



NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Research Endowment Fund

Application for Research Funding – Guidance Notes

Submissions are invited for funding for research to take place within NHS GG&C Hospitals. Awards will be of an appropriate sum within the limits of the funds made in the categories of: Cancer, Chest, Heart & Stroke, General and Renal Medicine.

Conditions of Funding:

- Applications are welcomed from medical, nursing, AHP staff and lab-based scientists. Research projects in all areas will be considered in the application sub-categories below
- Applicants employment status must be an NHS GG&C employee or university affiliation with honorary status
- No age limit will be imposed on who may be funded via endowments. However, endowment funds are specifically intended to support early stage researchers to establish their own research portfolio. Experienced researchers (e.g. Research team leads) will not be considered for funding.
- Multiple applications (greater than two) will not be considered.
- Preference will also be shown to research projects which align with the NHS research priority areas and to applications for “pump-priming” or pilot projects which could lead to a successful application for a grant from an outside/eligible funding body.
- The grant will be awarded to the applicant and they will have responsibility for its successful completion.
- Awards will be made in the following categories:
 - **GENERAL**
 - **CHEST, HEART & STROKE**
 - **CANCER**
 - **RENAL**

Applicants must select the category most appropriate to their research area. Any limits on amounts of funding available will be placed on the web site as endowments are prone to market fluctuations.

- A progress report must be submitted to the committee at one year, as well as a final report at the end of the project. Six months after the project end date any unused funds will be returned to the endowment pot for inclusion in the fund total the following year. Any delays in the execution of the study should be reported to R&I for escalation to the committee if required. R&I will provide guidance on the feasibility of any changes to the project but applicants should be aware that the committee have the right where projects are out with the original specification to discontinue ongoing funding.
- Successful applicants must acknowledge receipt of their letter of notification of funding allocation from the R&I Office.
- Arrangements for use of the award must be made with the Finance Department within six months of the date of the award with Finance being notified of the actual start and completion dates of the project and of any events occurring during the project which could prejudice the completion date.
- No substantive change in the research project may be made without discussing the proposed changes first with the Chair of the NHS GG&C Research Endowments Fund Committee.
- If a project does not start in 6 months, then the applicant must alert the committee chair and ask for a deferment to be sent to the Annual Review meeting
- The NHS GG&C Research Endowments Fund Committee must be acknowledged as the source of funding on any publication relating to the research project.
- Any Intellectual Property Rights resulting from the project cannot be given away without the Board's permission (royalty split). Contact the R&I Office for information.
- The committee will not approve the request for travel costs within the application. Additionally the request for funding cannot be used exclusively for salaries or to fund an educational qualification
- If your proposal has already attracted funding, you must disclose details of this
- This funding is not typically available for current PhD students; priority will be given to post-doctoral applications.
- The supporting statement can come from anybody who has worked with you. References are not included in the word count
- If you are planning to include the use of PPI Groups in your research, please refer to the NIHR guidelines for information on the funding amounts to be included in your application. Guidelines are available here: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/who-we-are/policies-and-guidelines/payment-guidance-researchers-and-professionals#payment>. Further useful information on the use of PPI are available at these links:
 - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/who-we-are/policies-and-guidelines/payment-guidance-researchers-and-professionals>
 - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/briefing-notes-researchers-public-involvement-nhs-health-and-social-care-research>

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE ACCOMPANYING “ADVICE TO APPLICANTS”

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

1. The application form **must be signed by you and countersigned by your Clinical Director/Head of Department/Research Mentor/Supervisor, and the Board’s Finance Department**. These counter-signatories have many calls on their time and due allowance should be made in contacting them.
2. For Finance sign off, **you must allow sufficient time; at least two working weeks** – for your completed application and finance form to be financially scrutinised, signed off and returned to you for amendment, if required. This should be received by the R&I Office by **Friday 9th October 2026** to allow time for R&I Finance to cost and approve. Completed applications should be emailed to [Ellie Watson](mailto:Ellie.Watson@nhs.scot)
3. Project authorisation/sign off is **NOT** required by a Sponsor Representative (i.e. Research Co-ordinator) in advance of an endowment application submission.
4. The final completed Forms with finance sign-off, with the appropriate signatures (electronic signatures are accepted), must be submitted to the R&I Office by Friday 23rd October 2026. Please send the application in word format along with the excel finance form.

Please email applications to eleanorellie.watson@nhs.scot

5. **The Research & Innovation Office will NOT accept late applications or forms with missing information and signatures.**
6. Assistance in the completion of the application forms is available from the [R&I Systems Team](#). For all queries including finance, please add “ENDOWMENTS” in the subject title of your email submission and e-mail eleanorellie.watson@nhs.scot
7. You will be notified in advance of the award meeting, (provisionally week commencing Monday 1st December 2026) if your application will be considered by the Committee at the Award Meeting. We will keep you informed on any alterations to these dates.

Important Dates for Applications:

- Initial Submission deadline for projects to be routed to R&I Finance for costing – Friday 9th October 2026
- Deadline for confirmation of costs with R&I Finance – Friday 23rd October 2026
- Award Meeting – provisionally week commencing Monday 1st December 2026