

**NIHR Oxford BRC Senior Fellows  
Awards Guidance for Applicants  
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The following document provides information about the scheme and to support applicants completing their application for the Oxford BRC Award. For any further guidance, please email: Professor Sarah Rowland-Jones [sarah.rowland-jones@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.rowland-jones@ndm.ox.ac.uk) or Denise Best [denise.best@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:denise.best@medsci.ox.ac.uk).

The NIHR Oxford BRC aims to attract, recognise, and develop outstanding researchers. The opportunities for attracting and recognising early to mid-career investigators who are critical to the work and success of the Oxford BRC Biomedical Research Centre are limited. As a step towards addressing this the new BRC Senior Fellows Award scheme will recognise and support individuals with the potential and trajectory to become future leaders in translational research.

**The Scheme**

NIHR Oxford BRC Senior Fellows will be appointed through competition informed by the advice of an expert panel. The Fellows will receive an award of £10,000 per year for a period of two years that may be used flexibly to facilitate their translational research programme and career development. They will commit to participating in a career development programme comprising several masterclasses per year, as well as mentoring/coaching and networking opportunities. Each year they will provide a short progress report. The BRC Senior Fellowship programme is intended to support suitably experienced individuals to advance an independent research area which will enhance BRC research in Oxford and strengthen future BRC funding applications.

Some examples of how the funding may be used include:

- Travel costs for research activities;
- Conference costs;
- Personal career development and leadership training;
- Consumables and minor items of equipment (not capital equipment);
- Bridging funds to support research staff appointments whilst awaiting new research income.

**Eligibility**

Applicants should be engaged in translational research which benefits patients or improves the healthcare system, brings health economics benefits, and contributes positively to society. Candidates from a wide range of disciplines are welcome to apply, for example from Medical Sciences, Computer Sciences, Maths Physical and Life Sciences, Engineering etc.)

- Applicants must hold a PhD or MD and have 4 to 10 years postdoctoral experience;
- Employed by Oxford University or Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust with a contract until at least September 2021;
- Professional achievement, in particular evidence of leadership, or leadership potential in

translational research;

- High potential impact of the research on improvements in healthcare and public health;
- High quality and volume of excellent research (**career breaks will be taken into account**);
- Evidence of independence or starting to establish independence as a researcher including establishing collaborations and building research capacity;
- NIHR Senior Investigators, or those who have previously held NIHR Senior Investigators Awards, are not eligible to apply for BRC Senior Fellow Awards;
- BRC Theme Leaders/co-leads, Heads of University Departments, OUH Divisional Directors, Associate Heads of OUH Divisions and BRC Steering Committee members are not eligible to apply.

### **Governance and Audit**

The employer is responsible for managing the award and ensuring that it is used for the purposes intended.

### **Completing the application form**

#### **Section 1**

Please ensure you enter details of your Surname, Forenames, Title, Position, Organisation and Department, address, telephone, professional background, and primary and secondary research fields in the text boxes.

#### **Section 2**

##### **Applicant CV section**

Please complete details of your academic and professional qualifications (most recent first).

##### **Present and Previous Employment History**

Please complete all fields listing start date, end date, job title and employer (most recent first). Markers of Esteem

Please report any examples of profile, prestige or professional esteem that have been awarded to you. These should include higher awards and qualifications, prizes or distinctions from professional bodies or patient or healthcare organisations, named lectures, leadership positions (continue on a separate word document if necessary).

##### **Grant Income**

Please provide information on grants and projects for which you were the Principal Applicant or Co-Applicant. Only list those awarded in the last five years

#### **Section 3**

##### **Personal Statement**

Please describe the key strengths and capabilities that justify the award of BRC Senior Fellowship. Please provide details and examples of how you will use the fellowship, the impact it will have on your career, and the added value of your award to the BRC. Please provide evidence of independence or starting to establish independence as a researcher, including establishing collaborations and building research capacity (**maximum 1000 words**). **Please mention any**

**career breaks that may have impacted on your research.** Please note that the word count in this section reflects the priority given by the selection panel to your statement.

#### **Section 4**

##### **Supporting Information**

###### **Research Leadership potential**

Please provide evidence of your leadership potential in translational research. If you are a clinician please indicate in percentage terms how your time is divided between clinical and academic activities (e.g. 60% clinical, 40% academic) and whether any of this is funded through the BRC. **(maximum 300 words).**

###### **Patient and Public Involvement in Research**

Please provide evidence of how you have integrated patient and public involvement (PPI) into your research, and/or how you propose to in future.

Please provide examples of the relevance of your research to patients and the public.

Please also describe how you could provide leadership and support capacity development for PPI in research **(maximum 300 words).**

###### **Translation into Improvements in Healthcare**

Please report any examples of your research which have:

- Contributed to NICE guidelines
- Influenced National Service Frameworks
- Changed practice or service delivery locally, nationally or internationally

Please describe how this led to improvements in the quality of care, providing references if possible.

Alternatively, if your research is not yet at this translational stage please give details of how in the future it might benefit patients and improve the quality of care. Please indicate the steps and timeline required for this to take place. **(maximum 300 words)**

###### **Contribution to Growth Agenda**

Please list any commercial companies that you are currently collaborating with. **(maximum 300 words)**

#### **Section 5**

##### **Publications**

Please enter your top publications (**Vancouver format**) from the past 5 years ranked from 1-10. These should be publications you consider to be your most important and in which you played a substantial role. Please give brief details (1 or 2 sentences) describing your role in the research leading to the publication.

#### **Section 6**

##### **Referee details**

Please provide contact details of two senior academics within Oxford who can comment on your current research and career path.

**Return your application to Ali Keeble-Smith [Ali.Keeble-Smith@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:Ali.Keeble-Smith@ouh.nhs.uk)**