



Association of Respiratory Nurses: Research Grants

The Association of Respiratory Nurses (ARNS) was established in 1997 as a nursing forum to champion the specialty respiratory nursing community, promote excellence in practice, and influence respiratory health policy. ARNS also works to influence the direction of respiratory nursing care.

We are keen to encourage ARNS members to apply for monies to support a small-scale research project. Applications should align with the research priorities outlined in the ARNS research strategy [arns_research_strategy_13523.pdf](#)

Eligibility

- Lead applicant must be a current ARNS member (full or associate) for **at least 6 months**
- **One application per year** per applicant
- Preference may go to first-time applicants

Grant Details

- Funding: Up to **£12,000** for a small-scale research project. It is expected most awards will be for less than £5,000. Awards of more than £5,000 may be granted with a guide to the upper limit for a single award being £12,000.
- The larger the award, the more compelling the justification will need to be.
- Duration: Maximum **18 months**
 - Potential extension for flexibility (e.g. maternity leave)
- Start: Must begin **within 12 months** of funding confirmation
- **No top-ups** allowed, no-cost extensions may be considered

Key Dates

Event	Date
Open for applications	August
Deadline	September
Grant awarded	October
Funds released	October

Application Components

1. Contact Details + CV

- Use HRA CV template: [CV template link](#)

2. Abstract (≤ 300 words)

3. Lay Summary (≤ 300 words)

- Guidance: [NIHR summary guide](#)

4. Project Proposal (≤ 1000 words)

5. Patient & Public Involvement Statement (≤ 300 words)

6. Knowledge Mobilisation Plans (≤ 300 words)

7. Budget Breakdown

8. Ethical Approval (if applicable)

9. Line Manager Sign-off

Reporting Obligations

- **Six monthly progress reports**
- **Final report** upon completion
- **Abstract submission** to ARNS conference

Appendix 1: Six monthly report

Six Month Progress Report

Project Title: [Insert Title]

Lead Applicant: [Insert Name]

Institution: [Insert Institution]

Reporting Period: [Insert Date]

Date Submitted: [Insert Date]

1. Summary of Activities

Provide a brief overview of the work completed during this period.

- Key milestones achieved
- Any changes to the original timeline and reasons

2. Progress Against Objectives

Objective	Progress Summary	Status	Notes
Objective 1	[Insert summary]	[On Track / Delayed / Completed]	[Insert notes]
Objective 2	[Insert summary]	[On Track / Delayed / Completed]	[Insert notes]
Objective 3	[Insert summary]	[On Track / Delayed / Completed]	[Insert notes]

3. Patient and Public Involvement

Summarise any PPI activities undertaken this period.

- Engagement methods
- Feedback received
- Impact on project direction

4. Challenges and Mitigation

Describe any issues encountered and how they were addressed.

- Technical, logistical, or staffing challenges
- Mitigation strategies

5. Knowledge mobilisation and engagement

List any knowledge mobilisation activities completed or planned.

- Presentations, publications, partner meetings
- Outreach to patient groups or professional networks

6. Budget Update

Provide a summary of expenditure and financial status.

- Funds spent to date

- Any variances from planned budget
- Forecast for next period

7. Plans for next period

Outline the activities and milestones expected in the next reporting period.

- Adjustments to timeline if applicable
- Anticipated outputs

Appendix 2 Final Research Project Report

Project Title: [Insert Title]

Lead Applicant: [Insert Name]

Institution: [Insert Institution]

Project Duration: [Start Date] – [End Date]

Date Submitted: [Insert Date]

1. Executive Summary (300 words max)

Provide a concise overview of the project:

- Research question and context
- Summary of methods
- Key findings
- Policy or practice implications
- Overall impact

2. Activities Undertaken (500 words max)

Describe what was done throughout the project:

- Milestones achieved
- Deviations from original plan and reasons
- Corrective actions taken (if any)

3. Methods (500 words max)

Outline your research approach:

- Study design
- Data collection and analysis methods
- Any innovations or adaptations

4. Research Findings (500 words max)

Present your results:

- Summary of key findings
- Interpretation and relevance to respiratory care/nursing
- Tables/graphs may be included in an appendix

5. Patient and Public Involvement (500 words max)

Describe how patients or the public were involved:

- Nature of involvement
- Influence on project design or outcomes

6. Knowledge mobilisation activities (500 words max)

List outputs and engagement efforts:

- Publications, presentations, blogs, datasets
- Conferences, workshops, stakeholder meetings
- Future plans

7. Budget Summary

Provide a financial overview:

- Total funds used
- Variances from original budget
- Justification for any changes

8. Reflections and Next Steps

Share lessons learned and future directions:

- Challenges and how they were addressed
- Opportunities for further research
- Recommendations for practice or policy