

Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Research Foundation

Call for Proposals

Closing date: mid-day Friday 16th November 2018

Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Research Foundation (BWCHRF) is funded by the BWCH Charity and aims to support high quality research into women and child health and disease. Proposals can include clinical trials, laboratory and clinical experimental medicine, hypothesis-driven data collection or tissue banking and qualitative studies. Since 2002 more than £5 million has been awarded. Information about BWCHRF and details of previous awards can be found at <https://www.bch.org.uk/research-foundation> or email bwc.bchrf@nhs.net. Preference will be given to applications which fall within the BWC NHS FT research strategic priorities and cross cutting themes as outlined in the BWC NHS FT R&D Strategy <https://www.bch.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=2ea0d440-83a3-4cbb-ab8c-430f4517ff58>

Who is eligible? At least one applicant must be a senior member of staff with research experience employed by Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Projects should be discussed with Kelly Hard, BWC NHS FT Head of R&D, via bwc.research@nhs.net or 0121 333 8751 including the use of the Wellcome Clinical Research Facility (WCRF). Current grant holders must have submitted annual reports to BWCHRF in order to remain eligible for further applications. An individual may be named as an applicant on no more than two applications in any one year. Please check if your department has its own earmarked research funds which could be used before applying to the BWCHRF. The BWCHRF are willing to consider match funding applications.

What are the judging criteria? In addition to scientific quality, the committee considers the following: benefit to children and women, value for money, and likelihood of achieving the aims of answering the research question.

What types of award are there? Applications are considered for high caliber projects in the following categories. Applications for Springboard projects, but not for categories 3-6, require a named researcher.

1. **'Springboard' Research Fellowships:** of one year's duration, to support a suitably named trainee in research that will generate data with which to apply for a 2-3 year research training fellowship leading to a PhD. The application should demonstrate a) how the project will be developed to a full PhD proposal; b) how the applicant intends to pursue a research career. Maximum value £70,000.
2. **'Springboard' Nursing and Allied Healthcare Professionals Research Fellowships:** as (1) but open to nursing and other allied healthcare professions (dietetics, nutrition, mental health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dental, pharmacy, clinical scientists etc). Maximum value £70,000.
3. **One PhD studentship** for a trainee health, social or biological sciences graduate to undertake a supervised research project. Maximum value £90,000 (to include stipend and expenses). The applicants should demonstrate how the project is suitable for PhD training.
4. **Research projects:** for research proposals likely to lead to potential application for external, peer reviewed research project funding. Maximum value £70,000 over 2 years (inclusive of time to attain HRA, ethical and Trust R&D approval).
5. **Research projects for Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals:** as (4) but aimed specifically at nursing and other allied healthcare professions (dietetics, nutrition, mental health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dental, pharmacy, clinical scientists etc). Maximum value £70,000 over 2 years (inclusive of time to attain HRA, ethical and Trust R&D approval).
6. **Small project** grants for limited complete research proposals. Grants will be awarded for hospital, community or laboratory based research leading to a peer reviewed publication. Maximum value £10,000

How do I apply? See detailed instructions on next page.

For further information about BWCH Research Foundation see <https://www.bch.org.uk/research-foundation> or contact Shelley Parker, Charity Research Grant Officer, Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, (email: bwc.bchrf@nhs.net).

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- Category of award applied for
- Title of project, names of applicants, current posts
- Is the research quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods?
- Lay summary, maximum 120 words
- Research Question
- Background
- Methods and timelines
- Estimated cost breakdown
- Justification (value for money, benefit to affected children and women, likelihood of achieving the aims or answering the research question with this grant). Briefly indicate the role each applicant will play in this research project.
- **NO REFERENCES WILL BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE ON A SECOND SHEET. HYPERLINKS WILL ALSO NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Proposals should be sent **by mid-day on Friday 16th November 2018** to Shelley Parker, BWCH Charity Research Grants Officer, at bwc.bchrf@nhs.net. NB: Applications failing to observe the guidelines above will be rejected without being read.

What happens next?

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by mid-February 2019. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application form - to include a Gantt chart - by Friday 29th March 2019. All applicants will be notified and given feedback by the end of July 2019.

How can I find out more about BWCHRF-funded research?

More information is available at <https://www.bch.org.uk/research-foundation> or email bwc.bchrf@nhs.net

Professor Anita MacDonald

Chair, BWCH Research Foundation, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity