

Building capacity in MLTC research



The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Academy approach

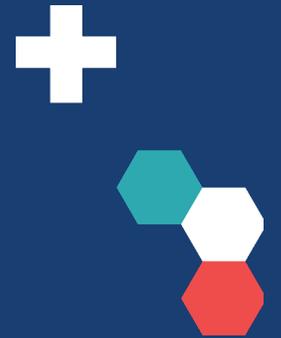
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What we do at the NIHR Academy

NIHR | Academy



Develop and coordinate NIHR academic training, career development and research capacity development

Manage national competitions for training and career development awards

Attract, train and support the people conducting leading-edge research focused on the needs of patients and the public

Develop the skills of the next generation of health and care researchers to find lifesaving solutions to key emerging health and care problems

NIHR Academy Research Training Awards



Award Programme	Research Training	Clinical and practitioner academic training		
	<p>Fellowships</p> <p>Develop as a health or social care researcher with flexibility for clinical and practice time</p>	<p>Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Programme</p> <p>Combine research with continued clinical practice and development</p>	<p>Integrated Academic Training Programme</p> <p>Develop a career in research alongside clinical training</p>	<p>Local Authority Academic Fellowship Programme</p> <p>Undertake research and training whilst continuing to practice</p>
Eligibility	All professions	Health and social care professionals, excl. doctors and dentists	Doctors and dentists	Professionals in local authority settings
Pre-doctoral	Pre-doctoral Fellowship*	Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship	Academic Clinical Fellowship In-Practice Fellowship	Pre-doctoral Local Authority Fellowship
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- Specific highlight within the Guidance Notes that “applications from researchers looking to undertake research in multiple long-term conditions or ‘multimorbidity’ (MLTC-M) are welcomed.”
- Applicants are asked to flag the MLTC nature of their research within their application.
- Advanced awards have a transitional option which can be utilised by individuals wanting to move into MLTC research

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- The Integrated Academic Training (IAT) programme has different priority research themes for different application years. These target multidisciplinary research areas identified as being of strategic significance by DHSC and the NIHR.
 - 2023/24 - Multimorbidity at any age
 - 2024/25 - Multiple Long Term Conditions
- ACF and CL posts in priority theme areas may be held in a number of different clinical specialities, with the condition that the research programme undertaken by the ACF or CL will be in the theme area.

Support for Students

INSIGHT: Inspiring Students into Research

Funds institutionally-led programmes across 12 regions in England that offer engagement activities and research masters studentships

NIHR Undergraduate Internship Programme

Funds established researchers to host students for 6-8 week paid placements.

Opportunities in NIHR Infrastructure and Schools

Visiting Speaker Award

Opportunity for Academy Members to gain experience in presenting and debating their research findings within a part of the NIHR.

Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration

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Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration

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Other capacity building opportunities

Pre-application Support Fund

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Team Science Camp and Award

An annual initiative designed to support researchers to form new interdisciplinary collaborations and enable research in areas of need

NIHR Incubators

A community-driven approach to address areas/disciplines where there is a need to build research capacity on a national level.

NIHR Senior Investigators

Are among the most prominent and prestigious researchers funded by the NIHR and the most outstanding leaders of people-based research within the NIHR research community.

NIHR Senior Clinical and Practitioner Academic Research Award

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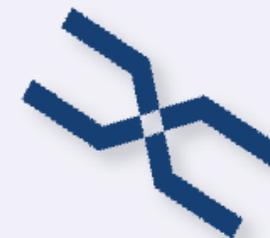
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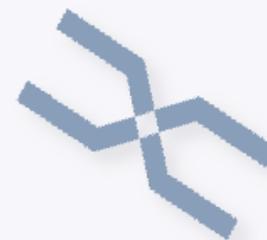
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- **Priority theme:** Working across disciplines and specialisms with a focus on Multiple Long Term Conditions: multimorbidity (MLTC-M)
- Consider planning and undertaking placements to make connections important to their work/research that may spark innovative new ways of working across disciplines and specialisms - vitally important if we are to bring new thinking to complex issues such as multiple long-term conditions/multi-morbidities.

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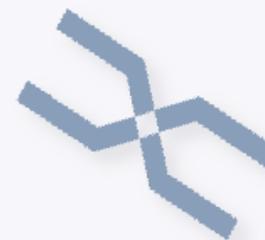
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- Aims to use a team science approach to bring together researchers from a variety of disciplines and with a wide range of experiences to tackle complex current and emerging health and care challenges.
- Round 1 - Multiple long-term conditions and multimorbidity (MLTC-M)
- **Team Science Camp** - bring together researchers with an interest in multiple long-term conditions (MLTC) from a variety of disciplines and with a wide range of experiences to tackle complex current and emerging health and care challenges.
- **Team Science Award** - development award, designed to support interdisciplinary research teams to collaborate on a future application to other research programmes, expand their research network and develop capacity in the Multiple Long-Term Conditions (Multimorbidity) (MLTC-M) field

- engagement
- collaboration
- awareness raising



Thank you

Any questions?

