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Research Funding Bulletin August 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 (HSDR) Programme

- [HSDR researcher-led](#)
- [NIHR NICE rolling funding opportunity](#)

Health Technology Assessment Programme

- [Application Development Awards](#)
- [Broad call for interventions for improving outcomes in adults with faecal incontinence](#)
- [Definitive social care evaluations](#)
- [Interventions for children and young people with nonprogressive motor disorders affecting their speech](#)
- [Interventions for school-aged children with a developmental stammer](#)
- [Reducing central line-associated bloodstream infections in neonates](#)
- [Speech and language therapist-led interventions for school-aged children with developmental language disorder](#)
- [Early surgical intervention compared to standard care in neonates with symptoms of necrotising enterocolitis \(NEC\)](#)

NIHR Academy

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

Public Health Research (PHR) Programme

- [Using 'big data' to impact health and health inequalities](#)
- [Women's health communication](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity](#)
- [NIHR NICE rolling funding opportunity](#)
- [PHR researcher-led](#)

Themed call

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

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

- [Reconstruction surgery for FGM/C survivors](#)
- [Increasing social support and parenting skills for parents with learning disabilities](#)

Senior Research Leader Programme

- [Senior Research Leader \(SRL\) Programme \(Cohort 5\)](#)

Development and Skills Enhancement Award

- [Development and Skills Enhancement Award \(Cohort 11\)](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme

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

Better Methods, Better Research (BMBR) Programme - coming soon

- [Development of novel evaluative methodologies to overcome systemic barriers in social care research](#)
- [The use of synthetic data in health and social care research](#)



**UK Research
and Innovation**

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

- [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

- [MRC Centre of Research Excellence: round five: outline application](#)

Apply for MRC Centre of Research Excellence (MRC CoRE) funding to tackle complex and interdisciplinary health challenges.

Other Funding Opportunities

Wellcome Trust

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

- [Wellcome Discovery Awards](#)

Summary: You can apply for a Wellcome Discovery Award if you are a researcher who wants to pursue bold and creative research ideas. You must aim to make a major contribution to your research field by:

- generating significant shifts in understanding and/or
- developing methodologies, conceptual frameworks, tools or techniques that could benefit health-related research.

An award can be held by an established researcher or a team of researchers led by an established researcher.

- **Award:** You should ask for the resources you need for your research programme – see the 'Research costs we'll cover' section on this page. You will need to justify this in your application. The average size of a Discovery Award is £3.5 million. Applications above £5 million will be subject to additional scrutiny.

Deadline: 22nd September 2026

British Heart Foundation

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

Diabetes UK

- [Project Grants](#) (deadline – 1st December 2026)
- [Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship](#) (deadline 1st October 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)

Cancer Research UK

- [Discovery Programme Award](#) (deadline 29th September 2026)
- [Discovery Programme Foundation Award](#) (deadline 29th September 2026)

- [Career Establishment Award](#) (deadline 1st October 2026)
- [Clinical Research Funding Scheme](#) (deadline 3rd December)
- [Pre-doctoral Research Bursary](#) (deadline 24th September)
- [Career Development Fellowship](#) (deadline 1st October)
- [Early Detection and Diagnosis Programme Award](#) (deadline 21st January 2027)
- [Early Detection and Diagnosis Project Award](#) (deadline 3rd December)

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

