

Training within Infrastructure and Schools

# NIHR Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration (LA SPARC) Scheme Round 4

**This opportunity is now closed**

## Overview

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**Opportunity status:** Closed

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**Type:** Career Development

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**Opening date:** 25 September 2024

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**Closing date:** 21 November 2024 at 1:00 pm

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**Reference ID:** 36307

The NIHR Local Authority Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration (LA SPARC) Scheme Round 4 is now open for applications. This scheme is designed to support individuals working in local authority settings and NIHR Academy members to design and apply for funds to undertake short placements, allowing them to move between NIHR and Local Authority settings.

Individuals can apply to the LA SPARC scheme for up to £15,000 to undertake a bespoke short placement. Applications are light-touch and will be assessed in open competition.

## Who does this scheme support?

Individuals based in a local authority setting who would like to undertake a short placement in a part of the NIHR/academia. This may appeal to those who are interested in enhancing their careers, in experiencing research from a different perspective or taking the next step in developing a practice academic career.

[NIHR Academy Members \(/career-development/nih-academy/eligibility\)](/career-development/nih-academy/eligibility) supported in a part of NIHR Infrastructure, a Health Protection Research Unit or an NIHR School who would like to undertake a short placement in a local authority/provider of local authority commissioned service setting.

This may appeal to individuals who want to work alongside service commissioners and providers to:

- hear the issues and challenges faced at the local level
- share knowledge and experience
- look to co-create research that is better connected with practice
- developing partnerships and joint ways of working

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You can review information about this funding opportunity in our application system

[View details \(https://aramis.nihr.ac.uk/Login\)](https://aramis.nihr.ac.uk/Login)

## How to apply

Apply on our [online Research Awards Management System \(https://aramis.nihr.ac.uk/Login\)](https://aramis.nihr.ac.uk/Login)

You will need to register on the online award management system before you can start an application.

## Supporting information

- [application guidance \(https://www.nihr.ac.uk/local-authority-short-placement-award-research-collaboration-la-sparc-round-4-applicant-guidance-notes\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/local-authority-short-placement-award-research-collaboration-la-sparc-round-4-applicant-guidance-notes)
- [where can I go as a local authority applicant? \(https://www.nihr.ac.uk/nih-short-placement-award-research-collaboration-sparc-where-can-i-go\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/nih-short-placement-award-research-collaboration-sparc-where-can-i-go)
- [which Local Authority can I go to as an NIHR Academy Member applicant? \(https://www.nihr.ac.uk/nih-la-sparc-which-local-authority-can-i-go\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/nih-la-sparc-which-local-authority-can-i-go)

- case study: [undertaking a career development short placement as a social care professional](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/story/undertaking-a-career-development-short-placement-as-a-social-care-professional)  
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## Contact Details

- for help with your application contact [academy-awards@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:academy-awards@nihr.ac.uk) (mailto:academy-awards@nihr.ac.uk)
- for more information about the funding Programme, visit the [Programme Page \(/node/31566\)](/node/31566)