**NIHR Manchester BRC: Expression of Interest for appointment of Deputy Innovation and Partnerships Lead**

The [NIHR Manchester BRC](https://www.manchesterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/) contract runs from 1 December 2022 – 31 March 2028. The BRC was awarded £60.4m with a total of 13 Research Themes across 4 Clusters. Innovation and Partnership working sits across all of our research themes and we are committed enabling and building this further.

**Innovation and Partnerships Co-Lead Responsibilities**

The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) aspires to be a global leader in accelerating the discovery and translation of health and care innovations through close collaboration among patients, the public, academia, healthcare professionals, and industry. Our vision is grounded in breaking down silos, fostering mutual understanding, and co-developing technologies to achieve a pace and quality of translation that surpasses individual efforts.

The BRC Innovation and Partnership strategy is currently led and delivered by a small team including the BRC Industry lead (Professor Rick Body), Innovation and Partnerships Operational Lead (Dr Colette Inkson), the BRC Partnerships Manager and BRC Innovation Officer. We wish to increase this team to include an additional co-lead that can support the development of greater IP capture and commercialisation across our BRC research.

As a member of the BRC Senior Leadership Team, the Innovation and Partnerships Co-leads are responsible for the collective delivery of the BRC objectives, ensuring contractual adherence and contributing across all strategic areas to ensure the success of the Manchester BRC.

**Key responsibilities for the Innovation and Partnerships co-lead includes adherence to and promotion of:**

* **Strategic Oversight:**
	+ *Leadership -*provide direction and support to members of the BRC to promote and embed Innovation and partnership activities into all themes and clusters. Encourage and inspire increased commercialisation and the development of key strategic commercial partners that help us in the delivery our objectives.
* *Planning -* Develop and implement a comprehensive research and training strategy to embed Innovation and Partnership activity in line with the BRCs objectives, working closely with our wider partners.
* *Stakeholder Engagement* - Cultivate partnerships across local and national infrastructure such as Manchester CRF, HInM and UoM. Collaborating with stakeholders to ensure research is relevant and has the potential for meaningful impact.
* *Impact* – Support the identification of opportunities for added value and impact using BRC Core infrastructure to work across themes and clusters, sign-posting researchers to relevant ecosystem support for commercial activities and commercialisation success.
* *BRC IP and Commercialisation Group* – Shape and steer a cross-partnership group that can proactively identify commercially attractive IP outputs to ensure timely support and leverage
* *Industry Advisory Board* – Engage with external advisors to add industry insights to our research programmes
* **Reporting requirements:**
* *NIHR IP Audits –* Reports on commercialisation activity as well as annual meetings with the NIHR IP unit.
* *Highlight reports* **-** detailing progress to inform various groups, including Cluster Boards, BRC Strategic Executive, BRC Governance Board and International Scientific Advisory Board. The content and frequency of these will vary according to the requirements of individual meetings.
* *Annual reports* ***–*** supporting reports to NIHR with regards to activity, impact cases and narrative.
* **Responding to ad hoc requests from NIHR / DHSC** acting as representative for the BRC in visits and where evidence is required for national reports and/or responses to Ministers and the Government.
* **Attendance and participation in meetings**:
* *Local, regional, national* – Within the BRC governance structures (including BRC Strategic Exec, Scientific Advisory Board, and the NIHR Oversight board), and where appropriate within the Greater Manchester, Lancashire and South Cumbria research landscape and at a national level.
* *Liaison with MFT Group R&I* *and UoM Faculty Leadership* – reporting on BRC industry related research and commercialisation activities.
	+ *Lead the BRC IP and Commercialisation Group (quarterly)*
* **Communicating our research:**
* *Content creation* - Support in developing and updating content on the BRC website.
* *Notifying the BRC communications team* - on any planned publications/press releases/attendance at conferences/news items etc in a timely manner so these can be communicated and promoted more widely through BRC networks.
* **Acknowledgement of NIHR support/funding in outputs:** Following Manchester BRC guidance and NIHR guidance (<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/nihr-research-outputs-and-publications-guidance/12250>)
* **Open access policy obligations**: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/nihr-open-access-publication-policy-for-publications-submitted-on-or-after-1-june-2022/28999>
* **Key strategic areas to engage in for decision making:**
* Capacity Building
* Inclusive Research
* Extending experimental medicine across GM footprint and with BRC Partners across Blackpool and Lancashire.
* Links with other NIHR infrastructure locally, regionally and nationally
* Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement and Participation
* Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
* Identifying new collaborative opportunities
* Digital infrastructure

**Applicant Eligibility:**

We recognise that we can only achieve our goals by being inclusive and by encouraging and celebrating diverse perspectives. This call is open to both BRC and non-BRC associated staff from across the BRC partnership. We particularly encourage applications from:

* Academic and Clinical Researchers with experience of commercialising research across academia and/or the NHS
* Individuals who represent the 21st-century workforce and the diverse population of patients we serve.

**Innovation and Partnerships Co-Lead: Expression of Interest**

We invite Expressions of Interest for the role of BRC Innovation and Partnerships Co-Lead, with a focus on improving BRC’s strategy for IP and commercialisation. You may wish to discuss your application with the BRC senior leadership team (Professor Anne Barton), the current BRC Industry Lead (Professor Rick Body), or the BRC Innovation and Partnerships Operational Lead (Dr Colette Inkson) ahead of application.

This Expression of Interest should be one page of A4 and should detail:

* Your motivation for applying for this role;
* How you envisage driving forward the Innovation and Partnership and commercialisation activities within the BRC including how you will work with Theme teams;
* Your proposal for supporting the delivery of BRC core strategic aims working collaboratively across the infrastructure.

Please append a current CV with the Expression of Interest form.

The BRC Innovation and Partnerships Lead will be appointed for the duration of the funding award (ending March 2028) upon ratification by the BRC Governance Board and approval by the NIHR.

A total of £5,000 per annum is available to support the post-holder’s salary.

Please send your Expression of Interest to via email to Colette Inkson, BRC Innovation and Partnership operational lead (colette.inkson@mft.nhs.uk) by 18 October 2024

All applications will be considered and reviewed with an interview scheduled for w/c November 4(date and time TBC).