**NIHR Exeter BRC Pre-Application Support Fund**

**Application Form**

Please submit your application to the [NIHRExeterBRC@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:NIHRExeterBRC@exeter.ac.uk) by **5pm Monday 2nd June 2025**

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| **Section 1: Applicant Information** | |
| **Title, including preferred pronouns** |  |
| **Name** |  |
| **Current position** |  |
| **Current workplace** |  |
| **End date of current contract if not permanent** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
| **ORCiD (if applicable)** |  |
| **Do you currently hold, or have previously held an NIHR career development award?**  Please provide details. |  |
| **Professional backgrounds, including registration body and number.**  [ICA approved scheme regulatory bodies](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/heenihr-ica-programme-eligible-professions-and-regulators/12204) |  |
| **CV (maximum 2 pages), to include:**   * Degrees and professional qualifications * Present and previous positions * Research grants held * Publication record * Relevant prizes, awards and other academic distinctions |  |
| **Please describe your research career to date (max 300 words)**  Please use this question to describe your research career to date, and how this makes you suitable for the NIHR career development scheme you would use the Pre-Application Support Fund to apply to. Please include details of:   * Relevant skills and experience you have gained to date. * Your commitment to a career in research within the NIHR's remit. | |
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| **Please describe your future career goals and why additional support is required to submit an NIHR career development scheme application, including why now is the right time (max 300 words).** | |
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| **Contextual factors (max 250 words)**  Please use this question to detail any contextual factors you wish to make the Selection Committee aware of so that they may take them into consideration during the assessment of your application. Contextual factors may include:   * career breaks (for example parental leave or periods of illness) * reduced time spent undertaking research activities (including research outputs), related to a disability or to caring responsibilities. This may include physical or mental health related impairments, or conditions, which may have impacted upon your research career * reduced time spent undertaking research activities due to other professional responsibilities, for example within a clinical or practitioner role * opportunity to access career support; for example, mentorship, and prior research and training * impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your research career.   Please also use this section to detail any other factors that may have impacted you in considering or undertaking a research career not listed in the examples provided. The impact on your career to date will be specific to your particular circumstances and may contribute to your need for this award.  We acknowledge that you may be reluctant, or uncomfortable disclosing relevant information that is sensitive, so please only share what you feel is pertinent for consideration of your application. However, you should bear in mind that we are unable to take into account factors that you do not disclose. Please be assured that information provided by you is sensitive and will be treated confidentially and in line with General Data and Protection Regulations (GDPR). | |
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| **Section 2: NIHR Academy Programme Award** |
| **Please state which NIHR Career Development Scheme, of the eligible programmes listed below, you are applying for, alongside a timeline for submission.**   * [Pre-Doctoral Award](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/research-career-funding-programmes/predoctoral/predoctoral-award) * [Doctoral Award](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/research-career-funding-programmes/doctoral-award) * [Advanced Fellowship Award](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/research-career-funding-programmes/postdoctoral/postdoctoral-award) * [Global Advanced Fellowship Award](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/research-career-funding-programmes/postdoctoral/global-advanced-fellowship)   *For example, ‘NIHR Advanced Fellowship – with an intention to submit an application in the October 2025 – January 2026 call.’*  *\*It should be noted that full guidance and timelines of NIHR Career Development Schemes can be found on the NIHR website, with a summary of awards found* [*here*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/research-career-funding-programmes)*.* |
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| **Overview of the proposed programme of work that will underpin your NIHR career development scheme application (max 300 words).**  *Using the below as guidance, please outline your proposed programme of work:*   * *Describe what the focus of your application will be.* * *Describe the objectives, expected outcomes and potential impact.* * *How your research focus aligns with your chosen theme to progress research collaboration and the objectives of the BRC.* |
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| **Section 4: Scope of funding** |
| **Salary costs**    You can apply for up to 0.2 FTE over 6 months.  Please state the below:   * Total salary requested. \*This should include any relevant oncosts. Please seek advisement from your Trust on exact costings. * Justification for FTE and duration requested. * Preferred start date in August/September. |
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| **Training and Development**  Funds of up to £1,000 may be requested.  Please provide justification of costs requested. |
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| **Supervision and Mentorship**  Funds of up to £500 may be requested.  Please provide justification of costs requested. |
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| **Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)**  Funds of up to £500 may be requested.  Please provide justification of costs requested. |
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| **Accessibility**  Funds of up to £500 may be requested.  Please provide justification of costs requested. |
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| **Section 5: Signatures and support** | |
| Signature of applicant |  |
| Please confirm that you have spoken to the relevant theme lead and/or the BRC ACD lead about your application. |  |
| Please confirm that you have spoken with your Head of Department, Senior Manager at NHS Trust or clinical director/lead or postgraduate dean and have received confirmation that your time requested would be released. |  |
| Please provide the name and email address of the appropriate NHS Trust contact to arrange salary backfill/reimbursement. |  |