

# Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration Pilot (LA SPARC)

## Background

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) plays a central role in England's health and care research landscape and is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Working in partnership with the NHS, universities, local government, other research funders, patients and the public, we fund, enable and deliver world-leading health and social care research that improves people's health and wellbeing and promotes economic growth.

We are building the capacity and capabilities needed to tackle the complex health and care challenges of the future, investing in practitioner-academic career pathways and career development opportunities that enable people to consider and develop careers combining academic research with practice from all professional backgrounds.

We are delighted to be able to support individuals working in local authority settings who are interested in enhancing their careers to undertake short placements within a part of the NIHR to develop skills and capabilities to co-create research that is more meaningful and better connected with practice.

## Key messages

- Undertake a short placement with the NIHR to network, train in a specific skill or technique and establish meaningful research collaborations
- Placements could take place in any NIHR setting (e.g NIHR Applied Research Collaboration, NIHR School, NIHR Policy Research Unit etc.)
- Enhance your career - you could be looking to take the next step in developing a practice-academic career or want to experience research from a different perspective
- Receive funding up to £15,000 per individual to cover salary support (for individuals working in local authority settings only), travel, accommodation, short training courses and any relevant placement outputs
- The deadline for applications is 25 November 2021, 1.00pm

## Call to action

- [Apply for a NIHR Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration](#)

## Suggested copy

### Newsletter

#### **Take the next step in developing your career with NIHR**

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is providing opportunities for individuals working in local authority settings to undertake short placements/taster opportunities to develop skills and research collaborations. The placements include funding of up to £15,000 per individual and offer the chance to experience research within an NIHR setting such as an NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC). [Find out more about the NIHR Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration.](#)

### Social media

Do you work in a local authority setting? You could develop your career with a NIHR Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration (LA SPARC) and experience research from a different perspective, with up to £15,000 of funding.

Find out more:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-local-authority-short-placement-award-for-research-collaboration-round-1-pilot/28724>

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