

## **Funding call for dedicated research time: focus on growing new research, including commercial studies at UCLH.**

**Up to a total of 10 x Programmed Activities (PAs) or equivalent WTE (0.2) available for clinical staff at UCLH.**

**Guidance  
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The UCLH Research Directorate invites applications from individuals (across all clinical groups) committed to growing the research portfolio at UCLH. Funding is available for up to 2 PAs (or equivalent WTE – i.e., 0.2 WTE) for 18 months to pursue opportunities for new research studies at UCLH/UCL. Funding for a total of 10 PAs (or equivalent) is available in total for UCLH/UCL staff.

The aim of this call is to support the growth of research at UCLH. The call will seek to provide dedicated funding to enable researchers to open more studies to more patients at UCLH. The call is particularly focused on stimulating research within UCLH specialities where there are currently few, or no, studies available to patients. The call is open to research studies which aim to extend the reach of opportunities to under-represented groups within the local community.

Please read this guidance carefully before submitting your application.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Have a potential research pipeline to explore (e.g., have viable contacts with sponsors who are keen to place studies at UCLH within 2024, or have a peer-reviewed grant awaiting initiation within 2024)
- Demonstrate credible plans to deliver a new study to recruitment at UCLH in 2024
- Hold a UCLH contract of employment (or honorary contract)
- Have appropriate research training or experience.
- Have agreement and demonstratable support from their clinical division at UCLH.
- Have no more than 1 current PAs (or equivalent WTE – i.e., 0.1wte) assigned for research (preference will be given to staff with no current research time).

Applicants should present a demonstrable contribution to growth at UCLH, with deliverables within 18 months (e.g., increased research activity, new studies, new partnerships, or agreements to initiate studies etc.). Successful applicants will be expected to provide regular updates on progress and funding is subject to on-going review against the deliverables defined.

Applications are welcome from all clinical specialities. We are particularly interested in receiving applications that address at least some of the following areas:

- studies within under-represented disciplines and specialties at UCLH (such as diabetes/endocrine, GI, respiratory disorders)
- studies which enable large numbers of patients to participate
- studies with the potential to recruit jointly at UCLH and from local community services.
- recruitment which is open and accessible to diverse and under-represented patient groups
- applicants from currently under-represented Principal Investigator staff groups such as, nurses, midwives, physician associates and AHPs
- applicants who currently hold no PAs for research
- applicants with a potential commercial pipeline
- studies which are NIHR adopted/adoptable.

### **Additional support**

Successful applicants can request additional support with study set-up from the Joint Research Office (JRO) and from the research directorate agile workforce.

Applicants should outline the type of support required within the application form.

Dedicated support from the JRO and the delivery team will be considered where there is a clear need.

The JRO support which is available includes activities which would usually be completed by research nurses and managers based in study teams and divisions. This may include completing submission documents, site feasibility questionnaires, conversation around feasibility with clinical support services, and where appropriate, arrangements with community practices.

The agile workforce support offered within this call includes research nurses or clinical trial practitioners to support with the participant recruitment and support with data entry of recruitment activity.

### **How to apply**

Fully completed applications should be submitted no later than **5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2024**

The application form **should be completed on-line:** <https://forms.office.com/e/tiZ42F38ya>

Any questions about the form or the scheme should be sent via email to Shamimul Islam (JRO Operations Manager) at [shamimul.islam@nhs.net](mailto:shamimul.islam@nhs.net)