



There are a number of different options available to NMAHPs. We have identified four possible routes.

## Route 1 - PhD

A PhD is an excellent way for people with little or no research experience to gain in-depth knowledge and experience of doing research. You usually need to already have a relevant Master e.g. Masters in Advanced Practice @ UHI.

You can self-fund or apply for a fellowship. Several disease specific charities have fellowship programmes and other sources so check some charity websites. Below is not an exhaustive list of funding opportunities and things change all the time:

[www.versusarthritis.org/research/information-for-applicants/types-of-grant/](http://www.versusarthritis.org/research/information-for-applicants/types-of-grant/)  
[www.breastcancer.org/breast-cancer-research/information-researchers/apply-funding/phd-studentships](http://www.breastcancer.org/breast-cancer-research/information-researchers/apply-funding/phd-studentships)  
[www.wellcome.ac.uk/grant-funding/schemes/research-fellowships-health-professionals](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/grant-funding/schemes/research-fellowships-health-professionals)  
[www.mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinical-research-training-fellowship-crtf](http://www.mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinical-research-training-fellowship-crtf)  
[www.nih.ac.uk/researchers/funding-opportunities/](http://www.nih.ac.uk/researchers/funding-opportunities/)  
[www.barberscompany.org/how-to-apply/](http://www.barberscompany.org/how-to-apply/)  
[www.dunhillmedical.org.uk/research-fellowships/](http://www.dunhillmedical.org.uk/research-fellowships/)  
[www.thisinstitute.cam.ac.uk/fellowships/phd-fellowships/](http://www.thisinstitute.cam.ac.uk/fellowships/phd-fellowships/)

We can help you draft an application and identify supervisors.

## Route 2 - Early Career and/or Small Grants

You may have some research experience via your Masters programme or in your clinical work. You may have an idea for a research project. There are a number of schemes for 'early career' researchers to help you on your career path as a clinical academic or small grant schemes for NMAHPs e.g.

[www.diabetes.org.uk/research/for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant/small-grants](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/research/for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant/small-grants)  
[www.theurologyfoundation.org/professionals/who-and-what-we-fund/research-programmes/smaller-research-projects-fund-application-information](http://www.theurologyfoundation.org/professionals/who-and-what-we-fund/research-programmes/smaller-research-projects-fund-application-information)  
[www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/grants/endocrine-nurse-grant/](http://www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/grants/endocrine-nurse-grant/)  
[www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/research-grants/](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/research-grants/)

Keep an eye out for deadlines. Again, we can help you draft an application and identify collaborators.

## Route 3 - Lecturer Posts

As a university lecturer you have opportunities to teach and do research. To improve your chances of successfully obtaining a lecturer post with research explicit in the job specification, you may want to already show that you have published and have worked with research teams. Opportunities may also be available to obtain some teaching experience prior to obtaining a post.

Check out [www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)

## Route 4 - Part-time Research Assistant

We often have small project requiring a part-time researcher for 6 months. If you work part-time then this may be an excellent opportunity to get some research experience under your belt. You will be directed to conduct research tasks by an experienced researcher i.e. assisting with literature reviews, data collection etc (depending on your experience and expertise). If you would like to be considered for this type of work then email the Head of Research: [gill.hubbard@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:gill.hubbard@uhi.ac.uk)

For all funding opportunities search Research Professional [www.researchprofessional.com](http://www.researchprofessional.com)