

## **NIHR Pre-Application Support Fund**

### **For the brightest clinicians, practitioners and methodologists in patient safety**

The National Institute for Health and Care Research Newcastle Patient Safety Research Collaboration (NIHR Newcastle PSRC) carries out research with the goal of improving patient safety for communities and individuals with multiple long-term conditions (MLTCs). Our research themes focus on:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) and data science in multiple long-term conditions
- Safer management of polypharmacy in multiple long-term conditions
- Safer integrated health and social care environments
- Safer management on multiple long-term conditions in disadvantaged communities

Listening to patients, public and practitioners, taking their experiences into consideration from design to evaluation, strengthens our research. Collaborating with a range of partners with expertise in the field further benefits patients and professionals.

Experts from Newcastle University, working with Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NUTH) and partner organisations will deliver visible research resulting in real-world, transformative change for patient safety and health outcomes for those with multiple long-term conditions (MLTCs). Strategic patient safety challenges will be addressed around:

- Patient safety behaviours
- Effective patient safety practices
- Clinical risk scores (validation, implementation, and outcomes).

At NIHR Newcastle PSRC, we seek to bring together a dynamic, diverse, growing community of health and care researchers and professionals – and to collectively build capacity in patient safety innovation, research and care related to multiple long-term conditions. We emphasise sustainable, integrated career pathways for future patient safety research leaders, from diverse and complementary professional backgrounds.

#### **These awards are a development opportunity for:**

- To gain regular interaction opportunities with researchers and clinical and practitioner academics from different disciplines across career stages.
- To access information about further formal research training opportunities and support for preparing your onward funding application.
- To network with other existing patient safety studentships and other award holders.
- To receive mentoring for the next career steps and related funding opportunities.
- To participate in monthly support and training meetings to build research capacity.
- To access Newcastle University development opportunities, seminars, and workshops.
- For pre-doctoral students to purchase time to develop a competitive application to an appropriate funding scheme (e.g. PCAF/PLAF/DF/DCAF/DLAF)
- For post-doctoral students to purchase time to develop a competitive application to an appropriate funding scheme (e.g. AF/ACAF/ALAF)

## **Expected outputs:**

- A fellowship funding application submitted to an external funder e.g. NIHR pre-doctoral or post-doctoral award.

Funding is available to support salary to buy out your time, and is available for up to 12 months, usually 1-3 days a week, according to the applicant development needs and preferences. A small training and development budget is available.

To be eligible, the applicant must be in an existing employment and their employer must be willing to support the application. Applications from within the NHIP organisations are particularly encouraged.

The applicant will have a genuine passion for getting involved in research and a long-term desire to grow as a researcher, as well as a clinician or practitioner where applicable. These pre-application awards are aimed at people who want to develop a competitive pre- or post-doctoral funding application.

We strongly encourage those considering of applying to discuss their application with one of the Academic Career Development team for the Newcastle Patient Safety Research Collaborative:

- Professor Annette Hand: [annette.hand2@nhs.net](mailto:annette.hand2@nhs.net)
- Professor Niina Kolehmainen: [niina.kolehmainen@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:niina.kolehmainen@newcastle.ac.uk)
- Dr Chris Lovegrove: [chris.lovegrove@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:chris.lovegrove@newcastle.ac.uk)

## **How to apply**

Applicants should complete the expression of interest form below, and submit, by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 by email to [psrc@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:psrc@newcastle.ac.uk) . **Please note that applications will not be considered if they are incomplete, including applications that do not have a finance and manager signature.**

Start dates for successful candidates can be negotiated.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) SUMMARY FORM (max 2 pages)**

*This form should be completed in 11 point Tahoma text. No alterations to the page margins should be made. The Eoi should start with this page and not exceed a total of two pages; **applications exceeding this will not be considered**. Applicants should complete all sections of the form – individual sections do not have word limits. The third page should include CV details of the applicant, and the relevant signatures. **Incomplete applications will not be considered**.*

**Topic of interest:**

**Applicant name and email address:**

**Employing organisation:**

**Discipline/Profession:**

**Educational qualifications:**

**What are your specific learning objectives for this development opportunity?**

**What would you like the next step after this opportunity to be, and how will this opportunity help you to take these steps?**

**What relevant experience (patient safety, research, clinical/practice, leadership) do you bring to this opportunity?**

**End of Eoi page 2 only applicant CV, and finance and manager signatures, should follow**

**Summary CV for the applicant – max 2 pages**

**SIGNATURES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION (max 1 page)**

**Supporting statement from employer (we recommend this is from a senior line manager):**

**Senior line manager's signature:**

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Date:**

**Declaration from applicant:**

**I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate and no information requested or other material information has been omitted**

**Applicant signature:**

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Date:**

**Proposed start date for taking up the award:**

**Number of days proposed to dedicate on the opportunity:**

**Proposed end date:**

**Total cost requested (salary costs should be prioritised):**

**The signature, name, job title, and email address of the person who has supported you to prepare these costings**

**Signature:**

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Email:**