

### RESEARCH BURSARY

The Cheshire & Merseyside, Cumbria & Lancashire and Greater Manchester Council for AHP Research (CAHR) Hubs are offering bursaries to facilitate small scale research studies conducted and led by AHPs. The funding award will be up to £1000, with applications for smaller amounts encouraged.

Please note these applications are only open to AHPs (registered with HCPC) who work in the North West England region. The research activity must be undertaken within this region within health and social care settings.

Successful applicants are expected to complete a small research project and provide a written report of results. They will also be invited to present the work at local events.

Examples of suitable studies may include pilot work (small scale preliminary studies) and proof of concept (feasibility studies collecting and analysing data to obtain evidence to support or refute ideas or plans). Preference will be given to projects that incorporate patient and public involvement and for clinical projects over education projects. Please note that audits and service development will not be supported.

Funding may be used in a number of ways, for example:

- To back fill staff time – release researcher from clinical duties to undertake the research
- For training – for help with statistics, surveys, interviews, etc.
- For transcription costs
- For payment of patient and public expenses.

Only direct costs can be covered by the bursary.

Since 2013, the hubs within the North West CAHPR Consortium have awarded 15 bursaries between £500 and £1000 to allied health professions across the region. Thirteen of these bursaries were awarded to clinicians and two to academics. Successful applicants have included dietitians, occupational therapists, orthoptists, physiotherapists and radiographers.

The applicant is expected to forge a link with a relevant and appropriately experienced research mentor who will be able to provide support. Applicants should submit their application form via email by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, 5pm** to [pauline.may@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:pauline.may@elht.nhs.uk).