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**NIHR Three Research Schools’ Mental Health Programme**

**Improving mental health and wellbeing in underserved populations through collaborative research**

**Postdoctoral Launching Research Fellowship 2024/5**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please ensure you have read the Research Brief and Guidance notes before completing this form.

To apply please complete this application form together with a short CV (two pages maximum) and a covering letter (one page maximum). The covering letter should include a personal vision statement for your career in research covered by this programme.

Please email your final documents as detailed below to c.ashmore@keele.ac.uk by 3.30pm on **Thursday 28 March 2024**.

Please state ‘Postdoctoral Launching Research Fellowship 2024/5’ in the subject line and your documents as:

* SURNAME\_Launching\_Application
* SURNAME\_Launching\_CV
* SURNAME\_Launching\_Letter

If you have any questions, please email Claire Ashmore, Programme Manager, Three NIHR Research Schools’ Mental Health Programme c.ashmore@keele.ac.uk

**PART 1 – APPLICATION SUMMARY**

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| **Lead applicant’s details** |
| Name |  |
| Current post(s) held |  |
| Employer Organisation |  |
| Contact email |  |
| ORCID |  |
| **Building on the information contained in your short CV, please describe in no more than 500 words:*** yourcareer to date, including relevant experience for this proposed award, any relevant publications or other evidence of your research activities
* your career development goals
* your education, professional development and training to date
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| **Research Activity Code**  |
| Underpinning research  |   ☐   | Development of treatments and therapeutic intervention  |   ☐   |
| Aetiology  |   ☐   | Education of treatments not therapeutic interventions  |   ☐   |
| Prevention of disease and conditions, and promotion of well-being  |   ☐   | Management of diseases and conditions  |   ☐   |
| Detection, screening and diagnosis  |   ☐   | Health and social care services research  |   ☐   |

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| **Professional Background**  |
| Allied health professional  |   ☐   | Nurse  |   ☐   |
| Other registered health or care professional  |   ☐   | Midwife  |   ☐   |
| Not a registered health or care professional  |   ☐   | Dentist  |   ☐   |
| Medically qualified  |   ☐   | Social work  |   ☐   |

**PART 2 - WORK PLAN FOR DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP**

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| **Proposal details** |
| Research title |  |
| Expected start date |  |
| Duration (months) |  |
| Requested budget (total) |  |
| Five key words |  |

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| **NIHR Research Schools***Please provide below details for each School Member that is involved in the research. Must be at* ***least two*** *NIHR Research Schools, one who must be project lead.* |
|  | **Name of Member School(s) involved** |
| [NIHR School for Primary Care Research](https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/research/three-research-schools-mental-health-programme) |  |
| [NIHR School for Public Health Research](https://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/) |  |
| [NIHR School for Social Care Research](https://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk) |  |

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| **Proposed Supervisory Team** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Employer Organisation** |  |
| **Contact email** |  |
| **ORCID** |  |
| **NIHR School base (if relevant)** |  |
| **FTE contribution** |  |
| **Roles and responsibilities of team member** |  |

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| **Describe your current and ongoing training and development needs and describe how this award would facilitate these. (maximum 350 words)** |
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| **Abstract***Please summarise your research proposal in no more than 450 words.*  |
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| **Plain English Summary***Please summarise your research proposal for a lay audience in no more than 450 words.*  |
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**PART 3 - DETAILS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH**

Please do not exceed 6 **pages of A4 for Part 3 including** references which must be included below as part of the application form, and not submitted separately. Allowance will be made of up to half a page of A4 for space used by the instructions within this form.

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| **Details of proposed research** *Your description should include:** *The* ***background*** *and context to the proposed research and why it is important, including a brief overview of relevant known literature and how your proposed research adds to the evidence base*
* *The main* ***questions/aims*** *of the project*
* *A description of the* ***design*** *and methodological approach for your proposal, data collection and analysis, including a justification for sampling and anticipated challenges/risks for the design and the proposed solutions, including consideration of equality, diversity and inclusion*
* *Expected* ***outcomes*** *from the research*
* *Key* ***ethical*** *considerations and requirements for related approvals*
* *The* ***timetable*** *and milestones for the project.*
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**PART 4 – RELEVANCE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH** (*Please note that your planned project must fall within the remit of the* [*National Institute for Health Research*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/academy-nihr-remit-for-personal-awards/21380)*)*

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| **Relevance of proposed research** (Please do not exceed 1 page of A4)*You should include:** *How your proposed research is relevant to, and supports, the Three Schools’ Mental Health Research Programme?*
* *How your proposed research meets the criterion of collaboration across two or three NIHR Schools?*
* *How does your proposed research address ‘supporting underserved communities’?*
* *How have you chosen the setting in which you plan to undertake the award?*
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| **Will this project link to other parts of the NIHR, e.g. ARCs, Incubators? If yes, please describe.** |
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| **Will this project be eligible for adoption to the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) portfolio?** *If relevant, explain how you will work with the* [*CRN*](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/support/clinical-research-network.htm) *to support the recruitment to your research.* |
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| **What are the likely impacts on policy and/or practice from this project** (we appreciate that these will evolve over time)? <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-project-funding/plan-for-impact.htm> |
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| **UKCRC Health Research Classification System (**[Mental health - HRCS Online](https://hrcsonline.net/health-categories/mental-health/))Please detail all that are relevant |
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**PART 5 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

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| **Public involvement** *Describe the involvement of patients/public/practitioners/people with lived experience/carers in developing this application.* |
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| **How will patients/public/practitioners/people with lived experience/carers be involved in your research?** *Please describe who (i.e. particular demographics, how many, what relationships will be created etc) you would like to involve, why them and at which stages of your research you are expecting to involve them.* |
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**PART 6 - REFERENCES**

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| **Please provide the details of two referees that we may contact to obtain a reference about you and your career to date** |
| **Referee 1:** |
| *Name:* |
| *Position/organisation:* |
| *Email address:* |
| **Referee 2:** |
| *Name:* |
| *Position/organisation:* |
| *Email address:* |

**Equal Opportunities and Diversity**

NIHR and DHSC have a duty as a public body to promote equality of opportunity. All applicants will be contacted shortly after the closure date and asked to complete an equality and diversity form. Monitoring ensures that all applications to NIHR Programmes are treated equally in terms of gender, ethnicity and/or disability. The information you share with the monitoring system:

* will be stored separately from your application
* only be used for the purpose of monitoring equal opportunities
* be kept securely and in confidence.

**PART 7 - RESOURCES**

Please complete the accompanying financial resources form and include a summary below.

The total requested should be appropriate to the research design and reflect good value for money.

You should describe any financial contributions to be made through host institutions, project partners or others to support the research for which funds under this programme are sought.

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| **Total funding requested** |
| Current salary per annum |  |
| Total salary costs |  |
| Overheads (30% of fellow’s salary) |  |
| Training and development costs  |  |
| **Total** |  |
| **Justification***Please provide a justification for the resources requested which should include how each item was calculated with full justification provided. Please set out how the proposed research offers value for money* |
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**PART 8 - DECLARATIONS**

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| **Lead applicant***I confirm that the information given on this form is complete and correct, that all co-applicants on this form have seen a copy of this application, and that I shall be actively engaged in the work of this project and responsible for its overall management.* |
| Signature: Name: Date:  |
| **Finance authority***I confirm that I have checked the financial details of this application, and that this institution is prepared to carry out the work outlined at the stated costs and to administer the award if successful. I confirm that the staff gradings and salaries quoted in this application are in accordance with the practice and scales applying in this Institution/Organisation.* |
| Signature:Name:Date: |