

HEE Midlands and East Regional Clinical Academic Careers Grant Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Can I use the funding for backfill?

Yes, funding can be used for backfill or release from service. This will need to be agreed by line manager and your application must demonstrate how you will utilise your time out of service.

2. I have not been on any of the HEE funded programmes but have done a NIHR ICA programme. Can I apply for the grant?

No, to be eligible to apply for the grant applicants must have been on a locally funded HEE programme, with the aim to progress to a NIHR programme.

3. I am a Podiatrist am I eligible to apply for the grant?

Yes, please see [here](#) for the NIHR list of eligible professions.

4. I do not have a mentor can I still apply –

Yes, you can apply for the grant but would need to have a mentor in place for your application to be considered. If you need support in obtaining a Clinical Academic Mentor please email WTHubMidlandsandEast@hee.nhs.uk as soon as possible.

5. How much funding can I apply for?

The funding will be capped based on the current completion of HEE schemes, with funding of up to the following amount available at each level:

- Internship level - £2,500
- Pre-doctoral level - £5,000
- Post-doctoral Level £7,500

6. My line manager does not have capacity to complete Appendix B. Can I apply?

No, your application is reliant on your Line manager case study and will be used as part of the scoring for your application.

7. Can the funding be used to support course fees?

Yes, funding can be used to support relevant modules required. The relevance of the course must be demonstrated in your application and support the progression of your Clinical Academic Career.

8. When does the funding have to be utilised by?

The funding is support the up-coming NIHR programmes:

- The HEE/NIHR ICA Pre-doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship (PCAF) - anticipated launch date February 2019 – see [here](#) for more information
- The HEE/NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship (CDRF) Scheme - anticipated launch date March 2019 – see [here](#) for more information
- The HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Lectureship (CL) Scheme - anticipated launch date March 2019 – see [here](#) for more information
- The HEE/NIHR Senior Clinical Lectureship (SCL) scheme - anticipated launch date March 2019 – see [here](#) for more information

9. When will I need to evidence the utilisation of funding?

Successful applicants will need to demonstrate that they have submitted and application to one of the above NIHR programmes. This submission date of the NIHR application must be detailed on the Grant Scheme application form.

10. What happens if I do not submit NIHR application?

By submitting an application for the HEE Midlands and East Regional Clinical Academic Careers Grant Scheme, you are agreeing to submit an application to a NIHR ICA programme. Failure to do so will result in the retrieval of the full funding amount and may impact on the future HEE funding request for the organisation.

11. When will I receive the requested funding?

Applications will be approved by December 2018. Applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of their application. Once your application has been approved the invoice details will be confirmed and the funding will be released. Please do not utilise any of the requested funds until your application has been approved.

12. I cannot apply this year. Can I apply for the Grant Scheme next year?

Unfortunately, the HEE Midlands and East Regional Clinical Academic Careers Grant Scheme is only been funded by HEE this year and we cannot guarantee funding after March 2019. However, the HEE Clinical Academic Careers programmes will continue, and more information can be found [here](#).

13. Who can I contact if I have any further questions?

If your question has not been answered above or in the Supporting Information Document, please email WTHubMidlandsandEast@hee.nhs.uk