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| **This form is for PhD studentship/ Clinical Training Fellowship applications to the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology only.****Applications for other MRC schemes will not be accepted using this form.** |

You are applying for a PhD studentship from the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research. A list of potential projects is available online at:

[www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk](http://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk)

Funding is available for clinicians and non-clinicians to undertake PhD study for three years and offers an enhanced level of training support including:

* A clinical salary commensurate with experience
* Tuition fees at RCUK level
* A contribution to research and training costs
* Free attendance at the International Clinical Trials Methodology Conferences
* Joining a UK Network of students, clinicians, researchers and trialists to gain transferable skills including training events and annual meetings.

**How to apply**

Please complete the form fully. Incomplete forms will not be considered. CVs will not be accepted for this scheme[[1]](#footnote-1).

Please apply giving details for your first choice project. You can provide details of 2 other Network PhD projects you may be interested in at section B.

The deadline for applications is **4pm (GMT) 13 February 2017**. Late applications will not be considered.

Interviews of shortlisted candidates will take place in London on **8 or 10 March 2017**. Please note our willingness to accept an application does not guarantee you will be invited for interview, nor that support will be provided.

**Candidates submitting their own unique research project**

The Network is willing to consider additional relevant project applications from students devising their own programme of research. Please use this form, and complete the additional Appendix I section. Projects must be proposed at a University within the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research, and the named supervisor must be a Network Hub member.

Applications not including a named supervisor will not be accepted.

If you are proposing your own project, you **must** also include a letter of support from the Director of the Hub supporting your application, and a letter of support from the named supervisor.

**Eligibility for all studentships**

* **Qualifications**

Candidates for an MRC-funded studentship must hold qualifications in a relevant subject at the level of, or equivalent to, a good honours degree from a UK academic institution.

This should be a first or upper second class honours degree. Qualifications (or a combination of qualifications and experience) which demonstrate equivalent ability and attainment should also be considered. For example, a less than sufficient first degree may be enhanced to meet the requirements by the acquisition of a Master’s degree to enhance the first degree, e.g. from 2(ii) to 2(i).

**Note that some projects require both a first or upper second class honours degree and an appropriate Master’s degree- please see individual projects for details.**

* **Residence requirements- all candidates**

Due to funding restrictions only home/EU applicants are eligible for funding through this programme. Eligibility and residence requirements must be met. Candidates are advised to review the RCUK/MRC studentship documentation for full details.

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/RCUK-prod/assets/documents/documents/TermsConditionsTrainingGrants.pdf> for more information.

For purposes of residence requirements the UK includes the United Kingdom and Islands.

To be eligible for a full award a student must have:

* Settled status in the UK, meaning they have no restrictions on how long they can stay

and

* Been ‘ordinarily resident’ in the UK for 3 years prior to the start of the studentship. This means they must have been normally residing in the UK (apart from temporary or occasional absences)

and

* Not been residing in the UK wholly or mainly for the purpose of full-time education. (This does not apply to UK or EU nationals).

To be eligible for a fees only award:

* Students from EU countries other than the UK are generally eligible for a fees-only award. To be eligible for a fees-only award, a student must be ordinarily resident in a member state of the EU; in the same way as UK students must be ordinarily resident in the UK.

**Clinical Research Training Fellowships**

**Clinical eligibility**

In addition to the above residence requirements, candidates applying for Clinical Research Training Fellowships in methodology must meet the following:

* Clinically qualified applicants are expected to be undertaking their specialty training and have completed their Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) (or equivalent) exams.
* Applicants should be at an appropriate point in their clinical training to step out of programme and undertake a PhD, and are usually ST3/4 level depending on their chosen specialty.
* Applicants should have clear plans for the completion of their specialty training and have consulted their deanery about the planned period out of programme prior to submitting an application.
* Veterinarians may apply where they have equivalent qualifications to those above and providing their project is of relevance to human health.
* Nurses, midwives and members of the allied health professions must have completed their professional training and hold a research Masters degree, or equivalent postgraduate research-oriented qualification.

Please note that by accepting your application form, the Network is under no obligation to offer an interview, nor to provide funding for PhD study.

END OF GUIDANCE NOTES

**APPLICATION FOR MRC HTMR Network PHD STUDENTSHIP and**

**MRC CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN METHODOLOGY**

1. **Personal details**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
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| Email |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Is your permanent home in the UK? |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Where did you see this project advertised? |  |

**Complete section B OR C**

**B- Advertised Network projects**

***Please provide details of project you are applying for***

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| Project reference |  |
| Title |  |
| Host University[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| Have you discussed this project with the supervisor? | YES/ NO (delete as appropriate) |
| Would you be interested in other projects from the Network  | YES/NO (delete as appropriate) |
| If YES please provide reference and title here: |
| Other project option 1 | Other project option 2 |

Continue to section D

**C- Unique projects[[3]](#footnote-3)**

***If you are applying to the Network for a project you have developed with your supervisor you must complete details below and the supplementary form in appendix I***

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| Supervisor name*(NB must be a Hub member)* |  |
| Supervisor email address |  |
| Title of your PhD project |  |
| Duration of funding requested (maximum four years) |  |
| Type of studentship- PhD or Clinical Fellow |  |
| Host University (Universities must be recognised within the Network. Please email us if you are unsure) |  |
| Have you included a letter of support from the Hub Director? | YES/ NO (delete as appropriate) |

Continue to section D

**D- Education**

Please provide details of your qualifications to date

1. **University details (most recent first)**

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| Institution name |  |
| Qualification title |  |
| Level attained (e.g. 2i, pass ) |  |
| Start date |  |
| End date |  |
| Expected graduation date (if not yet compete) |  |

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1. **High school/Secondary school details**

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| School (Name, City and country) |  |
| Years of attendance (from- to) |  |
| Qualifications obtained (include grade) |
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1. **Other professional qualifications**

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| Awarding body |  |
| Year awarded |  |
| Qualifications obtained (include grade) |
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***(Duplicate as necessary)***

**E- Work Experience (most recent first)**

*Please provide details of your work experience to date (this can be paid or unpaid work experience, but you should not include details of projects or work undertaken as part of your qualifications)*

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| Place of Work (name and address) |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Start date |  |
| End date |  |
| Summary of role and responsibilities |
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**F- Supplementary information- All candidates**

1. **Personal statement (max 4000 characters including spaces)**

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| *Please use this section to tell us why you are interested in this project, as well as any relevant experience you may have. Expand this box as necessary (max 4000 characters)* |

1. **Thoughts on the project (max 2000 characters including spaces)**

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| *Please use this section to tell us your ideas for developing this project, having discussed this with the supervisor. Expand this box as necessary (max 2000 characters)* |

**G- Supplementary information- Clinical candidates only**

*To be completed by applicants applying for the Research Training Fellowship scheme.*

1. **Clinical career plans**

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| *Please use this section to tell us how this fits with your clinical training and career plans. Expand this box as necessary* |

1. **GMC number or equivalent**

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1. **Do you have a National Training Number (NTN**)

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| **Yes** |  | **No** |  |

1. **If yes state number and date awarded.**

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1. **If no when do you intend to apply for an NTN?**

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**H- Referees**

Please provide detail of two personal references that may be contacted by the Network.

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Relationship to you |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| May we contact them prior to interview? | YES/NO (delete as appropriate) |

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Relationship to you |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| May we contact them prior to interview? | YES/NO (delete as appropriate) |

**H- Statement of submission**

By submitting this application, you confirm you are applying for the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research PhD call (Round 4). You have reviewed the project details you are applying for, have discussed your project with the main supervisor, and are eligible to apply for funding.

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| **Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |

**END OF APPLICATION FORM**

**Appendix I – for applicants applying with their own project only- complete this two page project summary (Verdana 10 pt)**

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| Hub | Host University |
| Supervisor *[[4]](#footnote-4)* | Co-supervisors |
| Is the project clinical or non clinical? |
| Title of PhD project |

Summary of project (do not expand beyond one page)

*[Include these sub- headings: Background to the project; What the studentship will encompass; Detail of supervision expected- including the roles of any named co-supervisors; Detail of any planned field work/ Secondments/industry placement etc.]*

**Supplementary information (do not expand beyond one page)**

1. Describe the alignment of the project with the HTMR Network strategy

*[see* [*http://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk/pdf/Objectives\_strategy.pdf*](http://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk/pdf/Objectives_strategy.pdf) *and speak to your Hub Director ]*

1. Does this project align with the work of a HTMR Working Group; if so, which?

*[This is not a formal requirement, but please include detail if appropriate. Your supervisor should be able to advise on this]*

1. Describe how this project aligns with the host Hub strategy *[Your Hub Director can advise on this]*
2. Detail of any Project specific training you expect to undertake as part of this studentship

*[Include any expected skills training, Do not list your local standard university postdoctoral training]*

1. Please include a PDF signed letter of support from the Director of your Hub, and a letter from the named supervisor in support of this unique project application (THE NETWORK WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT ARE NOT BASED WITH AN APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR)
1. NB- for applicants to Oxford or Cambridge, you must also complete the university application form for consideration as a postgraduate student; in addition to completing and emailing this application form to the Network. Contact the supervisor for more details. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Note that advertised studentships are not transferable and can only be taken up at the host institution (university) advertised [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Only** if you are applying for your own project**:-**  a letter of support from the Director of the Hub, and from the named supervisor must be included with your application, together with a completed version of appendix I. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *The supervisor must be based at one of the current Hubs for Trials Methodology Research* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)