

## Conference Awards for Ageing Research 2026-27

### Guidance for applicants

#### Overview

The scheme is funded by the Vivensa Foundation Excellence Award for Senior Research Leaders awarded to Professor Vicki Goodwin and managed through the University of Exeter. The funding aims to support **Allied Health Professionals and nurses** to present their research at a conference who without the award would not have the funding to attend.

#### Award amount:

There will be approximately £10,000 available for conference awards until June 2027. Once this money has been allocated, the call will be closed to further applications without further notice. However, it is likely that there will be further awards available in 2027-28.

Applicants can request:

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

#### Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

- This award is open exclusively to UK registered nurses and [Allied Health Professionals](#) working in the field of ageing or age-related diseases.
- Applicants must be a member of the [Vivensa Foundation Academy](#). You can easily apply to become a member at no cost (see [here](#) for details on applying) and you should check you are listed in the membership directory before applying.
- Applicants must be early career researchers who do not have access to conference funds through existing grants or fellowships.
- Applicants must 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 first author.
- Protocols, service evaluation and quality improvement project abstracts are not eligible.
- The abstract must be explicitly related to ageing.

#### 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
- Subsistence
- Funding can only be used for attending the specific conference outlined in your application, and not for other dissemination activities.

- Make sure you appropriately cost the application as requests for a significantly different amount later on may be declined. It is however expected there may be some small deviations from the estimated amount requested.

### Application process

- Please **ensure you meet ALL the eligibility criteria** before applying to avoid disappointment
- 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, once the abstract is subsequently accepted as a poster or oral presentation, you will need to provide evidence of this to [vivensa@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:vivensa@exeter.ac.uk)
- You will need to book the conference, travel and accommodation yourself (or through your employer if that is their policy) and we will reimburse you after the conference through the University of Exeter expenses claim process (all receipts will be required).
- University of Exeter awardees must follow the University's designated [travel and accommodation booking process](#). Please get in touch with us to arrange the appropriate budgetary approval.
- 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](#)).
- Please note that the Vivensa Foundation is not involved in the decision-making process for these awards.
- Due to the number of applications received, individual feedback will not always be possible
- Applicants who are successful in obtaining an award may not apply again in future.
- We will aim to process payments as soon as possible after receiving receipts although this can be delayed if we need to make a payment to your employer as this requires additional processes to set up. It is up to applicants to ensure we receive all the required information to process payments in a timely way to avoid delays. Please note that there will be delays in finance processing at times such as annual leave or sickness.

**Application link:** [Conference Awards for Ageing Research – Fill in form](#)

If you have any queries, please contact [vivensa@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:vivensa@exeter.ac.uk).