**Circadian Mental Health Network Early Career Researcher Funding Application**

Dear Early Career Scientist,

We would like to extend an open invitation to Early Career Researchers ([ECR](https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/ahrc/early-career-researchers-career-and-skills-development/)s) to apply for pilot project funding from the Circadian Mental Health Network (<https://www.circadianmentalhealth.org/>) (up to £20,000).

Researchers who are up-to 4 years post-PhD (or full-time equivalent), or who are currently in the process of obtaining a PhD, are welcome to apply for this funding.

This funding call will focus on pilot projects. Your project must have a clear rationale, along with a clear, and viable, pathway to future funding. Your application should include clear detail on how this pilot project funding will benefit the progression of your project, and how you will obtain future funding to continue this project.

Your proposed project must fall within the area of mental health, sleep and circadian rhythms.

What we will fund:

* Pilot data collection
* Projects of 6 months duration or less
* Data collection equipment required, including equipment rent (maximum equipment costs to fund 25% of total amount requested)
  + If equipment is purchased specifically for this project, the applicant agrees (in principle) to this equipment being shared with other Circadian Mental Health Network members upon completion of the proposed project

You must:

* Explain how this project will allow you to expand and develop your skills
* Describe how this funding will is suited to your proposed project
* Detail who will this project benefit
* Provide a clear pathway to future funding (include details of the funds/schemes to be applied to, and provide clear timeline)

By applying you agree to send us a summary of your activities (including, any images, publications, or other relevant documentation) of how you used the funding to be included in the Circadian Mental Health Network Blog, website, social media, and email update.

Please attach a 2-page CV when submitting your funding application.

**Deadline: Tuesday 1st October**

If you have any questions, please contact Network Scientific Coordinator, Dr Amy Ferguson (afergus8@ed.ac.uk).

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| **Name of Project:** |
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| **Name of ECR applicant:** |
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| **Email:** |
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| **Career Stage:** (Job Title, number of years in current post and number of years since PhD should you have studied for one) |
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| **Institution:** |
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| **Name of any collaborators supporting this project** e.g., collaborators, partner labs, team members and their host institutions: |
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| **Start date of project:** |
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| **Duration of project:** |
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| **Describe your proposed pilot project (including details of open science practices and lived experience involvement).  Please also include how your proposed project fits within the aims of the Circadian Mental Health Network. Network aims can be found on our website (**[**https://www.circadianmentalhealth.org/**](https://www.circadianmentalhealth.org/)**) (1000 words max):** |
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| **Describe how you aim to support the progression of the proposed project in the future (250 words max):** |
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| **Describe how this funding would benefit your development as an Early Career Researcher (100 words max):** |
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| **How much are you requesting?** Please see Maximum funding above |
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| **Please justify what you will spend the funds on (100 words max):** This can include requests for equipment (maximum 25% of requested funds) |
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| **Do you have any additional comments that you would like the reviewers to consider? (100 words max):** |
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| ***To be completed by applicant’s supervisor/principal investigator/line manager*** |
| **Please provide a statement on how you plan to support the applicant during the course of the proposed pilot project, and with their future plans to make the project sustainable (200 words max):** |
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| **Name of supervisor/principal investigator/line manager (Name of Institution):** |
| **Signature of supervisor/principal investigator/line manager:** |

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You can submit your application directly through email to our Network Scientific Coordinator, Dr Amy Ferguson (afergus8@ed.ac.uk).

Best wishes,

Circadian Mental Health Network ECR Team