



**Doncaster and Bassetlaw
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Knowledge & Library Service: Supporting Research

Research Funding Bulletin September 2025



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

NIHR funding includes:

Better Methods Better Research (BMBR) Programme

- [BMBR Programme Researcher-Led](#)
- [Development Guidance for Better Research Methods](#)
- [Research methodology that supports the incorporation of health and environmental impact assessment in research](#)

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

- [HTA researcher-led – primary research](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity \(HTA Programme\)](#)
- [NIHR NICE rolling funding opportunity \(HTA Programme\)](#)
- [Alternate day caplacizumab for immune thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura](#)
- [Management of refractory chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis in children and young people](#)
- [Prehospital blood plasma for isolated severe traumatic brain injury](#)
- [Edison Histotripsy system workshop](#)

Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme

- [FAST September 2025](#)

Policy Research Programme

[NIHR Work and Health Research Awards Round 2](#)

Themed call

- [Prevention revolution: early action to prevent poor health outcomes](#)

NIHR Senior Research Leader (SRL) Programme – now open

Are you a senior nurse, midwife or allied health professional who is passionate about leading and growing research in health and social care?

The 4th cohort of the SRL Programme is now open – and for the first time, allied health professionals are eligible to apply.

The SRL Programme supports experienced professionals in growing as research leaders and driving improvements in health and social care through research.

Apply for the [SRL Programme](#) before 22 October.

NIHR Future Focused Leadership Programme (FFLP) – emerging research leader stream – now open

Are you 2 years postdoctoral and looking to develop your leadership skills and boost your career?

Apply to the FFLP –emerging research leader stream.

Over 12 months, you will participate in leadership development workshops, webinars and online modules.

[Submit your application to the FFLP](#) before 21 October.



UK Medical Research Council

[Opportunities – UKRI](#)

[Turing AI Pioneer Interdisciplinary Fellowships: outline applications](#)

Apply for fellowship funding to build AI capability. This opportunity is for established researchers from across UKRI remit, without a background in core AI research, who want to build domain relevant AI capability. You must be hosted at a UK research organisation eligible for UKRI funding. Deadline 14th October 2025

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: 30 September 2025

▪ [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 grantholder (if required) and research expenses. Please request for level and duration of funding that's justifiable for your proposed research.

Deadline: 20 November 2025

▪ [Wellcome Trust Discovery Awards](#)

Summary: 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.

Research questions should generate knowledge that leads to a shift in understanding or delivers new insight into how human life and health work. We welcome proposals that may have a clinical or societal impact or have translational potential, but the focus should be on discovery research.

We fund research into the:

- fundamental processes that underpin biology, to understand more about how human life works
- complexities of human health and disease, including clinical and population-based approaches
- burden of disease and its determinants where this brings new and transformational knowledge
- development of methodologies, conceptual frameworks, technologies, tools or techniques that could benefit health-related research
- needs, values and priorities of the people and communities affected by disease and health disparities
- social, ethical, cultural, political, economic and historical contexts of human health and disease.

Award: The average size of a Discovery Award is £3.5 million. Applications above £5 million will be subject to additional scrutiny. Awards can be up to 8 years, but may be less for some disciplines, and may be longer if held on a part-time basis. The average duration of a Discovery Award is 7

years, although we have supported awards from 3 to 8 years.

Deadline: 25 November 2025

British Heart Foundation

- [Clinical Study Grants](#) – deadlines 23rd October 2025; 5th February, 23rd April, 27th August 2026

- [Clinical Research Training Fellowships](#)

To provide a training in research after Foundation Year two and before consultant status. Deadline 29th October

- [Consultant Research Awards](#)

To allow NHS consultants with a recent research record to carry out research. Deadline 14th January 2026

- [Clinical Early Career Research Fellowship](#)

To support PhD/MDRes qualified resident doctors in higher specialist clinical training to secure protected postdoctoral research time. Deadline 14th January 2026

- [Clinical Future Leader Fellowship](#)

To provide long-term support to outstanding clinical researchers, as they transition to independence, leading their own research projects and teams. Deadline 14th January 2026

- [Clinical Senior Research Fellowship](#)

To support outstanding clinician scientists who are looking to grow their research group and have recently been awarded or are on a trajectory to a professorship. Deadline 14th January 2026

- [Research Training Fellowships for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals](#)

To provide a foundation in research training for nurses and healthcare professionals. Leading to the award of a PhD. Deadline 29th October 2025

- [Career Development Research Fellowships for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals](#)

To provide a career opportunity for individuals with an established research record who intend to become leaders in academic nursing or allied health professional research.

Deadline 29th October 2025

Cancer Research UK

- [Career Development Fellowship](#) (deadline 2nd October 2025)

- [Advanced Clinical Scientist Fellowship](#) (deadline 2nd October 2025)

- [Clinical Scientist Fellowship](#) (deadline 2nd October 2025)

- [Senior Cancer Research Fellowship](#) (deadline 2nd October 2025)

- [Postdoctoral Research Bursary for Clinical Trainees](#) (deadline 25th September)

Urology Foundation

[Small Projects Fund](#) – deadline 30th September 2025

UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network

[Individual Fellowships](#) – 6th October 2025

Versus Arthritis

[Translational MSK research](#) – October 2025

Research related opportunities

NIHR Mentoring Programme

- [NIHR Mentoring Programme: Mentor cohort 3 2025](#)

Undergraduate Internship Programme

- [Cohort 3](#)

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Further information

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<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