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Research Funding Bulletin June 2026

NIHR | National Institute for
Health and Care Research

All current and future funding information on NIHR funding can be found on the [NIHR Funding website](#).

NIHR funding includes:

Health and Social Care Delivery Research Programme

- [Researcher-led](#)
- [Improving discharge delivery across Health and Social Care](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity](#)

Health Technology Assessment Programme

- [Application Development Awards](#)

NIHR Academy

- [Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice 2027-28](#)

Infrastructure

- [NIHR Biomedical Research Centres](#)

Programme Grants for Applied Research

- [June 2026](#)

Innovation Catalyst

- [NIHR Innovation Catalyst - June 2026](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

[EME/HTA-Postdoctoral Award: Building clinical trials experience](#)

Pre-Application Support Fund

[Pre-Application Support Fund \(Cohort 9\)](#)

Development and Skills Enhancement (DSE) award

[Development and Skills Enhancement \(DSE\)
award \(Cohort 10\)](#)

Public Health Research (PHR) Programme

[PHR Development Awards - women in the armed
forces](#)

[Women's health communication](#)

Themed call

[Shaping and supporting the health, public health
and social care workforce of the future](#)

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

- [Increasing social support and parenting skills for
parents with learning disabilities](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting
Partnerships Rolling Funding Opportunity](#)
- [NIHR NICE Rolling Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Researcher-led - Primary Research](#)
- [Early intervention programmes for infants with
an increased chance of neurodisability](#)
- [Pharmacological treatment with and without
cognitive behavioural therapy for the
treatment of gambling that harms](#)
- [Target trial emulation: utilising routine data to
answer key health and care questions](#)
- [Transabdominal ultrasound surveillance for
gallbladder cancer in patients with gallbladder
polyps](#)
- [What is the effectiveness and cost-
effectiveness of specialist palliative care
support in care home settings?](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme

- [EME Programme researcher-led](#)
- [NIHR NICE rolling funding opportunity \(EME Programme\)](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity \(EME Programme\)](#)



**UK Research
and Innovation**

UK Medical Research Council [Opportunities – UKRI](#)

- [UKRI Translation: MRC Proof of Concept: stage one](#)

Apply for funding to develop and test novel therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics and other interventions across any stage of the developmental pathway, from prototype development, through pre-clinical refinement, to early-phase clinical studies (up to phase 2a).

You must be based at a research organisation eligible for Medical Research Council (MRC) funding.

There is no funding limit but requested costs should be appropriate to the project.

Deadline: 18th November 2026

- [Early independence: career development fellowship](#)

Apply for an early independence fellowship if your research focus is within Medical Research Council (MRC) remit.

You must:

- have a PhD or equivalent
- show evidence of career consolidation and productivity
- show clear plans for establishing your own research niche that enables a step-change towards independence

- [Early independence: clinician scientist fellowship](#)

Apply for an early independence fellowship if your research focus is within Medical Research Council (MRC) remit.

You must:

- be a registered healthcare professional
- have a PhD or equivalent
- show evidence of career consolidation and productivity
- show clear plans for establishing your own research niche

- [UKRI policy internships 2026](#)

An opportunity for UKRI-funded doctoral students to undertake a three-month internship at one of a selected group of influential policy organisations, undertaken as part of the existing doctoral studentship.

- [Capacity building: clinical research training fellowship](#)

Apply for funding to reacquire research skills. Your research can focus on any area of Medical Research Council (MRC) remit to improve human health. You must:

- be a registered healthcare professional
- be a PhD graduate working outside of research, usually five or more years ago
- show plans to pursue a clinical academic research

- [Using the 'Our Future Health' data resource for research](#)

This is a pilot scheme through which the Medical Research Council (MRC) will cover data access costs for eligible researchers who are currently supported by MRC. Data is accessed through Our Future Health and you must apply for access through the Our Future Health process.

- [MRC: new investigator research grant: applicant-led](#)

Apply for funding to take the next step towards becoming an independent researcher. Your research must be in the remit of the Medical Research Council. You must have:

- the skills and experience to 'transition to independence'
- the support of an eligible host research organisation

Deadline: 15th September 2026

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- show clear plans for establishing your own research niche

Deadline: 2nd September 2026

- [Capacity building: clinical research training fellowship](#)

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Deadline: 2nd September 2026

Other Funding Opportunities

Wellcome Trust

All Funding Opportunities can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

- [Wellcome Trust Early-Career Awards](#)

Summary: This scheme provides funding for early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. The researcher will deliver shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing. By the end of the award, they will be ready to lead their own independent research programme.

Project duration is usually 5 years but may be less for some disciplines and longer if held on a part-time basis.

Award: Your salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses.

Deadline: 21 July 2026

- [Wellcome Trust Career Development Award](#)

Summary: This scheme provides funding for mid-career researchers from any discipline who have the potential to be international research leaders. They will develop their research capabilities, drive innovative programmes of work and deliver significant shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing.

Award: Provides a salary for the grant holder (if required) and research expenses. Please request for level and duration of funding that's justifiable for your proposed research.

Deadline: 28 July 2026

- [Wellcome Accelerator Awards](#)

Summary: This scheme will support researchers of Black, Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage in the UK to undertake activities that put them in a stronger position to reach their next career stage within academia. The funding can be used for research or research-adjacent activities, such as training, secondments, and networking.

Award: Your salary (if required) and up to £200,000 for project expenses

Deadline: 25 August 2026

- [Wellcome Discovery Awards](#)

This scheme provides funding for established researchers and teams from any discipline who want to pursue bold and creative research ideas to deliver significant shifts in understanding related to human life, health and wellbeing.

Award: The average size of a Discovery Award is £3.5 million. Applications above £5 million will be subject to additional scrutiny.

Deadline: 22 September 2026

British Heart Foundation

- [Clinical Study Grants](#) – deadlines 27th August 2026

Diabetes UK

- [Project Grants](#) (deadline – 1st December 2026)



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- [Early-career small grants for basic scientists and healthcare professionals](#) (deadline 31st July 2026)
- [Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship](#) (deadline 1st October 2026)

Cancer Research UK

- [Prevention and Population Programme Award](#) (deadline 15th July 2026)
- [Clinical Scientist Fellowship](#) (deadline 10th September 2026)
- [Clinical Future Leaders Fellowship](#) (deadline 10th September 2026)

Arthritis UK

- **Living Well 2026**

We plan to invest around £2 million in projects which address unmet needs for people with arthritis.

Award range and duration: £400,000 - £1,000,000, for up to 36 months.

Open for applications: [find out more](#)

Deadline: 16:00 on Wednesday 24 June 2026

The Urology Foundation

- [Small Projects Fund](#)

Small Projects Fund focuses on projects that seek to improve the quality of clinical services and patient treatments and care. The maximum award available from this funding stream is £10,000. (deadline 30th September)

Research related opportunities

NIHR Senior Investigators Award

Wednesday 7 July at 3pm

The NIHR Senior Investigators Award (Cohort 20) is now open for applications.

If you're a senior researcher thinking about applying, join our free webinar for practical guidance on how to prepare a great application.

You'll gain a clear understanding of the application process, an insight into what the funding committee is looking for and a clear understanding of the Senior Investigator role.

[Find out more and register](#)

Integrating the Lived Experience and Voices of Children and Young People in Weight Management

Friday 10 July at 10am

Patient and public involvement is essential for all research funded by the NIHR. This webinar series, drawing on the experiences of public contributors and researchers, showcases examples of patient and public involvement in NIHR-funded research. Our next session will provide an overview of why and how the voices of young people are so critical in weight management research and service evaluation.

[Find out more and register](#)

Develop your leadership skills

Enhance your leadership skills with our free webinars and e-learning modules which will help support you whether you're a new or experienced leader.

They're available to anybody working in or supporting health and care research in the UK.

[Find out more](#)

Building fundable research futures

Do you want to strengthen your research impact, funding readiness and explore research pathways within clinical education research?

Join a new collaborative national programme hosted by the NIHR-supported Clinical Education Research Incubator.

The programme includes 3 online developmental workshops alongside an in-person impact exchange and networking day.

[Find out more and apply by 15 July](#)

NIHR Inequalities Challenge: Maternity Disparities Consortium pre-application support fund

Our Consortium is dedicating some of its capacity-development funding to provide pre-application support.

These awards are designed to level the playing field, offering extra resources to those who need them to build a competitive application for an onward career development funding award.

It will offer funding towards salary costs (up to £30,000) on a flexible whole time equivalent basis, allowing individuals to take time out from current responsibilities to enhance or prepare an application for career development funding.

[Find out more and apply by 30 July](#)

Register for the Academy Members' Conference

This year's Academy Members' Conference is on 6 and 7 October at The Queens Hotel in Leeds and online. The theme is 'NIHR20 - the future is digital: revolutionising health and care research'. Join us for 2 days of inspiring speakers, workshops and networking. NIHR Academy Members can apply for an in-person place, whilst everybody can register for a virtual place.

[Find out more and register now](#)

Further information

If you need help accessing any of the links outlined above please contact Katherine France, Knowledge & Library Service Manager, Katherine.France1@nhs.net

Please see our website for information about Knowledge & Library Services available to you.

<https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/services/library-services/>

If you are applying or thinking of applying for one of these funding opportunities, please get in touch with the research team. They can offer support, advice and guidance throughout the application process. Contact: 01302 644073 or emailing dbth.clinicalresearch@nhs.net