**Preparatory Award for a Research Career**

The Preparatory Award for a Research Career (PARC) Programme offers clinical care delivery nurses and midwives the opportunity to gain the skills, support, and funding needed to develop their research career.

**Funds available**

The funding will be provided to cover salary costs for up to two months part-time, usually 0.5FTE. The award will take place between February and March 2025. It is expected that you will continue a proportion of your clinical role during the award.

The time may be used to explore and develop your clinical academic pathway and will offer personal and professional development to enhance your research portfolio. The goal is to help you develop a competitive application for further funding opportunities, for example, INSIGHT research master’s programme, Predoctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF), Doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (DCAF) or post-doctoral Advanced Fellowship (AF) or Advanced Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (ACAF) awards.

We will also provide a training bursary of up to £500 per person to cover research-related expenses or training fees.

**Application**

Please complete the form below to submit your application. You will need a statement from your current line manager agreeing to you reorganising your working hours. You will also need to provide a departmental GL Cost Code. This will be used to transfer funds to your employing department.

Completed application forms should be returned in **Word** format by e-mail to aderonke.lagoke@ouh.nhs.uk

**Closing date for applications is 12pm, Wednesday 20 November. Interviews will take place on Friday 29 November.**

***Conditions associated with the award***

*Any resulting publications must give credit to the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre.*

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| **1. Personal Information** | |
| **Name:** | |
| **Email address:** | |
| **Current post:** | **Current post start date:**  **Current post end date:** |
| **Pay band (including step point):** | **Employer:** |
| **Estimated additional costs: £** | **Departmental GL Cost Code:** |
| **2. Employment and Education** | |
| **Previous posts held (most recent first):**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Date from | Date to | Position | Department | Institution | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| **Education/training:**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Date (mm/yyyy) | Degree or other | Subject | University/Institution | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | |
| **3.Statement for Purpose of Funding** | |
| **Describe what you would like to achieve during this award. This should include clear outcomes that will be used to measure the success of the award, for example how this award would contribute to a future research funding application (no more than 500 words).**  **If you are applying for costs other than salary, please list and give estimated value to each.** | |
| **4. Support and approval** | |
| **Statement of support by clinical/line manager**  Supervisor Name:  Statement:  Date: | |

Signature of Applicant: