

NIHR - i4i Product Development Awards

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| Funding Body | National Institute for Health Research |
| Project Value | No Upper limit |
| Project Duration | 24 - 36 months |
| Deadline | 23/05/23 (Stage 1 Application) |
| Decision | 01/08/23 (Stage 1 Application) |
| Stages | 2 |
| Sector | Health and Life Sciences |
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Summary

The i4i Product Development Awards (PDA) is seeking applications for a funding call aimed at the research and development of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and high-impact patient-focused digital health technologies for ultimate NHS use.

Fund Use

The research proposals may address any disease or health area, provided there is a clear unmet clinical need. There is no upper funding limit for Product Development Awards, but costs must be fully justified. The i4i funds collaborative research projects that have demonstrated proof-of-principle and have a clear pathway towards adoption and commercialisation. The expected i4i output is an advanced or clinically validated prototype medical device, technology or intervention.

Fund Criteria

- Projects must have already demonstrated proof of concept as a minimum. Applicants are expected to have generated experimental data to support the case for further development and illustrate technical feasibility
- Early stage research or discovery science is not fundable
- A collaboration comprising a minimum of two organisations must be involved from an NHS service provider, a Higher Education Institution (HEI) or a small-to-medium-sized enterprise (SME). Eligible collaborations must consist of at least two organisations from the above list (for example, an NHS service provider with an SME)
- Lead applicants must be based in England

- Work packages must not include animal or animal tissue studies. If animal or animal tissue studies are required as part of the project, we expect applicants to seek parallel funding to cover such studies, details of which should be provided in the application form
- Proposals must present a plan for future adoption of the technology into the NHS. Applicants should be aware of the recently published NHS MedTech Funding Mandate policy (.PDF) which came into effect on 1 April 2021 to help overcome the financial barriers to adopting medical devices, diagnostics and digital products in the NHS