**Education, Training & Career Development Fund**

**Information on the Fund**

The BRC are pleased to announce the Third round of funding from the Education, Training & Career Development Fund. A budget of 15k has been set aside for the First year April 2018 – March 2019. The scheme has a limited budget and awards are therefore competitive.

**Deadline for applications**: 13th March 2019

**Email applications and supporting documents to:** [SoAR@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:SoAR@uhs.nhs.uk)

**Please direct any queries to the BRC training leads:**

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For Cross-cutting Themes (Data Science, Microbial Science and Behavioural Science) and other healthcare professionals.

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For Nutrition Theme.

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For Respiratory & Critical Care Theme.

**The purpose is to:**

* Offer funds of up to £500 to enable BRC aligned junior investigators and research staff to access training, education and career development opportunities (This includes both research delivery staff and researchers)
* Encourage and support BRC aligned junior investigators to disseminate their research
* Raise the profile of the achievements of BRC aligned junior investigators

The NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) **Education, Training & Career Development Fund** will support training of individuals undertaking research into respiratory diseases, critical care, or research into the nutritional aspects of health and disease. The research should be aligned with, but does not necessarily have to be funded by, the respiratory and critical care theme, nutrition theme or one of the cross cutting themes (Behavioural Science, Microbial Science and Data Science).

Awards will consist of a maximum of £500, except in exceptional circumstances. The Fund primarily aims to support the training needs of researchers in the early phases of their career, or research support staff with training and development needs. These are primarily 'lift-up' awards for people pre-fellowship and to support BRC research support staff gain training.

***NB. For those who have a BRC funded fellowship and provisions made for training and development, this award will not be prioritised for allocation of these funds.***

In exceptional cases the Fund will support senior staff if their training and development where needs cannot be met elsewhere (e.g. NHS Consultants invited to present BRC supported research at international meetings). For presentations and publications, affiliation to, and funding from, the BRC must be acknowledged. Applicants must be staff or students of University of Southampton or University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.

**Examples of support include:**

Conference fees, travel to other centres, short course fees, open access fees. Conference fees will only be awarded to presenting authors (evidence of abstract acceptance required).

**We will not support**:

Research which falls outside the remit of the BRC; salaries; stipends; living expenses; university fees for higher degree; expenses which can be accessed from other sources (e.g. NIHR funded SPARC or IVSA schemes see below). Project expenses should usually be covered by project grants but requests will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

**Please see links to examples of alternative funding**

**For NIHR funded Academic Clinical Fellows and Clinical Lecturers:**

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/research/clinical_academic_training/funding_for_trainees.page?>

We expect all individuals who receive support from the BRC to participate in our activities (e.g. present their research at BRC meetings, participate in relevant education and training activities, support the organisation of training), and to include the BRC as an affiliation and an acknowledgement on all publications and presentations resulting from this funding.

**The applications will be scored by a panel comprising as a minimum:**

* Two NIHR BRC training leads (Jane Lucas, Mark Johnson, Kay Mitchell)

**Criteria for scoring will include:**

* Importance of the award to the individual for their education, training or career development.
* Relevance of the individual’s research or research support to the BRC.