

Research grants scheme – Application Form

The College of Paramedics is running a small grant scheme to support members to carry out research studies.

A total of three studies will be funded to a maximum of £1,250 each. The money can be used to support any aspect of the study including, but not limited to:

- salary costs
- specific research equipment
- specific software, for example, for analysis
- support costs for lay/public involvement if these cannot be sourced elsewhere
- transcription.

The money **cannot** be used to pay for fees or travel costs incurred as part of a programme of study or conference attendance.

Applications for funding are invited from members of the College of Paramedics who are interested in enhancing their research activity. Applications can be from an individual person, or a team of people, but cannot be used towards part of a study that is already in receipt of funding from elsewhere.

We believe that research should be accessible to all and we wish to encourage people from any background to apply as we work towards our profession becoming more diverse, inclusive, and representative. To undertake rigorous research people need to have some research skills and knowledge but, if you have an idea for research but maybe do not yet have sufficient experience to undertake this research on your own, (although I suggest that all research benefits from collaborative working no matter what our level of research expertise!), then why not team up with someone who has got relevant experience and then you can work together to submit an application. If you don't know where to start with this, then please do contact me and I can try and point you in the right direction. The research grant can be used for any topic at all relevant to our profession, including research topics that would lead to better understanding and outcomes for the diverse communities that we serve.

Criteria for eligibility:

- The lead applicant must be a current full member of the College of Paramedics
- The applicant(s) must demonstrate that the study is relevant to the Paramedic profession
- The proposed project should be completed within 12 months
- The successful award holder(s) must agree to publish their main paper to include results/findings in the British Paramedic Journal before publishing elsewhere
- The researcher(s) must not be in receipt of any other funding associated with this study
- The College of Paramedics must be acknowledged in all publications and/or conference presentations as having contributed financially to the study
- Lead applicants cannot have held an award from the College's Small Grants Scheme in the preceding 24 months.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact:

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College of Paramedics: Small Grants for Research

**Closing Date 4th October 2021 at 23.59 UK Time.
There can be no extension to this deadline.**

Application Form

Q1 - 5. PRINCIPAL APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Surname	
First name	
Title	
Email address	
COP Membership Number	

Q6. TITLE OF PROJECT:

Q7. PROPOSED START DATE (not before 4th December 2021)

Q8. TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT REQUESTED:

Q9. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY (no more than 400 words)

Q10. RELATED APPLICATIONS

Is this or a related application currently being submitted elsewhere?

If yes, please name the organisation(s) and provide the date(s) a decision is expected:

Q11. DETAILS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY Full details of your proposed research activity. Please do not use any names that identify health and/or social care services that you will be working in or with as we wish to promote anonymity of your application: (no more than 1500 words)

Please detail the following information:

- (a) research question(s) to be addressed
- (b) aims of the project
- (c) expected outcomes
- (d) work which has led up to the project,
- (e) plan of research and methodology to be used including information on proposed sample, setting, proposed approach to data collection and analysis
- (f) relevance of the project to policy, practice and paramedic profession
- (g) brief timetable and milestones
- (h) your strategy for sharing and disseminating the results/findings
- (i) any ethical considerations.

Q13 - 19. RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS, BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO LIVING OR DEAD PERSONS

Does your project involve human participants? YES/NO

Will personal data be used? YES/NO

Will your project involve use of biological samples? YES/NO

Please state by whom and when the ethics of the project will be reviewed, and specify any other regulatory approvals that will be sought.

In the course of your project:

(i) Do you propose to use facilities within the National Health Service (NHS)? YES/NO

(ii) Does your research involve patients being cared for by the NHS? YES/NO

If the answer is yes to (i) or (ii) above, please indicate which organisation has agreed to be the sponsor for the project under the Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care, published by the Department of Health in England or the corresponding departments in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.

Q20. FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEAD APPLICANT. PLEASE OUTLINE WHAT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE OF UNDERTAKING RESEARCH:

Q21. PLEASE OUTLINE HOW YOU WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR RESEARCH STUDY COMPLETES WITHIN THE 12 MONTH TIME FRAME EMPHASISING KEY MILESTONES WITH ANTICIPATED DATES.

Q22. PLEASE LIST ANY ORIGINAL RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS (E.G. PRESENTATIONS) THAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION. PUBLICATIONS SHOULD BE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WITH THE MOST RECENT FIRST.

Q23. Collaborators/Co-researchers (please fill in this section with details about each additional individual involved in the grant application). For each person please state their full name; their current employment; and then describe the extent and nature of collaboration. Please detail the role and contribution of each collaborator, with an indication of the time the person will spend on the project (no more than 200 words per collaborator).:

Q.24 Signature:

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details in my application form are accurate.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS PDF IS A CONVENIENT WAY TO SEE ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION. THIS IS NOT A FORM YOU CAN SEND IN AS YOUR APPLICATION. THE ONLY WAY TO SUBMIT IS ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://herts.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/college-of-paramedics-small-grants-for-research>