

Research Development Fund

Call for Applications

Applications are invited for short-term, one-off funding likely to lead NIHR or other externally funded grant applications in the near future. It is expected that successful applicants will submit NIHR or other external funding applications within 6-9 months of the award.

Examples of ways in which these funds might be used include supporting dedicated research time for a member of staff, supporting the collection of pilot or feasibility data, or to utilise a research assistant to support a grant application e.g. by undertaking a brief evidence synthesis or working with the applicant to write the application.

Funds may not be used to support 'own account' research which will not lead to externally funded grant applications, to meet research costs for existing studies, to employ permanent staff, to pay for accommodation or equipment, or to support training costs for researchers.

Applications are especially welcomed which include proposals for supervising or mentoring junior researchers. Applications to support activities that are part-funded by other sponsors are also welcome.

Awards up to a maximum of £5,000 will be considered as part of an open call.

Applications should be in the form of proposals of no more than 2 sides of A4 (minimum size 11 font), to include the following headings:

- (i) Purpose for which funds sought
- (ii) Funding stream that will be targeted
- (ii) Background including work undertaken by the applicant on this project to date
- (iv) Amount of funding requested plus breakdown
- (v) Name(s) of staff involved
- (vi) Timetable including deadlines for proposed grant application(s)

The Trust Research team can identify Research Assistants who can be utilised to support successful applications.

For further information or advice, or to discuss potential applications, please contact Professor Scott Weich, Associate Director for R&I scott.weich@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

Applications will be accepted as part of an open call and a decision made within one month of receipt of a completed application. Completed applications should be forwarded electronically to kay.wright@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.