

# **Tips on writing successful research grants: Perspectives from an early mid-career researcher**

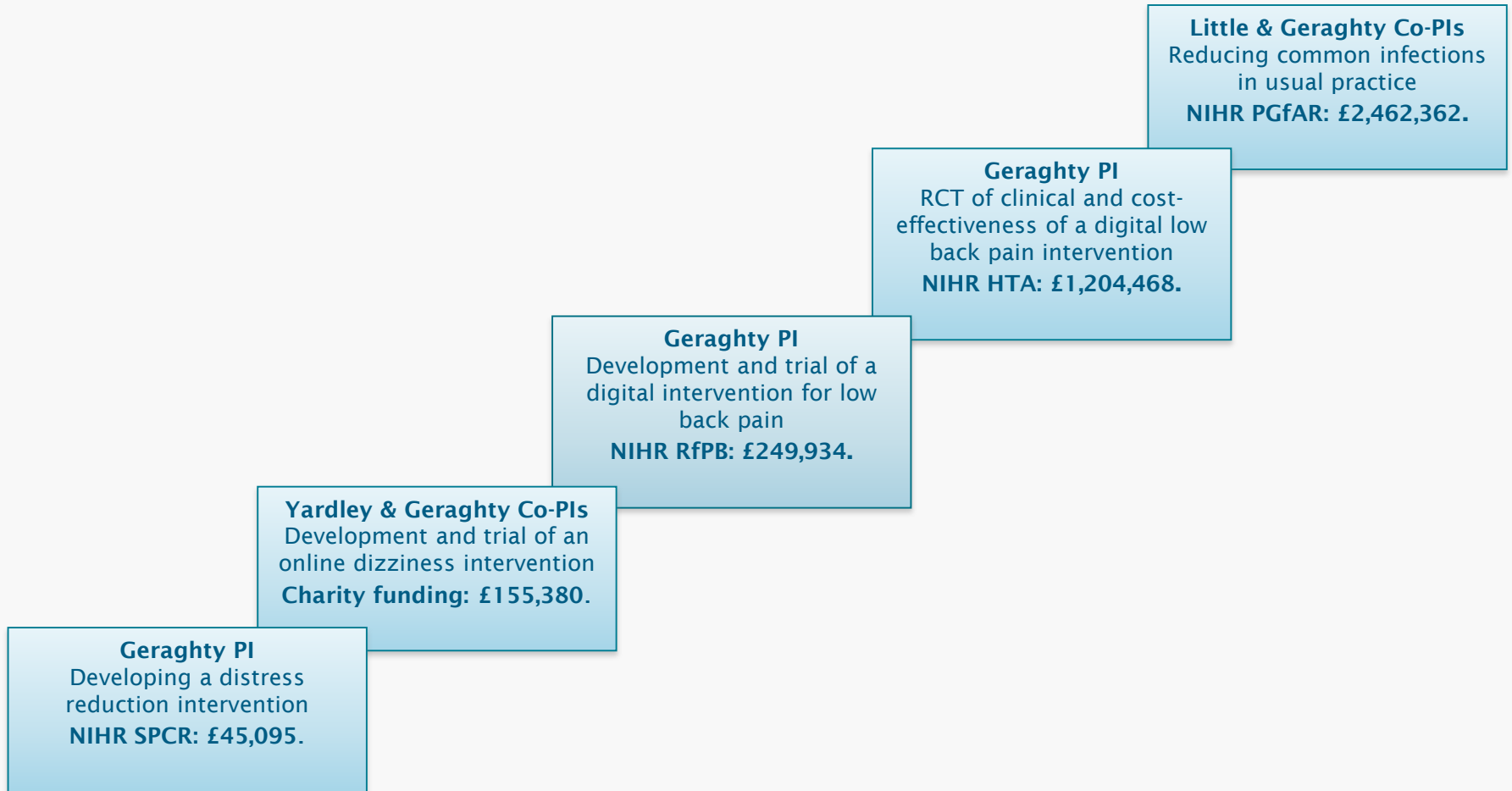
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# My research grant journey



# Tip 1: Great grant writing mentors

- Fundamental
- Lots of successful grant projects
- Extensive experience with funding boards
- Provide rapid feedback on ideas and drafts



Professor Paul Little CBE



Professor Lucy Yardley

# Tip 2: Importance of topic area

- Need to be a key priority for funders
- Which of your areas of interest has highest need?
- Strength of argument must be apparent



# Tip 3: Collaborators and networks

- Collaborate with leaders in the field
- Particularly important early career, mid career
- Increase chances of success



# Tip 4: Planning

- Allow as much time as possible
- If unsure, wait, go for next deadline
- Have full team on board from the outset
- Allow for the administrative elements



# Tip 5: Listen to your gut

- General strength and coherence
- How do you feel after reading full drafts?
- Coherence of idea, team, project plan
- Content and writing
- How happy are you to share with collaborators?



# Tip 6: Your heart has to be in it

- Do what interests and excites you
- Difficult, setbacks, rejections
- Helpful to be doing things that align with your goals and values
- Supports drive, persistence and coping resources





# Summary:

- ✓ Have great grant writing mentors
- ✓ Find an important and necessary topic area
- ✓ Seek leading collaborators
- ✓ Plan well ahead
- ✓ Listen to your gut
- ✓ Make sure your heart is in it

# Thank you

## Questions?

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