

Pharmacy Commercial Research Fellow Advertisement

NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR)

Post: Part-time Pharmacy Commercial Research Fellow (0.2 FTE – one day per week)

Duration: Fixed-term for up to 18 months (ending by **31st December 2027**)

Salary: Academic clinical/research scale based on current salary (pro rata, capped at NHS banding 8b, or equivalent £74,896)

Location: Hosted by one of the nine NIHR SPCR member departments (UK)

Application Method: Online via **GoodGrants**

About the Fellowship

The NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) is offering an exciting, career-enhancing fellowship for UK-registered pharmacists with an interest in commercial clinical research. This fellowship provides **protected, ringfenced time** to develop expertise in building pathways that support commercial research delivery and expanding commercial clinical trial activity in **out-of-hospital settings**, particularly community pharmacy and general practice. Up to five posts will be awarded nationally.

You will build strong national connections with community pharmacy organisations such as the **Independent Pharmacies Association (IPA)**, **National Pharmacy Association (NPA)**, and **Company Chemists' Association (CCA)**, and collaborate with:

- NIHR Research Delivery Network
- NIHR Commercial Research Delivery Centres
- Clinical Trials Units
- Integrated Care Systems (ICS/ICB partners)
- Primary Care Networks
- Industry sponsors

Fellows will join a supportive national cohort, access SPCR training resources, and gain valuable experience in commercial research delivery. The role includes travel between sites and attendance at cohort meetings.

Role Purpose

To support the growth of commercial research in general practice and community pharmacy by developing expertise in commercial study delivery and fostering collaboration between pharmacy professionals, healthcare teams, industry partners, and research networks.

Main Responsibilities

- Develop specialist expertise in commercial research delivery in community pharmacy and general practice settings

- Engage with pharmacy teams to stimulate commercial research activity
- Establish and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, including: NIHR Research Delivery Network, NIHR Commercial Research Delivery Centres, NIHR HealthTech Research Centres, Clinical Trials Units, Health Innovation Networks, commercial partners, DHSC, Biomedical Research Centres, NHS providers, and academic collaborators
- Act as a key link between academic departments and stakeholders to support commercial research development
- Share knowledge and support the adoption and roll-out of commercial research in pharmacy settings

Person Specification

Essential

- Registered pharmacist with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- Experience working in UK community pharmacy or primary care pharmacy
- Understanding of UK health research regulatory requirements (GCP, Ethics, HRA, MHRA)
- Strong organisational and problem-solving skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Desirable

- Experience delivering NIHR Portfolio studies or pharmacy-based research
- Knowledge of the commercial research landscape
- Experience undertaking research or quality improvement projects

What We Offer

- Dedicated fellowship time to build expertise in commercial research
- Access to NIHR SPCR training and mentorship
- A national peer network of fellows
- Exposure to industry, research networks, and system partners
- A strong platform for career development in clinical and commercial research

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via [**Good Grants**](#)

Application opens: Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Application deadline: 1pm Tuesday 31st March 2026

Interview date(s): Late April TBC

Expected start date: From 1st June 2026

If you're a pharmacist keen to shape the future of commercial research in primary care and community pharmacy, this fellowship offers a rare chance to work at the intersection of practice, research, and industry.