

## **Guidance Notes for NIHR School for Primary Care Research GP Career Progression Fellowship 2021**

Applications for these part-time awards are invited from general practitioners with a strong academic record and a commitment to a career in academic primary care. The fellowship may be undertaken at any one of the nine universities within the NIHR School for Primary Care Research: Bristol, Exeter, Keele, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, QMUL, Southampton and University College London. Details of the specific research training opportunities available at each university are described in the further particulars <https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/files/trainees/further-particulars-2021>

This opportunity is also open to Academic Clinical Fellows and In-Practice Fellows. Applicants holding one of these awards must clearly document progress towards a Doctoral Training Fellowship application or progress towards doctoral thesis completion in their application.

This award is intended to be flexible and will allow academic general practitioners to develop a formal doctoral training fellowship application. ACFs and IPFs who may have started work towards their doctorate can use these fellowships to complete their degree. One or two year fellowships will be available.

The exact combination of academic to clinical time is flexible and will reflect the stage of the applicant in preparing their Doctoral Training Fellowship application or their doctoral thesis. The award will terminate should the fellow be successful in securing a Doctoral Training Fellowship.

Remuneration, for those applicants who have completed their CCT, will be between £67,407 to £76,824 WTE. It is anticipated that most fellowships will be undertaken at 0.5WTE.

Your intended research project must be within the NIHR remit  
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/academy-nihr-remit-for-personal-awards/21380>

## Selection Criteria

<b>PERSON</b>
Interest in pursuing academic primary care research in the UK
Intention to pursue a PhD
Excellent academic track record with evidence of interest in research or teaching as well as clinical medicine
Ability and motivation to pursue an independent research project
Track record of publications and presentations
Excellent written communication skills, demonstrated by a track record in publications, reports, a dissertation, or other written material
Appropriate training plan
Evidence of ability to work as part of a team
<b>PROJECT</b>
Relevance of proposed project to primary care and the SPCR
PPI – quality of plain English summary
PPI - involvement of patients/service users, career and/or the public in developing this proposal and actively involved throughout the proposed project
Clarity of aims
Appropriate methodology
Feasibility and likelihood of completion in available time
Fit between proposed project and proposed supervisory team interests and expertise
Likelihood of being able to secure a doctoral fellowship at end of this fellowship / or completing PhD already in progress

## Application process

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the relevant university to discuss hosting their planned research. Contact details for each university (and in some cases for each subject area offered) can be found <https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/files/trainees/further-particulars-2021>

Complete a standard application form (SAF) and email it to the School's Assistant Director, Dr Georgina Fletcher at: [georgina.fletcher@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:georgina.fletcher@nihr.ac.uk)

- Please include **GPCP Fellowship 2021** as the subject of the email
- Please name the attached file using the following convention: **Surname\_SAF\_GPCP21**
- SAF should be submitted as a Word document and not as a PDF
- No other documents should be submitted as part of the application
- Applications must be received by **12 noon**, 26 April, 2021

Closing	26 April
Interviews held	3 June
Interview outcome announced	By end of June
Awards start	Available immediately