**MRC Public Health Intervention Development (PHIND) scheme**

**Application and case for support guidance**

**How to apply**

Your application should consist of the following items:

1. The online Je-S form

Your proposal should be submitted through the [Joint electronic-Submission (Je-S) system](https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/Login.aspx) using the following selections:

* Select Council:**MRC**
* Select Document Type:**Standard Proposal**
* Select Scheme:**Research Grant**
* Select Call: **PHIND January 2021**

Please note that all co-applicants should be registered on Je-S.

1. Case for Support

Your Case for Support should be structured using the headings listed in the template and uploaded to your Je-S application as a PDF. It should be a **maximum of 4 A4 pages** (11-point text), plus one additional page for references.

In your Case for Support, the **main study** refers to the subsequent intervention development phases that would be informed by or could lead on from the proposed intervention development study. It is important to demonstrate the pathway to the main study and latter evaluation stages in your proposal.

1. Justification of resources requested

Please describe what funding is being requested and explain how these funds will be used. Please include any other funding sources which are supporting aspects of the proposed research. It should be a **maximum of 500 words.**

1. CVs and publication lists

A separate CV and publication list should be uploaded for each of the Principal Investigators, Co-investigators and named individual research staff. Each CV and publication list should be uploaded as separate documents and should be a **maximum 1 page each**.

1. Letters of Support

Where relevant, please include letters of support from relevant stakeholders, such as policy makers and user organisations.

1. GANTT Chart

Applicants can include a GANTT chart as a separate file with their submissions. However, this is not a mandatory document. The chart is available on the list of attachments that can be uploaded onto Je-S.

**For further information on applying to the MRC please see the** [Guidance for Applicants](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/?nav=sidebar)

**Please note the following exceptions to the Guidance for the PHIND call:**

* Case for Support maximum of 4 pages plus 1 page for references
* A Data Management Plan is not required

**Application forms must be submitted by 4pm on 21st January 2021. No late submissions will be accepted for assessment.**

***DO NOT INCLUDE THESE GUIDANCE PAGES IN YOUR APPLICATION***

**Case for Support Template**

*The Case for Support should be a maximum of 4 A4 pages (11-point text), plus one page for references*

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| 1. **Explain what public health outcomes will ultimately be addressed, including the target population and how it addresses strategic public health priorities**   *(e.g. lack of physical activity in sedentary older adults leading to poor physical and mental health)* In your response make reference to relevant literature and what is already known, including what has previously been tested. Please reflect on utility, applicability, affordability and feasibility |
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| 1. **What is the evidence gap that this study addresses?** |
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| 1. **What type of intervention would be studied in the main study? Include criteria for progression and the pathway to the next stage of evaluation.** *Please give an indication of what the intervention would likely involve, e.g. the type and format of the intervention, clearly describing the system context, where applicable. Be as clear as possible about the future plans, including outline of the design of full-scale trial* |
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| 1. **Describe the methodology to be used in the proposed early phase study, giving a detailed description of the methods to be used. *I****n your response provide, for example, the expected number of focus groups, participants, people completing a survey, etc. Please also highlight any novel aspects of this proposal or proposed approach.* |
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| 1. **Describe the expertise of the team, research environment and how the team is qualified to carry out the research.**   *Include any partners or user involvement.* |
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| 1. **Has a related application been previously submitted to the MRC or another funding organisation? Please provide details.** |
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