



# Funded career opportunities for NMHAPPS at different stages of the research trajectory

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# Eligibility

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## Must be registered with ICA Regulatory Bodies

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Academy for Healthcare Science

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- General Chiropractic Council
- General Dental Council
- General Medical Council
- General Optical Council
- General Osteopathic Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Social Work England
- UK Public Health Register

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# Pre-doctoral



## Launchpad internships



For individuals or teams

Getting started

Develop and progress



**Requirements:** will need supervisors, managers' support, a fully costed application and a training plan



Up to 10K is awarded to undertake research activities of your choosing



Apply by midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to <https://academy.hiowhealthcare.nhs.uk/launchpad-programme/launchpad-internship-application>

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**Inspiring students into research scheme (INSIGHT) Programme (round 3) –South Central (SCIP)**

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For individuals

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Leading to a Master's in healthcare research

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1 year full-time or two years part-time

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If employed, will need manager's support

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Award = University tuition fees and a tax-free stipend of up to £20, 780 p.a

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Deadline 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 11 pm (UK time)

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**NIHR Predoctoral award, rolling opportunity between September and March**

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For individuals

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Funding for a programme of training and development to advance health and social careers at master's level and support a PhD application

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Needs statements, research area of interest, working with people and communities and detailed career development programme

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Award = Salary for up to 1 year (full-time ) or 4 years (part-time), university tuition fees up to 5K, PPIE 1K, supervisory fees 1K and 1k conference fees and associated travel

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# Doctoral

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## NIHR doctoral- fellowship awards (cohort 3)

For individuals with a 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2:1 bachelor's degree, prior research experience or PhD preparation, and registered for a PhD at a recognised HEI in England

Competitive application, detailed and costed research plan informed by PPIE and EDI, plain English summary & narrative CV

Award = full or part-time, salary replacement costs, PhD tuition and training fees, consumables, external consultancy, open access publication fees, conference funding up to 3K, and pc costs up to 1K

Cohort 3 deadline April/May 2026

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# Post-doctoral



## NIHR postdoctoral-level fellowships



For individuals who holds or has recently submitted a PhD to establish status as an independent researcher, or may be an established independent researcher aiming for recognition as an international leader in the field



Competitive application focused on NIHR research priority areas and skills and knowledge for your career development



Award = full or part-time salary costs (2-5 years), up to 2K conference fees, training and development budget, support post salary costs, full-time up to three years

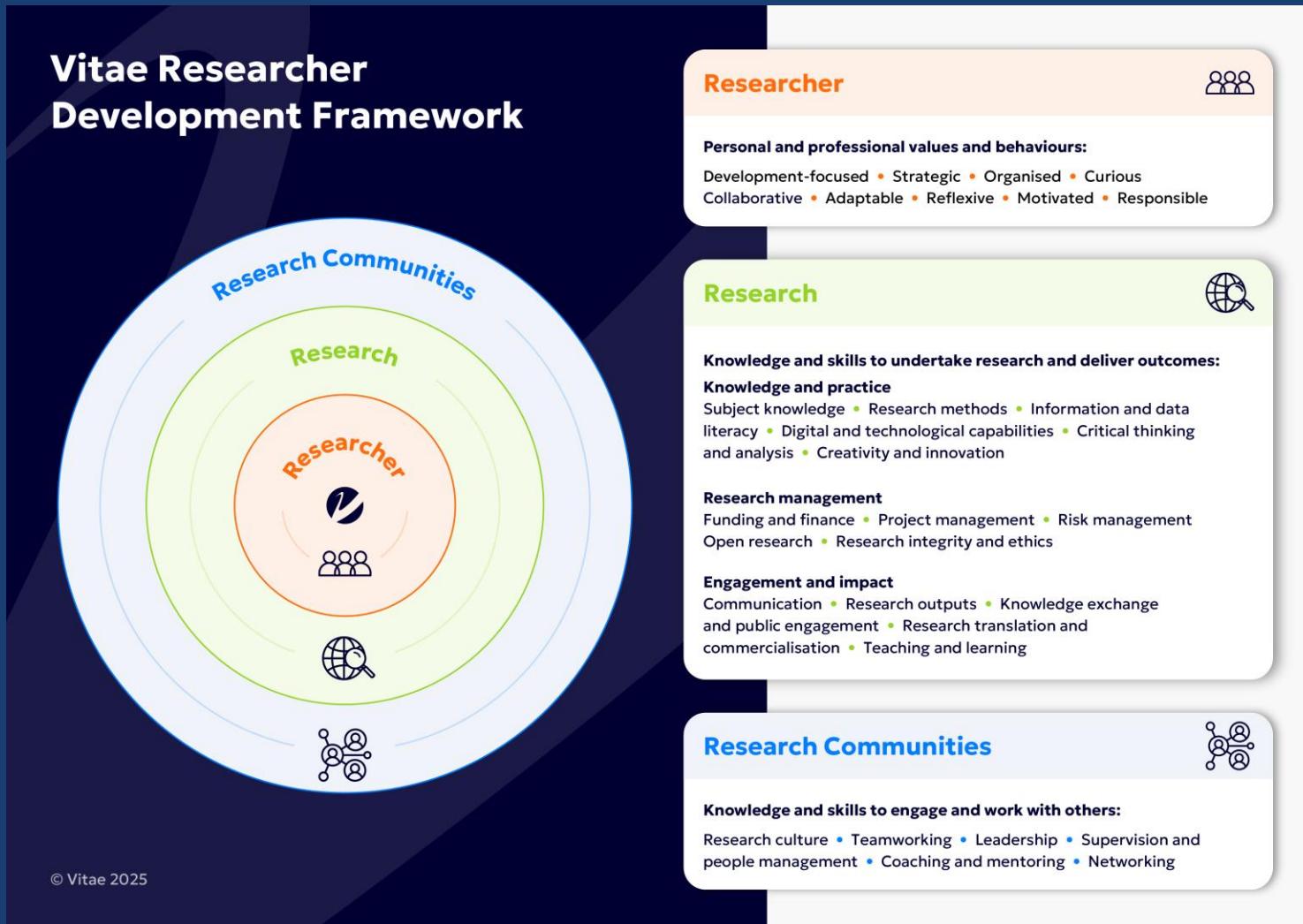


Award closes in April & October every year

# Planning or supporting an application

- **Research priorities**
  - National
  - Regional/local
- **Personal objectives**
  - PDR/PDP
- **Local funded opportunities, e.g. Chief Nurse Fellowship Scheme**
- **Trust or university research modules**
- **Networking**
  - What you bring
- **Support** from line managers and organisations
  - **Mentorship**
  - Multi-professional practice -based research capabilities framework  
<https://advanced-practice.hee.nhs.uk/research-framework-launched/>

# Self-assessment



# References

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<https://vitae.ac.uk/vitae-researcher-development-framework/>