

Conference Awards for Ageing Research 2025-26

Guidance for applicants

Overview

The scheme is funded by the Vivensa Foundation Excellence Award for Senior Leadership awarded to Professor Vicki Goodwin, and aims to support **Allied Health Professionals, nurses and pharmacists** to present their research at a conference.

Award amount:

There is approximately £10,000 available for conference awards until June 2026. Once this money has been allocated, the call will be closed for further applications. However, it is likely that there will be further awards available in 2026-27 and 2027-28.

Applicants can request:

- up to £1,000 for a UK conference
- up to £3,000 for an international conference

Eligibility Criteria

- The award is open exclusively to early career Allied Health Professionals, nurses and pharmacists working in the field of ageing or age-related diseases and who are members of the [Vivensa Foundation Academy](#). You can easily apply to become a member at no cost (see [here](#) for details on applying).
- Applicants must be early career researchers who do not have access to conference funds through existing grants or fellowships.
- Applicants can be based at a university, in the NHS, local authority or social care organisation anywhere within the UK.
- Applicants must have submitted a research abstract to a conference as the lead/first author. Service evaluation and quality improvement project abstracts are not eligible.

Eligible costs and activities

- Conference fee
- Travel to and from the conference including standard class public transport, economy flights or mileage
- Accommodation at the conference
- Funding can only be used for attending the specific conference outlined in your application, and not for other dissemination activities.

Application process

- An application for funding can be submitted at the time of the abstract submission and a provisional decision about funding will be given within about 6 weeks.

- If we have indicated a positive provisional outcome, if the abstract is subsequently accepted as a poster or oral presentation, please provide evidence of this to vivensa@exeter.ac.uk
- You will need to book the conference, travel and accommodation yourself and we will reimburse you after the conference through the University of Exeter expenses claim process. Exceptions are as follows:
 - University of Exeter colleagues and students must follow the University's designated [travel and accommodation booking process](#). Please get in touch with us to arrange the appropriate budgetary approval.
 - If forward funding your conference and travel costs is a barrier to attendance for you, please get in touch with us in confidence to discuss alternative options.
- Successful applicants must ensure they have **adequate travel insurance**, either from their employer or arranged privately, as this will not be covered by the University of Exeter ([except for UoE employees](#)).

Application form <https://forms.office.com/e/3cvxP5HLWi> -

We aim to advise you of the provisional outcome within 6 weeks of applying.

Applicants who are successful in obtaining an award may not apply again in future.

If you have any queries, please contact vivensa@exeter.ac.uk.