

BNSSG ICB LAUNCHING FELLOWSHIP 2024 – Guidance

Expressions of interest are invited for BNSSG ICB Launching Fellowship 2024 from individuals with a strong academic record who wish to develop a career in primary care/community care/social care/public health research. The goal of the fellowship is for the appointee to publish papers from their PhD and write an application to secure future funding (e.g., an NIHR fellowship). This opportunity provides successful candidates with a platform to develop as an independent researcher and future leader in research.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants will have obtained their research doctorate or submitted their PhD or MD thesis for examination, within 3 years of the time of applying.
- Applicants must have experience of research in primary care/community care/social care/public health.
- The applicant must be looking to secure their first research grant or first post-doctoral fellowship. Therefore, a key selection criterion is the likelihood of the individual making a successful grant or fellowship application within 18 months of taking up this fellowship.

The Launching Fellowship must be taken up by 31st March 2025. Although the successful candidate will be employed by and based at their current institution, this is a collaborative venture between NHS Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board and the University of Bristol or University of the West of England. The post can be taken full-time or part-time if preferred. This should be outlined within your application.

The awards are open to all disciplines relevant to primary care/community care/social care/public health research, including clinical and non-clinical disciplines; work which aligns to a published health care system priority area is preferred. This Launching Fellowship award was designed for non-clinical academics, however candidates with medical or other health related degrees can apply, although the funding award may not stretch as far due to comparable pay differences between clinical and non-clinical academics.

Remuneration for Launching Fellowships will be £60,000.

Launching Fellowship awards may involve working on a specific study (e.g., systematic review or pilot study) that will prepare the way for a larger externally funded grant or successful post-doctoral fellowship application. It will also involve attachment to a research group involved in a programme of research. For information of these programmes, please refer to the links below.

Applicants will need to demonstrate outstanding potential to obtain an externally funded research grant or fellowship within 18 months of taking up the fellowship. This might be evidenced, for example, by a good publication record (taking into account their stage of career), involvement in grant applications, and/or signs of high academic ability.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

The application process consists of two stages.

Stage 1: Application

Interested individuals are invited to send a complete application form and submit a 2 page CV. Your application should be sent by email to bnssg.research@nhs.net

Please put **Launching Fellowship 2024** as the subject of the email. Applications must be received by **17:00 (GMT) on 02 August 2024**

Stage 2: Interview

Candidates will be invited to attend an interview, either online or at the office of NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB in September 2024.

TIMELINES

Competition launch	14 th June 2024
Applicants to submit application form and CV by	02 nd August 2024
All applicants receive outcome of Stage 1 by	21 st August 2024
Interviews to be held on	23 rd September 2024
Start of Fellowship	Before March 2025

The Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) Research Team

The Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG ICB) Research Team is responsible for supporting research in primary care, community care, public health and social care, and the use of evidence to underpin decision making in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Our aims are to build our portfolio of health-system-relevant research through close working with colleagues from local Universities, and to move knowledge and learning into active use through knowledge mobilisation principles.

As a research host, we manage a portfolio of over 44 NIHR grants worth around £400 million. This is the largest portfolio of NIHR grants held by an ICB and is testament to the successful partnership working with our local Universities. Our partnership working approach benefits our local research endeavour by securing investment into locally driven research.

We are innovators in establishing closer working relationships between academia, clinicians and commissioners. We are a member of the Bristol Health Partners (BHP) Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) and have ICB membership on many Health Integration Teams (HITs).

Partnership working is at the heart of what we do, and we are proud of our achievements bridging the gap between the health services and academic institutes creating a flourishing environment for co-design of impactful research.

DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Population Health Sciences

A leading centre for research in population health sciences, the multi-disciplinary approach contributes to significant health care improvements and policy change around the world.

Centres/groups include:

- [Epidemiology](#)
We carry out internationally-leading research in methodological and applied epidemiology. Our work encompasses a wide range of disease areas, both infectious and non-infectious.
- [Health services research](#)
We are a leading centre for methodological and applied health services research. Our diverse expertise encompasses trials methodology, health economics, research synthesis and ethics. We host major centres in child and adolescent health, primary care and public health research
- [Primary care, public health and mental health](#)
We are a leading centre for research in mental health, child and adolescent health, primary care and public health research. Our multi-disciplinary work includes both methodological and applied research.
- [Paediatrics and child health](#)
A centre for world-class paediatric research and teaching. Leading experts in all aspects of paediatric science, from genes to cells to organs to populations, clinical trials and big data.

School of Social Policy

The School for Policy Studies is organised around seven main specialist research centres:

- [Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences](#)
We conduct research that focuses on physical activity, nutrition and their associations with health across the life span. We have an international reputation for our teaching in physical activity, nutrition and community health.
- [Children and Families Research Centre](#)
The Children and Families Research Centre is a focus for research and teaching in child welfare and family policy. Our members have backgrounds in social policy, social work, sociology and psychology.
- [Centre for Gender and Violence Research](#)
The aim of the Centre is to conduct high quality research to inform policy, practice and action on gender-based violence. Our history of researching violence against women and gender based violence, feeds into policy and practice nationally, internationally and locally.
- [Norah Fry Centre for Disability Studies](#)
We are a leading national centre of excellence for applied social research and teaching, making a positive difference to the lives of disabled people.
- [Centre for Research in Health and Social Care](#)

The Centre is a focus of both applied and theoretical research relating to key health issues at national and international level. We currently have around thirty members including staff and postgraduate students working in a range of research areas.

- [Centre for the Study of Poverty and Social Justice](#)

The Centre provides a more integrative perspective on existing scholarship in criminal justice, socio-legal studies, poverty and social exclusion. Our members come from a wide range of disciplines with expertise in a number of policy areas including data analysis and social statistics.

- [Centre for Urban and Public Policy Research](#)

Research at the Centre is concerned with governance, housing, citizenship, globalisation and the transformation of social and economic life in cities. We combine interests in social and urban theory with practical involvement in current issues of policy in the UK and across the world.

[School of Experimental Psychology](#)

Research activity in the School of Experimental Psychology is organised into three research themes:

- [Cognitive Processes](#) reflects the school's long-standing tradition of excellence in experimental cognitive psychology.
- [Brain, Behaviour, and Health](#) is a more recent but well established research strength.
- [Decision-making and Rationality](#) represents a new research direction.

DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND

UWE Bristol is a University Alliance university with a common mission to make the difference to our cities and regions. We use our experience of providing high quality teaching and research with real world impact to shape higher education and research policy for the benefit of our students and business and civic partners. We innovate together, learn from each other and support every member to transform lives and deliver growth.

The College of Health, Science and Society (CHSS) has a well-established and continuously evolving research environment that makes a difference to society, as well as ensuring that research enriches our students' learning. Our research is funded by a wide range of organisations including Research Councils (BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, MRC and NERC), National Institute for Health Research, the European Union, charities, public sector, private business, and voluntary organisations.

Research is undertaken within our Research Centres and Groups listed below. For more information about any of these, please click on the links in each heading.

[Centre for Appearance Research](#)

A centre of excellence for research in appearance, disfigurement, body image, and related studies.

[Centre for Health and Clinical Research](#)

Undertakes research that helps to improve the quality of healthcare, evaluate service provision and inform public health policy.



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[Centre for Research in Biosciences](#)

Incorporates world-class research in the fields of biomedicine, plant science, bio-sensing technology and environmental science.

[Centre for Public Health and Wellbeing](#)

Impacts directly on population health and wellbeing and enables ethical and reflexive contributions to public health policy and practice.

[Psychological Sciences Research Group](#)

Conducts applied research that has a positive influence on people and places, at home, in the workplace, and in the wider social environment.