

The Castang Foundation is delighted to be partnering with the NIHR Academy to jointly fund an Advanced Fellowship.

Dr Lisa Cotterill, NIHR Academy Chief Executive explains *“Successful Partnership researchers will become part of an active and supportive research community which can draw on the enormous benefits and opportunities that cross-sector working can bring, helping to grow the number of future research leaders in key health areas.”*

Professor Jeremy Parr, Castang Foundation Trustee set out the importance of supporting future research leaders: *“Children with neurodisability and their families’ need evidence about which interventions and treatments improve quality of life. We need to increase the number of researchers able to design and lead high quality research that makes a difference to people’s lives. The Castang Foundation is very pleased to partner with the National Institute for Health Research to fund future childhood neurodisability research leaders.”*

Advanced Fellowships

Partnership Fellowships at the Advanced level are designed for researchers at a post-doctoral level who:

- have not yet established themselves as an independent researcher
- are looking to establish themselves as an independent researcher or improve their international recognition.
- are looking to transition into applied health research from a basic science background; or looking to re-establish their research career following a significant career break.

The fellowship is between 2 and 5 years and can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis (between 50% and 100% whole time equivalent).

Financially the fellowships include full salary support and research costs; allowing researchers protected time to concentrate on their research, as well as supporting the development of a bespoke training and development programme to meet their individual needs and career trajectory.

Why apply for a Partnership Fellowship?

Jointly funded Partnership Fellowships allow researchers an opportunity to maintain and build a relationship with both the NIHR Academy and our charity partners. Award holders will also be able to engage with and receive valuable input from patient groups, as well as having the opportunity for increased exposure of research outcomes and outputs.

The Advanced Fellowships application period runs as follows:-

Advanced Fellowships open on **1st October 2019** and close at **1pm, 3rd December 2019**

Further information on the Fellowships and how to apply can be found on the [NIHR webpage](#), along with the relevant Guidance Notes.