**NIHR Exeter BRC PhD Studentship**

**Project Supervisor Application Form**

Please submit your application to the NIHR Exeter BRC Training and Events Manager, Sophie Gould, at [NIHRExeterBRC@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:NIHRExeterBRC@exeter.ac.uk) by **10am Monday 19th August 2024**.

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| **Section 1: Supervisory Team Information** | |
| **Lead Supervisor** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Current position**  **Please detail whether you are a full or part-time University of Exeter employee and if you hold a contract of employment (including honorary) with one of the BRC partner NHS Trusts.** |  |
| **End date of current contract (if not permanent)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Academic CV (no more than 4 pages in length) attached** |  |
| **How many PhD students are you currently supervising as primary or secondary supervisor?** |  |
| **Does the named supervisory team meet the University of Exeter supervisory requirements – guidance found** [**here**](https://as.exeter.ac.uk/academic-policy-standards/tqa-manual/pgr/supervisionofresearchdegreestudents/)**.** |  |
| **Are you available between 18th – 20th September to shortlist student applications and the w/c 30th September for interviews? If the answer is no, you are not eligible to apply.** |  |
| **Co-Supervisor 1 (required)** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Current position** |  |
| **Current institute/workplace** |  |
| **End date of current contract (if not permanent)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Co-Supervisor 2 (optional)** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Current position** |  |
| **Current institute/workplace** |  |
| **End date of current contract (if not permanent)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Co-Supervisor 3 (optional)** | | |
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| **Section 2: Project Proposal** |
| **Project title** |
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| **Project summary for advertisement – 300 word limit.**  *When writing your summary, please consider including the following information where appropriate:*   * *Background to the research* * *Aims of the studentship* * *Design and methods to be used* * *Relevant training and professional development opportunities* * *Infrastructure and support*   *\*Please note that some general text will be included in the advert surrounding the BRC infrastructure and support so there is no need to include this here.* |
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| **Plain English Summary of Research – 200 word limit.**  *Your application will be reviewed by Patient and Public Representatives, so it is imperative that your plain English summary is a clear explanation of your research.* |
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| **Detailed research plan – 500 word limit.**  *Using the headings and guidance below, please use this section to clearly explain the proposed research.*   * *What is the problem being addressed and why is it important in terms of improving health outcomes for patients and the public?* * *What is the research question / aims and objectives that the student will work towards?* * *Provide an outline of the project plan of investigation, to include the approach and methodologies for data collection and analysis.* * *Will the project require ethical approval?* |
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| **Infrastructure and support – 150 word limit.**   * *Where will the research take place?* * *What infrastructure / support is already in place to support the project?* |
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| **Research and training costs – 200 word limit.**  *We will provide a Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) of £5000 per year – these funds are to be used to support the research project e.g., consumables, alongside the development of the student and any training they should require. Please detail the below:*   * *Research costs e.g. consumables, equipment, PPIE focus groups etc.* * *Where existing / alternative sources of income will support the proposed work i.e. from project and program grants held by the supervisory team.* * *Both formal and informal training (alongside associated costs, if applicable) that you envisage the student will need to undertake.* |
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| **Collaborations and partnerships (if applicable) – 150 word limit.**   * *If applicable, please outline the involvement and contribution of any internal and/ or external collaborators and partners on the project.* |
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| **Please select which priority area(s), from the list below, your PhD Studentship project proposal aligns with.** |
| Data Science  Clinical Trials and Statistics  Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)  Diagnostics and Imaging  BRC Shadow Themes: respiratory medicine, psychiatry/mental health and surgery |
| **Please select which NIHR Exeter BRC partner NHS Trust organisation(s) are involved in the project:** |
| Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  St George’s University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  Devon Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust  Not applicable |

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| **Section 3: Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)** |
| **Describe your approach to meaningful PPIE in the research proposed – 200 word limit.**  *The NIHR Exeter BRC expects appropriate and relevant involvement of patients/service users, carers and the public and other key stakeholders in the research it supports. It is essential to set out your plans to involve patients and the public in this application. Your patient/service user, carer and public involvement plans will be assessed by the selection committee, which will include a PPIE representative.*   * *Explain why your approach to patient and public involvement is appropriate for this proposal.* * *Please use this opportunity to describe how you plan to manage and coordinate the patient and public involvement activities in your project.* * *Describe how you will support and enable patients/service users, carers, the public and members of relevant communities to contribute to your research (e.g. access, payments, training).* * *We would also encourage you to outline plans for capturing, evaluating and reporting the impact of patient and public involvement activities.* * *A summary of PPI activities. Please provide a summary below of the proposed PPI activities embedded throughout the research project lifecycle.* |
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| **Section 4: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)** |
| **Describe your approach to equality, diversity and inclusion in your work – 150 word limit.**  *Every person eligible to take part in research should be offered the same opportunity of taking part regardless of their protected characteristic. Applicants should demonstrate how these factors have been considered and addressed in their proposal, including steps taken to ensure the research sample is representative of the population the study is targeted at.* |
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**Additional documentation**

* Subject areas for the Exeter webpage advertisement
* Subject areas for FindAPhD advertisement