**Manchester BRC Core Pump Priming Call (CPPC)**

Manchester BRC is committed to delivering pioneering, impactful translational research across our diverse, all age populations with a key focus on directly benefiting human health outcomes.

We invite researchers and collaborators from various disciplines to apply for funding of up to **£35,000** to help support and facilitate early translational and experimental medicine clinical research which align with our strategic aims <https://www.manchesterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/>

Trialling as a pilot scheme, in contrast to Theme and Cluster-specific calls, the key aim of this Core Funding Call is to support new cross-theme, cross-cluster research projects, collaborations, which tackle wider health issues, so that they can move those projects/collaborations further along the translational pathway and help pave the way for larger, follow-on external funding.

The CPPC will consider all eligible applications, but we have identified a number of strategic areas from which such projects and collaborations would be **particularly welcome**:

* Polygenic Risk Scores
* Health Inequalities
* Adherence
* Fatigue
* Projects focused on our core themes including Children’s Research, Data Science, Global Health and PPIE

**Applicant Eligibility:**

* This call is open to both BRC and non-BRC associated staff and we encourage applications led by:
* Early Career Researchers
* Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals

As a BRC, we endorse and champion [Team Research](https://www.pankhurst.manchester.ac.uk/research/team-research/) principles. Collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams are expected to be evidenced in applications.

The lead applicant must hold an appropriate contract with a BRC partner organisation and/or with an Higher Education Institute (HEI) within the Greater Manchester area. This contract must exceed the duration of the proposed project.

**Award Assessment**

* Applications are subject to a review by an appointed scientific review panel.
* Awards are made based on scientific merit, relevance to our focus areas and impact on patient health outcomes.

**Funding Call Timeline**

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| **Project duration - Up to 12 months.** | |
| **Funding Call Open** | **11 October 2023** |
| **Funding Call Closes** | **01 December 2023** |
| **Panel Review** | **W/B 4th December 2023** |
| **Award Letters Issued** | **W/B 11th December 2023** |
| **Project Start Date** | **01 January 2024** |
| **Project End Date** | **31st December 2024** |

**CPPC will fund direct costs:**

* Directly incurred staff costs, in line with the call guidance
* Materials and consumables – these should be project specific and not general costs
* Equipment/facilities access
* Equipment purchases (capped at £5,000 per item and must be justified against the duration of the project)
* Workshops
* Other engagement, knowledge exchange, training and culture change activities can also be supported.

**CPPC award will NOT fund:**

* Single Theme or Single Cluster proposals
* Animal Work
* Bridging Funds (staff between posts)
* Projects with no clear translational agenda or applied outcomes
* Indirect or estate costs
* Costs relating to intellectual property
* Equipment costs of more than £5000 per item.
* **Please review the CPPC Terms and Conditions document before applying**
* **Please contact University Research Support office and NHS Trust R&I, prior to submission, as appropriate (i.e., if including University/Trust staff costs)**
* **Funding will be awarded in 2 payments across 2 financial years: Up to 31st March 2024 and 1st April – 31st December 2024. Project costings submitted must reflect this. Funding from year 1 must be spent by 31st March 2023. Funding from year 2 must be spent 31st December 2024**
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