

APCRC LAUNCHING FELLOWSHIP 2017 – Guidance

Applications are invited for 18 months Launching Fellowship from individuals with a strong academic record who wish to develop a career in primary care/community/public health research. The goal of the fellowship is for the appointee to publish papers from their PhD and write an NIHR grant application to secure future funding (e.g. an NIHR fellowship). This opportunity provides successful candidates with a platform to develop as an independent researcher and future leader in research.

Applicants will have obtained their research doctorate or submitted their PhD or MD thesis for examination, but must not normally be more than 3 years post-doctoral at the time of applying. Applicants must have experience of research in primary care/community/public health or a closely related field of medicine. The applicant must be looking to secure their first research grant of a post-doctoral fellowship and therefore, the likelihood of the individual making a successful grant or fellowship application within 2 years of taking up this fellowship is a key selection criterion.

The Launching Fellowship must be taken up by 31st March 2018. Although the successful candidate will be employed by, and based at their current institution, this is a collaborative venture between Avon Primary Care Research Collaborative (APCRC) – hosted at NHS Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group - and the University of Bristol or University of the West of England.

The awards are open to all disciplines relevant to primary care research, including clinical and non-clinical disciplines. A medical or other health related degree is desirable. Applicants who have not had the opportunity to undertake medical training will be considered if they have substantial relevant experience.

Remuneration for Launching Fellowships will be a salary of £32,004-£36,001 per annum.

Launching Fellowship awards may involve working on a specific study (e.g. systematic review or pilot study) that will prepare the way for a larger externally funded grant or successful post-doctoral fellowship application. It will also involve attachment to a research group involved in a programme of research. For information of these programs, please refer to the links below.

Applicants will need to demonstrate outstanding potential to obtain an externally funded research grant or fellowship within 18 months of taking up the fellowship. This might be evidenced, for example, by a good publication record (taking into account their stage of career), involvement in grant applications, and/or signs of high academic ability.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

The application process consists of three stages.

Stage 1

Interested individuals should submit their application form along with a 2 page CV and a covering letter of not more than 2 pages. This letter must explain why you wish to train in primary care/community/public health research, your preferred supervisor and area of work. Your application should be sent by email to APCRC (Jessica.pooley@nhs.net).

Please put **APCRC Launching Fellowship 2017** as the subject of the email. Applications must be received by **09:00 (GMT)** on **6th June 2017**. **Documents should be saved with the following file name format:**

Familyname_Firstname_CV_2017 and *Familyname_Firstname_covering letter_2017*.

Stage 2

Candidates who are successful at stage 1 will be invited to complete an application form.

Stage 3

Candidates will be invited to an interview at APCRC in September 2017.

TIMELINES

Competition Launch	12 th May 2017
Applicants to submit CV and covering letter by	6 th June 2017
Short listing	14 th June 2017
All applicants receive outcome of Stage 1 by	15 th June 2017
Applicants to submit application form by	1 st August 2017
Interviews anticipated to be held on	September 2017 TBC
Start of fellowship	Before February / March 2018

AVON PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (APCRC)

The Avon Primary Care Research Collaborative is responsible for supporting primary care research, research governance, service evaluation and the use of evidence to underpin decision making, in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups. Our aims are to build our portfolio of NHS-relevant research through close working with colleagues from local universities, to ensure that high quality evaluation is routinely considered as part of every commissioning cycle, and to move knowledge and learning into active use through knowledge mobilisation principles.

As a research host, APCRC have hosted a portfolio of 25 National Institute for Health Research grants. This is testament to the success of partnership working between APCRC and the local Universities. Our shared working approach benefits the local research endeavour by securing investment into locally driven research.

We are innovators in establishing closer working relationships between academia, clinicians and commissioners. We are a member of Bristol Health Partners, and have CCG membership on many Health Integration Teams. Partnership working is at the heart of what we do, and we are proud of our achievements bridging the gap between the NHS and Academic institutes through secondments of staff from the NHS into academia and vice-versa.

DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The Centre for Academic Primary Care conducts high quality research addressing questions of priority to the NHS. We are a large, friendly and thriving unit within the School of Social and Community Medicine, which includes many world class academics conducting research in different aspects of health services research and epidemiology. We offer the expertise of a wide range of academic staff from clinical and non-clinical backgrounds including statisticians, social scientists and economists. These staff covers a range of methodological approaches, including

RCTs, observational epidemiological studies, qualitative research and economic evaluations. Formal research methods training courses are available in all these areas through a highly popular programme of short courses. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirmed the School's position as a leading centre for research in population health sciences, including primary care, in the UK and internationally. 50% of our research was rated as 4* (world leading), and 86% as 4* or 3* (world leading or internationally excellent). 100% of our research impact case studies were rated as world-leading, as was 100% of our research environment.

Our particular areas of interest in primary care, with details of who to contact for an initial discussion, include:

- Diagnosis and treatment of infections in primary care (Alastair.Hay@bristol.ac.uk)
- Safe prescribing in primary care (r.payne@bristol.ac.uk)
- Management of skin conditions in primary care (m.ridd@bristol.ac.uk)
- Domestic violence; management of chronic cardiovascular conditions in primary care (gene.Feder@bristol.ac.uk)
- Qualitative research methods, patient-practitioner relationships and interaction, patient experiences of illness and healthcare (Ali.Heawood@bristol.ac.uk), Katrina.Turner@bristol.ac.uk, rebecca.barnes@bristol.ac.uk)
- Primary care mental health, CBT, use of technology to deliver mental health interventions
- (David.Kessler@bristol.ac.uk)
- Health inequality, substance use, sexual health, data linkage (John.MacLeod@bristol.ac.uk)
- Emergency and urgent care, unplanned hospital admissions, end of life care (Sarah.Purdy@bristol.ac.uk)
- Improving access to and delivery of primary care (C.Salisbury@bristol.ac.uk)
- Management of childhood obesity in primary care (Katrina.Turner@bristol.ac.uk)
- Meta-ethnographic approaches to qualitative synthesis, co-morbid mental health, mindfulness based interventions (MBCT) a.malpass@bristol.ac.uk
- Intervention design, patient experiences, practitioner decision making, particularly in relation to acute infection management (Christie.cabral@bristol.ac.uk)

Please see our website (www.bris.ac.uk/primaryhealthcare) for more information about the range of our interests, current projects, and who best to contact to discuss possible ideas for studentship or fellowships. We have a very strong track record in developing research capacity and obtaining externally funded research training awards at all levels, so a post in this Unit provides a superb foundation for a successful academic career.

Other relevant Schools within the University of Bristol which may be relevant for this funding call are: the School of Social Policy and School of Experimental Psychology. For information on research undertaken within these Schools, please click on the links in the headings below.

[School of Social Policy](#)

The School for Policy Studies is organised around seven main specialist research centres:

- [Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences](#)
We conduct research that focuses on physical activity, nutrition and their associations with health across the life span. We have an international reputation for our teaching in physical activity, nutrition and community health.
- [Children and Families Research Centre](#)
The Children and Families Research Centre is a focus for research and teaching in child welfare and family policy. Our members have backgrounds in social policy, social work, sociology and psychology.

- [Centre for Gender and Violence Research](#)
The aim of the Centre is to conduct high quality research to inform policy, practice and action on gender-based violence. Our history of researching violence against women and gender based violence, feeds into policy and practice nationally, internationally and locally.
- [Norah Fry Centre for Disability Studies](#)
We are a leading national centre of excellence for applied social research and teaching, making a positive difference to the lives of disabled people.
- [Centre for Research in Health and Social Care](#)
The Centre is a focus of both applied and theoretical research relating to key health issues at national and international level. We currently have around thirty members including staff and postgraduate students working in a range of research areas.
- [Centre for the Study of Poverty and Social Justice](#)
The Centre provides a more integrative perspective on existing scholarship in criminal justice, socio-legal studies, poverty and social exclusion. Our members come from a wide range of disciplines with expertise in a number of policy areas including data analysis and social statistics.
- [Centre for Urban and Public Policy Research](#)
Research at the Centre is concerned with governance, housing, citizenship, globalisation and the transformation of social and economic life in cities. We combine interests in social and urban theory with practical involvement in current issues of policy in the UK and across the world.

School of Experimental Psychology

Research activity in the School of Experimental Psychology is organised into three research themes:

- [Cognitive Processes](#) reflects the school's long-standing tradition of excellence in experimental cognitive psychology.
- [Brain, Behaviour, and Health](#) is a more recent but well established research strength.
- [Decision-making and Rationality](#) represents a new research direction.

DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND

UWE Bristol is a University Alliance university with a common mission to make the difference to our cities and regions. We use our experience of providing high quality teaching and research with real world impact to shape higher education and research policy for the benefit of our students and business and civic partners. We innovate together, learn from each other and support every member to transform lives and deliver growth.

The Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences (HAS) has a well-established and continuously evolving research environment that makes a difference to society, as well as ensuring that research enriches our students' learning. Our research is funded by a wide range of organisations including Research Councils (BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, MRC and NERC), National Institute for Health Research, the European Union, charities, public sector, private business, and voluntary organisations.

Research is undertaken within our Research Centres and Groups listed below. For more information about any of these, please click on the links in each heading.

[Centre for Appearance Research](#)

A centre of excellence for research in appearance, disfigurement, body image, and related studies.

[Centre for Health and Clinical Research](#)

Undertakes research that helps to improve the quality of healthcare, evaluate service provision and inform public health policy.



[Centre for Research in Biosciences](#)

Incorporates world-class research in the fields of biomedicine, plant science, bio-sensing technology and environmental science.

[Public Health and Wellbeing Research and Knowledge Exchange Group](#)

This group brings together experts from many backgrounds including social scientists, public health and health promotion specialists, epidemiologists, health economists, psychologists, health visitors, nurses and midwives.