**NIHR Imperial Biomedical Research Centre (BRC)**

**NIHR Imperial BRC Cardiovascular Research Fellowships**

**Rolling admissions - Applications by email to** antonia.gould@imperial.ac.uk

Applications are invited for Research Fellowships, supported by the NIHR Imperial BRC Cardiovascular Theme. Fellowships will provide flexible salary support for excellent trainees, committed to pursuing an academic research career, where there is a clear path to ongoing academic training.

**1. Scope and Criteria**

**Proposals will be assessed against the following key criteria:**

* Academic track record of the applicant
* Clear Fellowship objectives
* Well-developed plan for next-stage career funding
* Strategic alignment of the proposed research, and/or career path, with BRC CV theme objectives
* Support from supervisors

**Additional criteria that will be considered:**

* Co-funded proposals will be welcomed (e.g. matched-funding contributions).
* 1-2 fellowships will be co-funded with the Imperial BHF Centre for Research Excellence.
* Track record of the proposed Fellow and supervisor in acknowledging the BRC in prior publications.
* Cross-BRC Theme and cross-Department/Faculty engagement is encouraged.

**2. Fellowship Costings**

* Salary costs should be calculated using WorkTribe. Departments should select internal Scheme and costings will need to have been agreed in outline by the relevant Department (an e-mail signifying this will suffice). The WorkTribe record should be attached to your application with the budget broken down in financial years (Apr-Mar). Carryover of budget across financial years is not automatic.
* Consumables, Travel and PPIE costs can be included if justification is provided as to how these will support future fellowship proposals.
* Animal costs, and equipment are ineligible for support.
* Awards will not support any estate costs, indirect costs or other staff time.
* BRC Fellowships will not normally be funded for more than 12 months, unless there is a strong strategic case and co-funding available.
* Fellows must adhere to all BRC contractual terms and conditions.
* External collaboration and the use of external samples and datasets are permitted. However, all expenditure must be incurred within the Imperial BRC (College or ICHT).

**3. Eligibility**

We welcome applications from any scientific background (e.g. non-clinical, trainee doctors, NMaHP), and across training stages (pre-doctoral, post-doctoral), and can provide support appropriate to career stage. Fellows would normally be working as part of a research group within or closely aligned to the Imperial BRC CV Theme.

The proposed Fellow would hold an employment contract with either Imperial College London or Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. A Fellowship might be held by those attached to other partner Trusts (Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals), but project work must take place within the NIHR Imperial BRC.

Example fellowships might include:

* 6-12 months post-doctoral support to a non-clinical scientist to prepare and submit a BHF Immediate Fellowship application
* 6 months pre-doctoral support to a physician or NMaHP to collate pilot data & submit a Clinical Research Training Fellowship application
* 12 months support to a post-doctoral clinician, funded their research time (50% effort) with matched funds, as bridge to an NIHR Academic Clinical Lectureship

**There must be a clear plan to obtain follow-on funding to continue academic training**. The BRC CV Theme Management Committee particular welcome applications to co-fund training in partnership with individual research groups or departments.

**4. Application Review**

Applications will be considered on an individual basis from July 2023 to July 2026.

Proposals should include:

- a covering letter,

- applicant CV,

- proposed project plan,

- lay title and summary,

- letters of support from sponsors,

- WorkTribe Costing

- Evidence of any submitted fellowships (if applicable)

All to be submitted to antonia.gould@imperial.ac.uk

Applications will be assessed at the management meeting every 2 months, by the Cardiovascular Theme Management Committee, which includes members of the public/BRC Community Partners. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria outlined above. Applicants can expect to be notified within 3 months of submission. Please contact Antonia Gould for the dates of the next meeting. Applications should be submitted 2 weeks in advance.

**5. Reporting & Monitoring Requirements**

All successful applicants will be expected to liaise with [PERC](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/patient-experience-research-centre/) on the development of external fellowship proposals.

In the event that external fellowship applications are successful, then awardees are expected to notify the BRC and accept the fellowship with the earliest start date and any unspent funds will be returned to the BRC.

A brief final report showing outputs and deliverables achieved with this funding will be expected within 1 month of project end date.

**6. Acknowledgement of BRC Funding**

All publications arising from BRC-funded work (either fully or in-part) must [acknowledge support](https://imperialbrc.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Acknowledgments-Leaflet-current.pdf) by the NIHR Imperial BRC. Failure to do so can result in funding being withdrawn.

**7. Enquiries**

Pre-submission enquiries are encouraged. General enquiries relating to the scope and objectives of this call should be directed to the Theme Leads Rasha Al-Lamee r.al-lamee13@imperial.ac.uk and/or James Ware j.ware@imperial.ac.uk

For PPIE support visit the [Public Involvement Resource Hub](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/patient-experience-research-centre/ppi/ppi-resource-hub/) and [PERC blog](https://blogs.imperial.ac.uk/perc/).For enquiries about public involvement in research, please email: publicinvolvement@imperial.ac.uk