

Pharmacy Research Opportunities

March 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](#)

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

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[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](#)

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[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 \(HDRCs\) ^{NEW}](#)

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[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](#) ^{NEW}

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

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](#)

^{NEW}

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

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

[23/14 Motor neurone disease highlight notice](#) ^{NEW}

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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>

[Clinician and healthcare professionals training fellowships](#) **New**

The **Alzheimer's Society** invites applications for its clinician and healthcare professionals training fellowships. These enable practising professionals working in dementia health and care services to undertake studies towards a higher research degree, usually a PhD, and to combine research and practice in order to develop a dual career.

Applicants must be working in dementia clinical and health services and be eligible to work in the UK. Clinician applicants must have completed appropriate college membership exams, and allied health professionals and nurses must have completed their professional training and hold a master's degree or an equivalent postgraduate research-oriented qualification or experience. Professions with doctoral-level training must have completed the relevant qualification. The host institution must be in the UK.

Fellowships include salary and university fees. Applicants may also apply for £25,000 towards research related expenses. Fellowships are for three-years full-time or can be taken up part-time for up to four years.

Closing date 24 March 2023

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/research/researchers/our-funding-schemes/clinician-and-healthcare-professionals-training-fellowships>

[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 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](#)

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>

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) **NEW**

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 by 1pm, 25 April 2023.

Contact

For help with your application contact 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

Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship **New**

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 **New**

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 **New**

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>

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.bsrp.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>