

NIHR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

On behalf of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the Trainees Coordinating Centre for Research Capacity Development (NIHR TCC) is launching the fifth round of the NIHR Fellowship Scheme.

NIHR Fellowships are designed to support researchers (working full-time or part-time) whose work focuses on people and patient-based clinical and applied health research, by buying out an individual's salary costs and contributing to the research costs needed to complete an identified research project.

Applications are invited from individuals working in any sector or scientific discipline, within an institution sited in England, who can demonstrate a role in, or contribution to, improving health, health care or services. Potential applicants from the devolved countries must consult with their national R&D office before applying. Scotland is not participating at this level of award in 2012.

The programme provides four levels of award:

The Doctoral Research Fellowship - offers 3 years full-time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time) to undertake a PhD and is aimed at individuals, of outstanding potential, early in their research careers. It aims to fast-track them through a customised research training programme in an environment reflecting their individual talents and training needs. It is anticipated that successful applicants would become independent research leaders within 6 to 10 years of completing an NIHR-DRF award.

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship – offers 3 years full time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time) to individuals who are able to demonstrate their potential as researchers but do not, as yet, have sufficient experience to be fully independent. Applicants must show evidence of a clear commitment to a research career and success in the form of outputs from doctoral and post-doctoral research, where applicable. Applicants will not have more than 3 years WTE post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying.

The Career Development Fellowship - offers 3 years full-time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time) to individuals who have significant and successful post-doctoral experience. Applicants should be able to provide evidence of a clear commitment to a research career, success in the form of outputs from doctoral and post-doctoral research and the likelihood that during a Fellowship they would become fully independent researchers. Applicants will not have more than 7 years WTE post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying.

The Senior Research Fellowship – offers 5 years funding to undertake a programme of research and is aimed at outstanding individuals who are currently independent researchers and can demonstrate the potential to become academic and research leaders within the duration of an award. An NIHR-SRF is expected to enhance existing career opportunities for both the award holder and others in health related research and support the development of collaborative partnerships within and between HEIs and the NHS in response to identified health needs.

For further information, full prospective applicant guidance notes and an application pack, please see: <http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/nihrfellow/>