Developing a research grant application for the BOPA-PRUK Award

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Introduction to Pharmacy Research UK
Pharmacy Research UK

- Founded in 2012 from a merger of two previous Trusts
- Member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC)
- Principle research charity for developing pharmacists and pharmacy research
- 2015: 15 early career researchers supported by our capacity and capability funding
- 2016: An additional 13 new grants have been funded
Funding Opportunities

• Training Bursaries: Level 1 (£5,000), Level 2 (£10,000) and Level 3 (£30,000)

• Personal Awards: Galen award (£30,000) and Leverhulme award (£45,000)

• Project Grants: Awards of up to £100,000 for a research project of up to 24 months

• Partnership Awards: BOPA-PRUK award (£5,000)
Getting started
Your application, the scheme and the process

- **Your application:** Think about the area of research you are investigating and what you aim to achieve from the research.

- **The scheme:** Where is the best place to apply? Are you eligible to apply for funding? Do you need more statistical input or patient and public involvement? Are the timescales feasible?

- **The process:** Administrative, peer and panel review, feedback, funding recommendations and final ratification.

- BOPA-PRUK scheme? Personal Awards?
BOPA-PRUK Partnership Award – Purpose

• Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians to conduct translational or health service research within oncology or haematology pharmacy research

• Independent research projects, or research components of a higher degree that focus on patient benefit in the longer term

• Provides a platform for novice researchers to engage in research, with the necessary support throughout the process

• The development of research skills and opportunities for junior/novice researchers to build relationships with academics and clinicians
BOPA-PRUK Partnership Award – Eligibility

- Award of up to £5,000 for a maximum duration of 12 months
- Research to be related to either the oncology or haematology pharmacy fields
- The lead applicant must be a BOPA member and be UK based, with the research to also take place in the UK
- Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians eligible to apply for translational or health service research
- Applicants must be supported by experienced researchers across multiple disciplines, relevant and appropriate to the research being conducted
Grant Application
Developing the grant application

- Read the funder’s guidance

- What is your research question?
  - Review the literature to determine if there is a gap or need for your research to take place
  - Ask yourself if the research is important, required and relevant

- How will you get to an answer?
  - Consider the methodology; what is the most appropriate method of addressing the research question?
  - Consult with your peers and methodologists, draft and re-draft the application

- What are the key outcomes of the research?
  - Recommendations to change policy/practice, or a need for further research
BOPA-PRUK Partnership Award - Application

- RESEARCH TEAM: Lead applicant details, co-applicants, collaborators and supervisors

- DETAILS OF PROPOSAL: Background, aims and objectives, plan of investigation, outcomes, development of research skills, project timetable, ethical governance

- FINANCE: Staff costs, travel and subsistence, project costs (consumables, transcription costs), training and conference costs

- PRUK are an NIHR non-commercial partner, therefore we are eligible for free support from the NIHR CRN and NIHR RDS
BOPA-PRUK Partnership Award - Process

• Application sent for external peer review – minimum of 2 required

• PRUK adheres to the AMRC guidelines on peer review

• Peer-reviewed application assessed by the BOPA-PRUK Panel

• Recommendations for funding made

• Outcome provided to applicants, including Panel feedback

Application launch: January
Application submission: May
Application outcome: July/August
Training and Development
Think about:
• Your experience, publications and presentations, awards
• Think about how you will manage a clinical academic role

Supervision/ Support:
• Identify supervisors and a mentor

Training:
• Know your training needs (be able to identify your strengths and weaknesses)
• Consider fellowships as a vehicle of training and progression

Environment:
• Know your HEI (graduate support, research support network)
• Know the local Trusts (support your development post PhD, study governance and support)
BOPA-PRUK Partnership Award - Key Points

• Important and relevant research question

• Multi-disciplinary team, with support and involvement from experienced researchers

• Clear objectives, aligned to the research in question

• Appropriate and relevant methodology, including any calculations and supporting evidence

• Relevant dissemination activities

• Clear path for future research
Further Information and support

- Email: Pharmacy Research UK – practice.research@rpharms.com - 0207 572 2425 - Website: Pharmacy Research UK - http://www.pharmacyresearchuk.org/


- Your local infrastructure- R&D offices (NHS or University), Academic Health Sciences Networks (AHSNs), CCGs

- RPS Monthly Research Surgeries, RPS Guidance Hub

- Developing a Successful Research Funding Proposal Workshop – 16th & 17th Jan @ RPS

- NIHR Research Design Service