

# ARC KSS Individual Development Awards for Applied Research

## Supporting early career researchers and research active health and social care professionals in Kent, Surrey and Sussex

The Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex (ARC KSS) is pleased to invite applications from individuals seeking support to develop applied research projects.

You must be a researcher seeking support to develop an applied research project and fit one of the two criteria below:

- An early career researcher – within 5 years of PhD or first research employment contract.
- A Health and social care professional who is establishing a research career – you have a masters or equivalent research relevant qualification and/or experience of undertaking a research project.

At least 6 awards will be made (at least 2 in each county) starting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and for a maximum of £20,000 (inclusive of 25% co-funding from your organisation) over 1 year. ARC KSS will fund a maximum of £15,000 with £5,000 co-funding from your employing organisation through direct funding or 'in kind' support. See the guidance document for more information.

Awards must enable dedicated time for individuals to conduct any of the following activities:

1. Implementation projects
  - Smaller scale implementation projects within an ARC KSS member organisation.
  - Small pilot or preliminary projects designed to gain more evidence or support co-design prior to larger scale projects.
2. Evidence synthesis - funding to support rapid synthesis of evidence that would be beneficial for:
  - Knowledge transfer into member organisations to inform service delivery and commissioning.
  - Evidence synthesis to support future projects or grant applications for applied research.

Projects must **closely align to one or more of the ARC KSS research themes**

Projects are expected to involve and engage or be co-designed with patients and the public. Clear plans and mechanisms to support future implementation of findings and [knowledge mobilisation](#) for the benefit of service delivery and patients locally will also be required. ARC KSS will provide a bespoke programme of support to the applicant including an academic and/or health or social care professional mentor.

To apply you should:

- Read the 'ARC KSS research approach' document to ensure your project aligns with the values and objectives of ARC KSS research and research themes.
- Read the accompanying guidance document released with this call.
- Complete an application form and send this to: [arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk](mailto:arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk) by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 5pm**

If you have any questions about the call, please email [arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk](mailto:arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk). If you would like to speak to a member of the ARC KSS team about your application, please click [here](#) to book a 30 minute support conversation.