



National Institute for Health Research

Invitation to apply for the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Fellowships Programme Round 9

**The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) are pleased to
announce the launch of Round 9 of the NIHR Fellowships
Programme 2016.**

NIHR Fellowships support outstanding individuals to become the health research leaders of the future by buying out their salary costs, meeting their training and development costs and by contributing to the research costs needed to complete an identified research project.

These personal research training awards offer a range of opportunities to undertake fully funded health related research and also carry out a personal training and development programme.

Applications are invited from individuals working in any sector or scientific discipline who propose to undertake people or patient-based clinical and applied health research at an institution based in England or Wales.

Applications must be received by the NIHR TCC by **1.00 pm on Wednesday the 20th of January 2016**

To access the online application form please visit <https://tcci.nihr.ac.uk/Login.aspx>

Five levels of NIHR Fellowship award are available:

The Doctoral Research Fellowship (DRF) 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 (PDF) 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 (CDF) 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. Applicants who have had a career break may be able to apply with up to 8 years WTE post-doctoral research experience.

The Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) 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.

The Transitional Research Fellowship (TRF) offers 18 months – 24 months funding (at 100%, 75% or 60%) to support researchers to make a transition from basic or experimental science research to an area of applied health or clinical research which is within NIHR remit. Applicants may also use a TRF to re-establish their career in applied health or clinical research, after a significant career break. Any proposed research component of the TRF application must be within NIHR remit. The NIHR TRF should allow successful applicants to develop the skills needed to be successful in future applications for both NIHR Fellowship Programmes and wider NIHR funding opportunities. A NIHR TRF is a personal award designed to buy out an individual's salary costs and to fund an appropriate training and development programme, which may or may not include a research project component. Applicants will not have more than 5 years WTE post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying.

For further details on each individual scheme and instructions for applicants please visit; <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/fellowship-programme.htm>