



Developing a research grant application for the BOPA-PRUK Award

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Pharmacy Research *UK*

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Introduction to Pharmacy Research UK

Pharmacy Research UK

- Founded in 2012 from a merger of two previous Trusts
- 2016: An additional 13 new grants have been funded
- 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



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?

NHS

**National Institute for
Health Research**

MRC

Medical
Research
Council

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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

Training Requirements and Progression

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/>
- ACoRD: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-attributing-the-costs-of-health-and-social-care-research>
- 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