

Guidance Notes for NIHR School for Primary Care Research Post-doctoral Fellowship 2021

These awards provide funding to cover the costs of a 24 month fellowship at one of the SPCR members. Applicants should have a strong academic record and wish to develop a career in primary care research. The aim of these fellowships is for the fellow to follow an independent research project, publish their research and prepare grant applications to secure future funding (e.g. an NIHR fellowship). The fellowships are available from mid-2021.

The award may be based in any of the nine members of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research: Bristol, Exeter, Keele, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, Queen Mary University of London, Southampton, and University College London. Details of the specific research training opportunities available at each university are described here <https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/files/trainees/further-particulars-2021>

Applicants must have experience of research in primary care or a closely related field of medicine. Applicants will have obtained their research doctorate or submitted their PhD or MD thesis for examination.

Remuneration for fellowships will depend on previous experience but most appointees will receive a salary in the range of £33-40k. The fellowship covers salary and some research and training costs. The host university is awarded a fixed sum for the fellowship. This application does not require detailed salary costings at this stage.

All applicants must ensure that their proposed research project is compatible with the NIHR remit: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/academy-nihr-remit-for-personal-awards/21380>

The fellowship award can be based around a specified single project or involve attachment to a research group involved in a programme of research. The awards are open to all disciplines relevant to primary care research, clinical non-medical and non-clinical, although the individual universities vary in the disciplinary opportunities they offer.

Selection Criteria

PERSON
Interest in pursuing academic primary care research in the UK
Excellent academic track record with evidence of interest in teaching or research
Track record of publications
Track record of conference presentations, seminars and other oral presentations
Excellent written communication skills, demonstrated by a track record in publications, reports, a dissertation, or other written material
Ability and motivation to pursue an independent research project
Evidence of ability to work as part of a team
PROJECT
Relevance of proposed project to primary care and SPCR
Clarity of aims
PPI – quality of plain English summary
PPI – involvement of patients/service users, career and/or the public in developing this proposal and active involvement throughout the proposed project
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 further personal award or research funding at end of this fellowship

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 here:

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

- Please include **PDF SAF 2021** as the subject of the email
- Please name the attached file using the following convention: **Surname_PDF SAF 2021**
- 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** on 26 April 2021

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