

Call for Applications

Christabel Pankhurst Institute Translation Fellowships | Academic Year 2026/27

Application deadline	Interviews expected	Outcome notification
9 November 2026	Week commencing 23 November 2026	By 4 December 2026

About the fellowships

The Christabel Pankhurst Institute (CPI) is a partnership between the University of Manchester (UoM), the NHS and local government, focused on needs-led health technology research and innovation and translation into practice. The 2026/27 translation fellowships will support early-career academics and health professionals undertaking work that addresses the translation gap in health research. As a CPI translation fellow, you will be part of a cohort of fellows hosted at the CPI.

The remit is broad, and applications at any stage of the translational pathway are welcomed. Proposed work may include, but is not limited to:

- Evidence generation or justification of need using routinely collected health data
- Evaluation of potential impact in future clinical practice
- Pilot or feasibility work

Applicants must identify where their proposed work sits on the translational pathway and explain how the fellowship will advance it.

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust has recently launched a new data analytics platform which permits the generation of synthetic datasets from routinely collected health data. We would welcome fellowship proposals that seek to use this synthetic data capability for health data research and innovation. For an informal discussion about the platform and to explore potential use cases please contact: anthony.wilson@mft.nhs.uk

Number of fellowships and value

Several fellowships, of up to £5000, are expected to be available.

Who can apply

Applicants must hold a position at UoM or Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) for the full duration of the fellowship. Fellowship funds cannot be used to fund the fellow's own position.

UoM applicants

- Must meet the early-career eligibility requirement: at least two years into a PhD, or no more than four years into a permanent academic appointment.
- Must identify a supervisor who will support the project and provide a letter of support.

MFT applicants

- Must identify a collaboration with UoM staff that will benefit the project and provide a supporting letter.
- Must include a letter of support from the relevant associate medical director/director of nursing along with details of a named supervisor at MFT/UoM who is willing to support and guide the project.

- For projects that seek to use MFT's Clinical Data Science Unit (clinicaldata.scienceunit@mft.nhs.uk) or the Hive EPR programme at MFT (FundedProjectsandInnovation@cmft.onmicrosoft.com): confirmation that the project has been discussed with the relevant team and is supported.

Commitment

- Successful fellows from UoM are expected to spend one day per week at the Christabel Pankhurst Institute where they will be given access to hot-desking space. You will be part of a cohort of fellows.
- Successful fellows from the NHS are encouraged to spend time at the Christabel Pankhurst institute as their clinical duties permit, engaging with the Pankhurst's programme of events.
- Fellows will be expected to submit a final report and disseminate the outcomes of their projects at an event in autumn 2026.

Costs

It is not practical to provide an exhaustive list of every cost that is permitted. However, applications should focus on costs that are directly required to deliver the proposed translation activity. The following costs are particularly encouraged:

- UoM Research Software Engineering (RSE) support
- UoM Digital Health Systems and Platforms Team support
- MFT Data Science Team support
- Part-time research assistant appointments for UoM PhD or MSc students to support the fellow with data collection, data analysis or related project activity
- Access to datasets
- Gift vouchers for research participants, ordered through the University
- External market research
- Event costs, including catering and travel, where sourced through UoM suppliers

All costs must be fully costed and justified in the proposal. Applicants should ensure that quotations, internal estimates and any other relevant costing evidence are obtained early enough to support a realistic and deliverable budget.

Application requirements

Applications should include:

- A statement of interest describing the proposed work (template provided), its fit with the Christabel Pankhurst Institute remit, anticipated outcomes, the fellow's role and a fully costed budget.
- A completed assessment of the proposed work using the Pankhurst Health Technology Translation Toolkit Progress Tracker, with the project's position on the translational pathway clearly identified.
- The supporting letter or letters required under the eligibility criteria above.
- Where relevant, confirmation that proposed support from an internal UoM or MFT team has been discussed with that team, fully costed and is feasible within the call timetable.

Progress Tracker: <https://translation-toolkit.manchester.ac.uk/roadmaps/progress-trackers/>

Selection process

Applications will be assessed against a range of criteria including the novelty and innovation of the proposed use of digital systems, devices or data; alignment with health system priorities in Greater Manchester; evidence that the project has been assessed using the Christabel Pankhurst translational toolkit and positioned appropriately on the translational pathway; feasibility within the proposed budget and timetable; clarity of the research question or innovation objectives; definition of project outcomes and the fellow's contribution; adequacy of supervision and support; and the overall quality, credibility and clarity of the proposal. Reviewers will give particular consideration to projects that demonstrate a clear translational pathway, realistic delivery plans, strong institutional support and the potential to generate meaningful impact in healthcare practice.

As part of the appointment process:

- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview.
- The fellowship team will contact proposed supervisors before an offer is made.

Application timetable

- Online Q&A: 6 October 2026, 12-1pm
Sign up to the Online Q&A here: <https://tinyurl.com/5cv4cbde>
- Application deadline: 9 November 2026, 12pm
- Interviews expected: week commencing 23 November 2026
- Successful applicants notified: by 1 December 2026
- Fellowship duration: January 1st until June 30th

Submission

Please submit the required application documents pankhurst@manchester.ac.uk by 12pm on November 9th 2026.