**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTORS**

**CHIROPRACTIC RESEARCH ASSISTANT GRANT 2024-2027**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Deadline for applications: Friday 14th June 2024**

The RCC Research Assistant (RA) Grant is intended to fund up to three days of protected research time per week for a Chiropractic Research Assistant employed full-time by the applying institution for a three-year period. The maximum amount of funding available is £17k per annum for three years. The grant will be made on the condition that the individual appointed to the post will (a) have a total of four days’ protected research time each week dedicated to a specific research project that addresses one or more of the RCC’s priority areas for research (see notes below), (b) will spend the fifth day undertaking an education/clinical role, and (c) will be registered for a PhD with the aim that this will be substantially completed within the 3-year term of the post.

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|  | **DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (formal representative of the institution that will employ the RA and register them for a PhD)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | First name: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Surname: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Preferred title: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Institution name and address: | |  | | | | | |  | |
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|  | Telephone no: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Email address: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Will the Principal Applicant be a PhD supervisor for the proposed project? | | | | | |  | |  | |
| Y / N | |
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|  | Name/s and contact details of any collaborating institution/s for the proposed PhD project: | |  |  | | |  | |  | |
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|  | Name/s and contact details of all supervisors for the proposed PhD project: | |  |  | | |  | |  | |
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|  | **FUNDING SOUGHT** | | | | | | | |  | |
|  |  | | **2024/25** | **2025/26** | | | **2026/27** | |  | |
|  | Insert the amount of funding sought from the RCC each year (£). Please state how much protected research time this will cover each week. | |  |  | | |  | |  | |
|  | Source/s and amounts of additional funding required for the post. Please state what this funding will cover and whether it is provided by the institution or secured/applied for externally. | |  |  | | |  | |  | |
|  | Outline the expected role of the appointed RA on the fifth (non-protected) day of each working week. | | | | | | | |  | |
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|  | **DETAILS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT (maximum of 3000 words in total)** | | | | | | | |  | |
|  | Title: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Rationale: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Aims and purposes: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Plan of investigation and research procedures to be used: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Expected research outcomes and achievements at the end of each year of the funding period: | | | | | | | |  | |
|  | Year 1: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Year 2: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | Year 3: | |  | | | | | |  | |
|  | **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (maximum of 3000 words in total)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Outline the expertise and capacity of each PhD supervisor in the context of the proposed research project:  (attach relevant articles/additional information as appropriate) | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | Describe the relationship between the proposed PhD project and any current doctoral or other projects in the chosen research subject area or related disciplines within the institution/s involved: | | | | | | | |  | |
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|  | Describe the approach to be used to select the PhD candidate to ensure they have a relevant background and the potential to complete their doctoral studies successfully: | | | | | | | |  | |
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|  | State the institution where the appointed candidate will be based and explain how the institution/s will ensure suitable facilities and a conducive research environment will be provided: | | | | | | | |  | |
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|  | Describe the legacy that will be delivered in the chosen research subject area for the institution/s involved and details of how the institution/s intend to sustain this beyond the three years of the RCC grant: | | | | | | | |  | |
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|  | **DECLARATION BY PRINCIPAL APPLICANT** | | | | | | |  | |
|  | * I confirm that this application for an RCC Chiropractic Research Assistant Grant is made with the full knowledge and agreement of my institution and any collaborating institutions, as detailed above. I have read the terms and conditions of award of RCC Chiropractic Research Assistant Grants and understand that any award is subject to these terms and conditions. * I confirm that the individual appointed to the post part-funded by the RCC Chiropractic Research Assistant Grant will be employed full-time by my institution with 4 days of protected research time every week dedicated to the project specified in this application. | | | | | | |  | |
|  | Signature: |  | | | Date: |  | |  | |
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|  | **Please forward your completed application form, and any attachments, to:**  Chiropractic Research Assistant Grant Applications  The Royal College of Chiropractors  Chiltern House  45 Station Road  Henley-on-Thames  Oxon  Email: admin@rcc-uk.org  Tel: 01491 340022  **Deadline for applications: Friday 14th June 2024** | | | | | | |  | |
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**Notes**:

* Applications are invited from UK Higher Education Institutions, not individuals, for this grant to part-fund a full-time Research Assistant post, commencing in the 2024/25 academic year, and will be considered in the following research areas:
* Evaluation of chiropractic service provision in the UK (may include economic evaluations, inter/multi-professional services, quality of services, user experience etc.)
* Development of patient-reported outcome measures to enhance management and recovery of chiropractic patients
* Chiropractic patient safety
* Prognostic research – identification of sub-groups of patients likely to respond to chiropractic management
* Delivery of multimodal care (e.g. integration of pain education, psychological approaches, rehabilitative approaches etc.)
* Health promotion and prevention in chiropractic practice
* The RCC will award a maximum of £17k of funding per year towards the salary/stipend of the RA/PhD Studentship for 3 years. The applying Institution must fund all other costs, either internally of via funding secured elsewhere.
* Funding decisions will be based on the quality and feasibility of the proposed research, the extent to which it addresses the RCC’s priority research areas, the background and expertise of the supervisor/s and the suitability of the academic environment.
* Terms and conditions of award are available here….
* Questions should be directed to admin@rcc-uk.org in the first instance.