing date** 06 June 2023 (Forecast)

<https://theros.org.uk/osteoporosis-research/funding-and-support-for-researchers/research-grants/early-career-grants/>

## Career development fellowships

**Versus Arthritis** invites applications for its career development fellowships. These provide postdoctoral basic scientists, vets, nurses and allied health professionals in research relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions with the opportunity to develop an independent research career and progress towards higher-level appointments.

Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent and be based and associated with an established sponsor in a UK university, hospital or research institute.

Fellowships are normally awarded for five years and may include salaries for the applicant, PhD students, research technicians or research assistants. The applicants are also permitted to apply for reasonable research expenses directly related to the proposal, including consumables, small pieces of equipment up to £30,000 in value, purchase and maintenance of laboratory animals and travel to a collaborating institution.

**Closing date** 27 July 2023 (Forecast)

[https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/information-for-researchers/fellowships/types-of-fellowship/#types-of-fellowship\\_career-development-fellowships---opening-soon](https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/information-for-researchers/fellowships/types-of-fellowship/#types-of-fellowship_career-development-fellowships---opening-soon)

## Reducing compound pressures on the NHS and social care **NEW**

We want to generate high-quality research evidence into the evaluation of health and care interventions and services to reduce compound pressures on the NHS and social care. This cross-programme call for research supports the recently published [Department of Health and Social Care Areas of Research Interest](#) which calls for high quality evidence to support those who plan, commission, manage, deliver and use services across the health, public health and social care sector.

We welcome applications for both new primary research studies to establish the effectiveness of new, promising or existing interventions, and implementation science, evidence synthesis and policy research to support the translation of effective interventions into policy and practice. We anticipate that a range of projects in size and scope will be commissioned and that where possible, will be able to report meaningful intermediate data early in the contract period.

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

- [commissioning brief](#)
- [supporting information](#)

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

### Participating programmes

The following NIHR programmes are taking part in this call for research:

- [Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation \(EME\)](#)
- [Evidence Synthesis Programme \(ESP\)](#)
- [Health and Social Care Delivery Research \(HSDR\)](#)
- [Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\)](#)
- [Invention for Innovation \(i4i\)](#)
- [Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\)](#) and [Programme Development Grants \(PDG\)](#)
- [Public Health Research \(PHR\)](#)
- [Research for Patient Benefit \(RfPB\)](#)
- [Research for Social Care \(RfSC\)](#)
- [NIHR Academy](#)

A list of programmes which are currently open to applications for the [Compound Pressures Themed Call](#) is available. Additional programmes will be added to this list in due course as new funding rounds open.

Please note that opening and submission dates vary. Completed forms must be submitted by the date specified by the relevant NIHR programme.

## Contact

For further information, please email [themedcalls@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:themedcalls@nihr.ac.uk).

**Closing Date: 30 August 2023 - [APPLY NOW](#)**

## **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>