

**Aim:** The Advanced Fellowship is for those at a post-doctoral level and can be utilised at several specific points of a researcher's career development.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- Proposed host must be an English (or a participating devolved nation) HEI, NHS body or other provider of health and/or care services
- Applicants must hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted their thesis for examination at the time of application. Applicants must have been awarded their PhD or MD by the time they attend interview
- Individuals must not already hold a Chair at the point of application.
- For clinical academic applicants only: completion of relevant pre-registration training

**What we fund:**

- Fellowships are between 2 and 5 years
- May be taken up between 50% and 100% WTE
- The Advanced Fellowship has been designed to be flexible to meet the needs of individual applicants
- Requests should be justified and evidence based
- For individuals who have recently completed/due to complete a PhD but haven't yet established themselves as an independent researcher or as an international leader in their field. Also for anyone looking to transition into applied health or social care research

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**What we're looking for:**

**PERSON**

- Relevant previous research experience with high quality outputs
- On a trajectory to become a future health/social care research leader
- Early career applicants or those transitioning into applied health/social care research; evidence of commitment to a career in applied health or social care research
- Experienced applicants; evidence of independence or starting to establish independence
- High quality application form inc. PPI, Plain English summary, review of existing evidence

**PROJECT**

- Relevance and impact of research to health and/or care services
- Suitability of methodology and research design to answer proposed research question

**PLACE**

- Suitability and experience of support team
- Host organisation's support/commitment and track record in proposed research area
- Host institutions must be an HEI, NHS body or other health/social care provider based in England or a participating devolved nation

**TRAINING**

- Suitable training to undertake the proposed research
- Justifiable amount of support requested (financial and duration)

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## Partnerships

As part of the new structure of NIHR Fellowships, the NIHR has partnered with a number of charitable organisations and industry partners to offer jointly funded NIHR Charity Partnership Fellowships.

The application process for these fellowships is the same as for our standard Fellowships and successful applicants will become members of the NIHR Academy in the same way as successful applicants to our standard fellowships.

Details of the Partnership Fellowships available for each round are published in the Guidance Notes.

	April Launch	October Launch
Stage 1 opens	April	October
Stage 1 deadline	July	January
Interviews	January	July
Start dates	April - September	October - March

The NIHR Advanced Fellowship is aimed at individuals at various points of their career:

- Recently completed or be about to be awarded a PhD, but haven't yet established yourself as an independent researcher
- Established yourself as an independent researcher or you are in the process of doing so, but are not yet recognised as an international leader in your field
- Transitioned into applied health research from a basic science background or re-established your research career following a significant career break.

## NIHR Remit:

- The overall remit of the NIHR is early translational (experimental medicine), clinical and applied health research, and social care research
- A clear and plausible path to patient /service user, carer or public benefit must, however, be demonstrable
- NIHR does not support basic research or work involving animals or their tissue
- If biomarkers are involved: research that tests whether application of new knowledge can improve treatment or patient outcomes, and has obvious direct potential benefit

## Strategic Themes:

The following Strategic Themes represent key priority areas for the Academy.

Applications received under these Themes will be given priority if the number of fundable applications exceeds the maximum that can be funded:

- Social care
- Public health
- Mental health
- Health data science