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Education, Training & Career Development Fund Call

From November 2020 to February 2021

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Information on the Fund

The NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Southampton in Association with Southampton Academy of Research (SoAR) are pleased to announce the first Open call for the Education, Training & Career Development Fund Call. Applications for funding will be welcomed, reviewed and awarded from November 2020 to February 2021 as funding is needed. The scheme has a limited budget set aside for the financial year 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, awards are therefore competitive. [Terms and Conditions apply.](#)

Deadline for applications: 9th February 2021 at 23:00hrs

Email applications and supporting documents to: SoAR@uhs.nhs.uk

Please direct any queries to the BRC academic career development leads:

K.Mitchell@soton.ac.uk

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

M.Johnson@soton.ac.uk

For Nutrition Theme

K.Staples@soton.ac.uk

For Respiratory & Critical Care Theme

The purpose of fund:

- Offer funds of up to £750 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 BRC Southampton **Education, Training & Career Development Fund** will support training of individuals undertaking research into respiratory diseases, critical care, or nutritional aspects of health and disease. The research should be aligned with, but does not necessarily have to be directly funded by, the respiratory and critical care theme, nutrition theme or one of the cross-cutting themes (Behavioural Science, Microbial Science and Data Science).

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. Awards will consist of a maximum of £750.

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NB. Those who have a BRC funded fellowship which includes provisions made for training and development will not be prioritised for allocation of these funds.

In exceptional cases the fund will support senior staff with respect to training and development where needs cannot be met elsewhere (e.g. NHS Consultants invited to present BRC-supported research at international meetings).

For presentations, 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.

- In addition to the award you will be required to provide feedback on how this funding opportunity has impacted your learning and development. (A feedback form will be sent after your claim has been processed)

Examples of support include:

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

On this occasion we will also support funding towards:

- one university module fee, as a part or whole contribution
- Open access fees.

We will not support:

Research which falls outside the remit of the BRC, salaries, projects consumables or equipment, mandatory training and development, stipends, living expenses and university fees for higher degree registration, expenses which can be accessed from other sources (e.g. NIHR funded SPARC or IVSA schemes see below).

Individuals who have alternative access to funds e.g. NIHR Academy members by virtue of having been awarded an NIHR Southampton BRC studentship /fellowship who already have a budget for training as part of their studentship/ fellowship, those eligible to apply for funding via NIHR trainee fund.

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?

UoS staff member, student or UoS visitor access holders:

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/sso/login?service=https://www.researchprofessional.com/O/>

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The applications will be scored by a panel comprising of:

- Two NIHR BRC academic career development leads (Karl Staples, Mark Johnson or 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.
- Previous successful applications are welcome although this will be taken into account when scoring/allocating awards.

Terms and Conditions:

- **Funding is subject to availability**
- **Funding is awarded on a first come-first served basis**
- **Any funding not claimed before Monday 15th March 2021 will be reallocated**
- **Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application approximately 14 working days after submission.**
- **Funding for education and training will be prioritised over open access fees**
- **Open access fees will only be awarded once in a five year period,**
- **Applicants need to approach librarians to ensure they are not eligible for OA fees from elsewhere first**
- **Requests for courses and conferences will take priority over open access fees**

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Claiming Procedures:

Please note: all claims will be **paid retrospectively**. You will receive a guide on our claiming procedures if/when you are issued with a successful letter.

University Hospital of Southampton employees: (as indicated by your payslip)

You will be required to submit your claim via the ESR Portal. Your claim will be processed by your line manager and funds taken from their Cost Centre initially. SoAR will then arrange for an interdepartmental transfer to put the money back into your Line manager's Cost Centre.

Please ensure that you have spoken to your line manager prior to application. You will be awarded a BRC Training and Education Fund allocation letter as proof, if successful.

- **Students and Honorary contract holders or external examiners/invigilators (If you are not receiving a salary from UoS or UHS)**

You will be required to complete a BACS form. The form must be returned to our finance department

- **University of Southampton Employees: (as indicated by your payslip)**

Once you are ready to claim please contact Mike Blackman via email and cc in SoAR.

Mike Blackman- mjb3@soton.ac.uk

Admin Team- SOAR@uhs.nhs.uk

You will be required to claim via Businessworld Portal by using an Agresso code which will be set up for you, for this particular award.

Please note: We strongly advise that you to contact the finance department before making any purchases.

All bookings related to travel and accommodation must be made through Clarity.

Finance ext: 27094 or
Purchasing team ext: 25328