

Internal Demand Management for the 2025 NIHR call for Research Professorships and Global Research Professorships.

1. SCHEME OVERVIEW

In September 2025 NIHR will issue a new call for [Research Professorships](#) and [Global Research Professorships](#), both with a deadline in early-mid December 2025.

Please let us know by 26 June if you are interested in this call as there are institutional limits on the number of bids we can submit.

The objective of these highly competitive awards is to fund leaders in the early part of their careers to lead research and to strengthen health, public health, and care research leadership at the highest academic levels.

Two types of Research Professorship are offered:

- [NIHR Research Professorships](#) – will fund research leaders of the future to promote effective translation of research and strengthen health, public health and care research leadership at the highest academic levels. The 5-year award allows outstanding academics to work at professorial level based at a higher education institution, in partnership with an NHS organisation or another provider of health, public health and/or care services. Up to 5 awards offered per round. For this call, NIHR particularly wants to encourage applications from health and care professionals outside of medicine and dentistry.
- [NIHR Global Research Professorships](#) – open to all health, public health and social care research and methodology professions undertaking research that directly and primarily benefits patients and the public in countries on the [OECD DAC list](#). This call is open to applicants from both LMICs and the UK with up to 5 awards offered per round. Fellowships held at UK Host Organisations must have at least 1 partner in LMICs.

2. FUNDING

Each award will consist of a package to support a professorship, including 3 support post appointments, research running costs, a leadership and development programme, the opportunity to request a sabbatical and the basic salary costs of the individual, plus indirect costs.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Nominees should be working in the fields of experimental medicine, public health, health services research, social care research or methodological research. They should have a demonstrable record in effective translation of research into improved health, public health or adult social care.

Competitive candidates will need to demonstrate a steep career trajectory over the last 5-10 years, and that they are on course to becoming an outstanding research leader after the period of the award; you should not already be an established leader in your field.

You should be close to professorial level or have recently been appointed as a full professor. NIHR expects that you would not have been employed at Prof level for more than 5 years.

4. INSTITUTIONAL CAP ON NUMBER OF BIDS THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED

Research Professorships	Global Research Professorships
Maximum 3 bids Where two nominees are put forward for consideration, at least one of the three must be female. Where only one nominee is put forward for consideration, this could be male or female. Host institutions can nominate up to three individuals provided at least one applicant is from an ethnic minority group. This is in addition to the requirement of ensuring that at least one applicant is female if more than one nomination is made.	Maximum 2 bids If two nominees are put forward, at least one of these must be female. Where only one nominee is put forward for consideration, this could be male or female.

5. EDI DATA

Because the NIHR has based their quota on the sex (not gender) and ethnicity of applicants, we need to ask those interested in applying to complete an equalities questionnaire to make sure that we are complying with the funder's conditions (the questionnaire was developed with the EDI Unit for a previous call).

This information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will only be used by Research and Innovation Services colleagues for the purpose of assessing the applicant against the NIHR funding conditions relating to sex and ethnicity.

The quality of the proposal and the suitability of the applicant for this particular funding opportunity will be assessed by a selection panel, and only afterwards will the EDI information be reviewed to determine the number of bids we can put forward.

6. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM WEBINAR

The Research Development Team is hosting an on-line workshop on Thursday 19th June at 10.00-11.30 to learn more about the call. Prof Richard McManus, Exec Dean of BSMS is Chair of the NIHR's Research Professorship Selection Committee and will share his insights on the funding call and what makes a competitive bid.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://universityofsussex.zoom.us/j/99417536947>
Meeting ID: 994 1753 6947

If you plan to attend, please accept the invite so that we can gauge numbers of those interested in the call.

7. CALL SCHEDULE

Webinar	19 June
Deadline for internal bids	16 July
Review panel meets	By end of July
Decision / feedback to applicants	Early August
Time to work on bids and additional peer review	4 months
NIHR deadline	Early-mid December

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The internal application form is on the University's demand management webpages [Demand managed funding calls : Research Initiatives : Research : Staff : University of Sussex](#)

Please contact your Research Development Manager if you would like more information on the scheme or would like to discuss a potential bid.

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