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**PhD/MD Student Prize**

**Application Form**

This current round of the NIHR ARC East Midlands’ PhD / MD Student prize is **now open for applications**.

We will award up to three prizes to PhD/MD students studying in the East Midlands. PhD/MD students should be either directly funded by the ARC or their supervisor should have a link to the ARC, either as one of our study leads or as a member of the ARC East Midlands Faculty. Faculty application details, including the application process (free of charge) can be found here: [www.arc-em.nihr.ac.uk/about/arc-faculty](http://www.arc-em.nihr.ac.uk/about/arc-faculty)

Successful applicants will win up to **£500** to cover the cost of **attendance at a conference (a paper or poster must be being presented), for research data collection costs,** **or to undertake specialist training not offered by their university.**

**Prizes** **will be awarded for costs incurred (or due to be incurred) between 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025 (inclusive)**. If the event, training or research costs you are applying to cover are not going to happen within these dates, you are not eligible to apply.

* **The deadline for applications is 23.59pm on 14th May 2025.**
* If you would like to apply for one of these prizes, please complete the application form and return it, together with the supporting information requested, to [ARC-EM-Training@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:ARC-EM-Training@nottingham.ac.uk) by the stated deadline. Applications received into the inbox after this deadline will not be accepted.
* Successful applicants will be informed within 10 working days of the deadline.

Applicants who have previously been awarded this funding (including the equivalent CLAHRC awards) or currently hold an ARC PASF award or an ARC PhD studentship that includes non-pay funding are not eligible to apply for this award.

Enquiries about this award should be directed to our ARC Training Lead: [Emma.Rowley@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Emma.Rowley@nottingham.ac.uk) from 23/4/25 onwards.

Please check that your application includes all of the following, otherwise it will be rejected:

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|  | Application form (fully completed and signed) |
|  | Copies of quotations for ALL expenses (except subsistence) |
|  | You have requested no more than £500 funding from ARC |
|  | You have identified funding to make up the balance |
|  | Your supervisor has confirmed that they are a member of ARC East Midlands Faculty |
|  | You have not previously been awarded a CLAHRC or ARC PhD/MD Travel/Research Prize |

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| **NIHR ARC East Midlands’ PhD / MD Student Prize**  **Application Form** | | | | | | | | | |  |
| **1. PERSONAL DETAILS** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surname |  | | | | | Mr  Miss  Ms | | | | | |
| Forename |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| School |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| University |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARC theme  <https://arc-em.nihr.ac.uk/research> | TISSI | BCREI | D2H | MH&W | | | EHI | | MLTC | | |
| If you don’t know your ARC theme, please name your supervisor and title of your PhD | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of study |  | Full-time  Part-time | | | | | | | | | |
| Do you receive a studentship (stipend) award? | | | | | Yes | | | No | | | |
| Are your University registration fees paid for you? | | | | | Yes | | | No | | | |
| If you answered yes, what is the source of funding for your degree (fees and/or stipend)?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | * Research Council |  | | * School |  | | * Industry |  | | * ARC (or CLAHRC) |  | | * Self-funded |  | | * Other | please specify: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please identify how you have engaged with the training opportunities offered by the ARC (and/or CLAHRC) and your University that will support your application: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please explain how you have contributed to the ARC (and/or CLAHRC), your research group/school/the University (e.g. supporting public engagement, student learning, service to others): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please list any academic awards, prizes you have been awarded or publications you have contributed to: | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **2. VISIT / RESEARCH / TRAINING DETAILS** | | | | |
| Purpose of the spend | Conference | | Research | Training Course |
| **If attending a conference:** | | | | |
| Location (city and country) |  | | | |
| Travel dates |  | | | |
| Are you presenting a paper or poster?   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Paper** | **Poster** | **Title** | | Accepted |  |  |  | | Waiting Decision\* |  |  |  |   \* Funds will not be released by the ARC until you have provided confirmation of the acceptance of your abstract. | | | | |
| List the authors of the paper/poster being presented (in the order they are shown) |  | | | |
| Briefly outline the findings and contribution of the paper |  | | | |
| **If attending a training course:** | | | | |
| Title of course | |  | | |
| Location (city and country) | |  | | |
| Travel dates | |  | | |
| **If requesting support for data collection** | | | | |
| Without breaking confidentiality or anonymity, please describe what you will be using the funding for if awarded. | |  | | |
| **Added value** | | | | |
| Please describe the value of the conference/visit/training for you and explain how attending this is relevant to your research and future career aspirations. Please also explain how you and your research will add value to ARC East Midlands: | | | | |

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| **3. RESOURCES REQUESTED** | | |
| Please provide details of the **total cost** requested and a **fully itemised list** of potential spend. Scanned copies of all quotes/documentation must be included in your application (URLs are NOT sufficient). | | |
|  | **COST (£)** | |
| Travel costs | **£** |  |
| Research costs | **£** |  |
| Conference registration fee | **£** |  |
| Training course fee | **£** |  |
| Accommodation costs | **£** |  |
| Subsistence costs (maximum of £25 per 24 hours; please note, ARC will not cover the costs of alcohol) | **£** |  |
| Any other expenses (please specify) | **£** |  |
| **Total cost** | **£** | |
| **Amount requested from ARC**  This must be no more than £500 | **£** | |
| **Balance to be funded elsewhere** | **£** | |
| Please provide a brief justification of your budget (e.g. efforts to minimise costs), explain how the balance will be funded and what steps you have taken to secure funding from other sources. | | |

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| **4. DECLARATIONS** |
| **Applicant's Declaration**  I understand that if awarded an ARC PhD/MD student prize, I will be required to write a brief report on the conference/research/training (2 pages maximum) within a month of return / end of data collection / end of training and provide an account of expenditure together with scanned copies of all receipts.  **Name**  **Signed** **Date** |
| **School/Department's Declaration**  I agree that this School/Department supports this application and will make the financial contribution shown in section 3 of this application.  **Name**  **Signed** **Date**  (Head of School/Department) |

**NIHR ARC East Midlands’ PhD / MD Student Prize**

**Supervisor Statement of Support**

This is a competitive award to support high quality postgraduate research students in presenting their work at conferences of high standing in their field. It may also be used to support research costs or to attend training courses (not provided by their own university), linked to doctoral research.

Statements from the supervisor should also provide evidence of excellence (e.g. papers published, awards received) and evidence of contributions to university life (e.g. participation in events, service to others).

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| Name of applicant: |
| Name of supervisor:  Email address: |
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| **Please comment on the following:**   1. The quality of the student and the value to the student of participating in this conference or having research/training costs supported. |
| 1. The standing of the conference/visit/training, and how this activity will support the student’s research and career. |
| 1. The ability of the applicant to act as an ambassador for the ARC. |
| 1. The School’s ability to financially support this application or any other funding implications that the panel should be aware of. |
| 1. I confirm that I am a member of ARC East Midlands Faculty. \* If you are not yet a member of ARC East Midlands Faculty, you can apply quickly and easily. Details of the application process can be found here: [www.arc-em.nihr.ac.uk/about/arc-faculty](http://www.arc-em.nihr.ac.uk/about/arc-faculty) |
| I fully support this student’s application  Signed Date |

**NIHR ARC East Midlands’ PhD / MD Student Prize Application Marking Scheme**

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|  | | **Points allocated** | **Maximum available points** | |
| **Personal Details**  Evidence of training and involvement with the ARC or CLAHRC and University | |  | 10 | |
| Comments: | | | | |
| **Student’s statement** | |  | 10 | |
| Comments: | | | | |
| **Supervisor’s statement** | |  | 10 | |
| Comments: | | | | |
| **Resources Required**  Justification of budget and evidence of other support (maximum of £500) | |  | 10 | |
| Comments: | | | | |
| **Total** | |  | | 40 |
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| Name of Marker |  | | | |
| ARC role |  | | | |
| Date |  | | | |

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| **Stage** | **Date** | **Name of ARC staff processing submission** |
| Application received by ARC |  |  |
| Application sent to scorers (up to 3 people)  1. [name]  2. [name]  3. [name] |  |  |
| Applicant informed of decision deadline (10 working days) |  |  |
| Applicant informed of decision |  |  |
| Applicant has provided purchase order number or UoN account code |  |  |
| Code / PO number: |  |  |
| Money transferred |  |  |
| Applicant’s summary report received |  |  |