

Accessing TEWV's Research Capability Funding 2025

Webinar

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'You Asked' and 'We answered'

Is this a time limited or ongoing funding opportunity?

Our ambition is to make this an ongoing funding opportunity. This however is dependent based on our annual allocation of Research Capability Funding which differs from year to year based on our previous year's NIHR research income in the Trust.

Will I be able to apply next year if I decide not to this year or is this funding time limited and will I receive feedback if my application is unsuccessful?

Yes. We have historically provided feedback to both successful and unsuccessful applicants, and we intend to maintain this practice this year, and the following year should we re-advertise.

Is there a deadline as to when the project needs to commence after receiving the funding?

There is no deadline about when the project needs to commence after receiving the funding, however the funding must be spent within the Trust financial year (which ends on 31st March). If receiving an award which spans two financial years, the funding must be spent before 31st March 2027.

Can the time support and the funding feed into a large grant application like research doctoral fellowship application?

Yes, it can, however the application for this purpose would fall in the 1st group which means it will only be permissible for funding up to £5,000 for up to 12 months.

Can the funding be used to apply for external staff time like a research assistant at a university?

Yes, and upon successful application, TEWV will arrange a contract between the Trust and the external partner to agree terms and facilitate the flow of funding.

How much detail is expected in the funding application?

The application form is simple in its format due to various types of applications we may receive. It is helpful to the reviewers to provide as much detail as you can about your proposed project so they can fully assess the quality and purpose of the application to aid decision making, however we do not require a full protocol.

Is it acceptable to have a person named on more than one application?

Yes.

Are you expected to have a tangible output by the end of the 12 or 18 months of your project?

We do expect to have a completed project as outlined in your application form which will be summarised in a final report. Whilst the ambition is for the projects to contribute towards a future NIHR grant submission, we acknowledge that funding and timelines may not allow writing and submitting an NIHR grant application as part of the award period, and this can be completed following the RCF funding period.

If your project leads to a larger grant from NIHR after receiving the initial RCF funding from TEWV, does TEWV need to be the sponsor for the NIHR grant?

Yes. Our RCF allocation is dependent on the previous year's NIHR income from sponsored grants, so by TEWV sponsoring more NIHR research, this helps us sustain RCF which we can allocate to new rounds of applications.

Where can I receive support on developing a future NIHR research project?

NIHR's Research Support Service (RSS) can provide support and advice on the design and delivery of your research project and the development of your grant application. Further information is available [here](#)

Can I apply for this funding without naming a TEWV member of staff in the application?

Whilst we would ideally encourage applications to involve a TEWV member of staff, we are able to fund applications from university staff only. If your application does not include a named TEWV staff member and you would benefit from this, we can help connect you with a suitable colleague from our Trust—please email tewv.researchanddevelopment@nhs.net. When applying, if you are still in the process of linking with a TEWV colleague, please note this on your form.

Can I speak to a member of TEWV R&D to get advice on whether my research project fits the funding eligibility criteria?

If you wish to meet with one of our R&D advisors, then please email us at tewv.researchanddevelopment@nhs.net

How can I receive support with the costings for NHS staff time or involvement activities for my research projects?

Please email our Research Grants and Contracts Co-Ordinator at tewv.researchgrantscontracts@nhs.net who can provide you with guidance. **Any costing requests for support must be submitted at least 3 days prior to the application deadline.**

Any other queries can be submitted to tewv.researchanddevelopment@nhs.net