**NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre**

**Training Bursaries for Research Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals**

The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre and Clinical Research Network: Thames Valley and South Midlands are making funds available to support the training and career development of Research Nurses, Midwives, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), other professions engaged in research, and research administrators. The funding can be used for a short course or modules which will provide training and expertise in research skills or research management. Where appropriate such modules may be used towards a Masters Degree. Research leads may be able to advise on the type of training that would be useful to develop the necessary research skills for your particular research role, or if guidance is required contact the Research, Education and Training Co-ordinator (details below) for additional advice. The funding available can be used for one-off courses/modules or courses with a longer time commitment for example up to 2 years.

**Funds available**

The maximum amount available on application will be:

£5,500 for any applicant who is working on research currently funded by the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre

£1500 for any applicant working within the Clinical Research Network: Thames Valley and South Midlands on NIHR portfolio studies. Please note, we regret that, for CRN applicants, we are currently unable to fund travel or accommodation costs associated with courses.

**Eligibility**

Applications are welcome from all Research Nurses, Midwives, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), other professions engaged in research, and research administrators currently involved in NIHR-funded research within the Thames Valley, or as part of the CRN. The course/module should be on a topic that will improve research skills and be of benefit to the research in which the applicant is currently involved. Alternative topics will be considered if the applicant wishes to acquire additional research skills that may underpin the development of their own research career and support possible future application for a doctorate.

**Application**

Complete the application form below. Specify the course/module/program chosen (course name, location/provider and duration). Give a short description of how this training would be relevant to your current research post and how it will contribute to both your professional development, and research in your department/team.

Provide details of the cost of the course/module/program with a supporting statement demonstrating the appropriateness of the requested resources.

The application will also need to include a signed statement from your Group Head/principal investigator stating that they support your application and will facilitate any associated request for leave/study leave

Completed applications should be returned by e-mail to: retg@medsci.ox.ac.uk (Abby Hipkin, Research Education and Training Administrator for the Education and Training Working Group, NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre).

**Closing date for applications is Monday 6th March 2017.**

***Conditions associated with the award***

*At the end of the course/module an email should be sent to the Research Education and Training Co-ordinator* retg@medsci.ox.ac.uk *with feedback of the applicant’s experience of the course/module (a feedback form will be provided but additional free text is also welcome).*

**Training Bursaries for Research Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals Application Form**

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| **1. Personal Information** |
| **Name:**  |
| **Email address:** |
| **Title of your current post and research project/s:** | **Current post start date:****Current post end date:** |
| **Position:** | **Employer:** |
| **Department:** |
| **Funding source for your current research position** *e.g. Biomedical Research Centre/Unit; CRN:TV&SM; Wellcome*: |
| **Which (if any) portfolio studies are you working on?** *please provide NIHR portfolio ID number(s)* |
| **Have you applied to this funding scheme in the past?** (*please state year of application and whether or not you were awarded funding)*  |
| **What other sources of funding have you applied to?** *(please give details e.g. type of funding, amount, status of application)* |
| **2. Employment and Education** |
| **Previous posts held (most recent first):**

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| **Education/training, and professional body membership:**

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| **3.Statement for Purpose of Funding** |
| 1. Specify the course/module/ program chosen (course name, location/provider and duration).
2. Give a short description of how this training would be relevant to your current research and how it will contribute to your professional development.
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| **4. Breakdown of Cost of Course/Module/Program** |
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| **Statement of approval by Group head/Principal Investigator**  |

**Group head/Principal Investigator Applicant**

**Name :**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:**…………………………………

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