

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



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Eligibility

Must be registered with ICA Regulatory Bodies

Academy for Healthcare Science

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

Pre-doctoral

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

For individuals

Leading to a Master's in healthcare research

1 year full-time or two years part-time

If employed, will need manager's support

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

Deadline 6th April 2026 11 pm (UK time)

Pre-doctoral

NIHR Predoctoral award, rolling opportunity between September and March

For individuals

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

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

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

Doctoral

NIHR doctoral- fellowship awards (cohort 3)

For individuals with a 1st 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

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



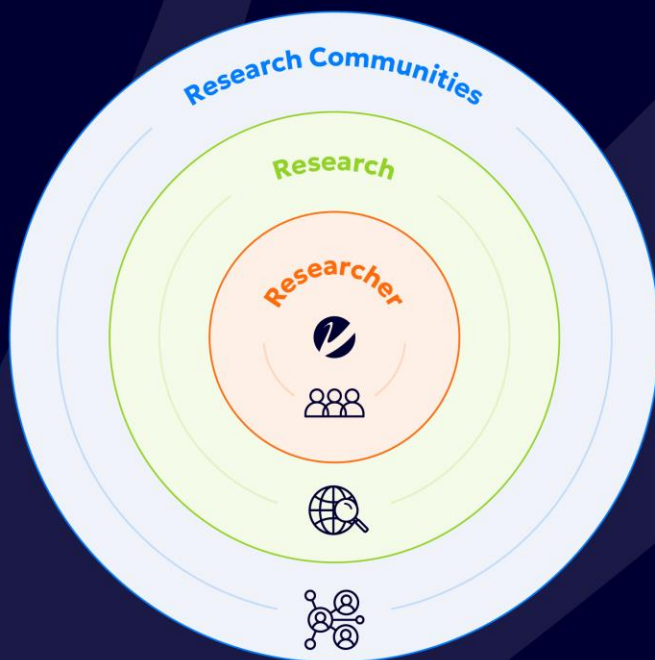
Award closes in April & October every year

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

Vitae Researcher Development Framework



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Researcher



Personal and professional values and behaviours:

Development-focused • Strategic • Organised • Curious
Collaborative • Adaptable • Reflexive • Motivated • Responsible

Research



Knowledge and skills to undertake research and deliver outcomes:

Knowledge and practice

Subject knowledge • Research methods • Information and data literacy • Digital and technological capabilities • Critical thinking and analysis • Creativity and innovation

Research management

Funding and finance • Project management • Risk management
Open research • Research integrity and ethics

Engagement and impact

Communication • Research outputs • Knowledge exchange and public engagement • Research translation and commercialisation • Teaching and learning

Research Communities



Knowledge and skills to engage and work with others:

Research culture • Teamworking • Leadership • Supervision and people management • Coaching and mentoring • Networking

References

Vitae (2025) *The Researcher Development Framework*

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