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

**Children’s Research**

**Introduction**

Manchester Biomedical Research Centre is committed to delivering pioneering, impactful translational research across our diverse, **all age** populations with a key focus on directly benefiting human health outcomes. Children’s research is a core strategic priority, and we are looking to support, facilitate and grow further projects and collaborations to help build on this.

**Aim**

We invite researchers and collaborators involved in Children’s research to apply for funding of up to **£50,000** to help support and facilitate **early translational and experimental medicine clinical research** which directly benefits children. This can include studies involving teens and young adults**.** Projects scope can sit within, but is not limited to, therapies, biomarkers, diagnostics, treatment innovation, new methodologies, data analytics. This funding will support pump prime projects and help position them for further development and expansion along the translational pathway. Your application must clearly align with one or more of our [research themes](https://www.manchesterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/our-research/). Outputs from this funded project is expected to provide support for future grant applications and this must be clearly detailed in the application.

**Applicant Eligibility:**

Applications from early career researchers, are encouraged. We would also welcome applications from nursing, allied health professional, psychologist, pharmacist and healthcare scientist staff groups along with other healthcare professionals. You do not need to have prior links with the BRC however **lead applicants are expected to have approached the associated themes, prior to submission, to help foster collaboration**. We can facilitate this through the enquiry details below.

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

Our partner organisations are:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust • The Christie NHS Foundation Trust • Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust • Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust • Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • University of Manchester

As a BRC, we endorse and champion [Team Research](https://www.pankhurst.manchester.ac.uk/research/team-research/) principles. Collaborative, multi-disciplinary, diverse and inclusive teams are expected to be evidenced in applications. As part of NIHR funding guidelines we are expected to collect monitoring data on our applicants to help inform us on whether underrepresented groups are being reached. This data is voluntary and will be pseudo anonymised and stored in line with our GDPR procedures. This data will not be used to assess the application. This data will be made available to NIHR on request.

**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, **feasibility,** and **impact** on patient health outcomes.
* Public Patient Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)activity is expected to be demonstrated in the application and must be costed for. This can be supported through [VOCAL](https://wearevocal.org/). For more information contact Issy McGregor issy.macgregor@mft.nhs.uk
* As part of the review process, themes will be contacted, to confirm they are aware of the project.

**Funding Call Timeline**

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| **Project duration - Up to 6 months – activity can go on for up to 9 months but funds must be spent by 31st March 2025**  |
| **Funding Call Open**  | **10 May 2024** |
| **Funding Call Closes**  | **15 July 2024** |
| **Panel Review** | **W/B 27th July 2024** |
| **Award Letters Issued** | **W/B 05 August 2024** |
| **Project Start Date**  | **01 September 2024** |
| **Project End Date**  | **31st March 2025** |

**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:**

* Animal Work
* Bridging Funds (staff between posts)
* Projects with no clear translational agenda (basic science projects) or applied outcomes
* Phase III Clinical Research activity
* 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. Contact your University Research Support office and NHS Trust R&I, prior to submission, as appropriate (i.e., if including University/Trust staff costs, cost codes etc). Funding will be awarded in 1 payment and must be spent by 31st March 2025**

**For further enquiries please contact Lynsey Priest, BRC Strategic Project Manager:** **lynsey.priest@mft.nhs.uk**