

# Enabling trainee research: What can the BSG and NIHR offer?

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# CRN Trainee meeting March 26 2021

## Discussion points

- Best way for trainees to gain experience of and learn about CRN?
- How should trainees be represented at or be able to attend meetings?
- How can CRN integrate with and support trainee networks?

# Points emerging from breakout groups

- Lack of formalized training courses (study design and analysis)
- Mentorship
- Dedicated time
- Lack of database
- Organised trainee representation at NSG meetings
  - Need co-ordinated representation across BOTH BSG and NSG with organised pathways to feedback and delivery of actions to a set time-table

# BSG and NIHR

- BSG is your home and is dedicated to the development of the specialty
- CRN is a more complicated strategic body with competing interests across multiple specialties-but played carefully can be advantageous
- The KEY is partnership

# Further CRN planned supporting activity

- 2 day multi-disciplinary workshop:
  - Day 1 - educational sessions on 'research tools' such as IRAS, GCP, trial design, data analysis
  - Day 2 - focused on developing individual projects

# What support does BSG provide now for trainee research?

- **Representation on BSG Research Committee**
- **Awards**
  - Young gastroenterologist of the year clinical and translational
  - NIHR BSG early career research award (since 2021)
  - Best basic science abstract award
  - Alistair McIntyre prize – (Total 2K)
  - Out of programme award (single award 1K)
  - Barbers company award (since 2021- total 3K single award )
  - Leadership and management prize (total 1K)
- **Bursaries**
  - Annual meeting free paper bursaries (total 3K)
  - Annual meeting travel bursaries (total 1.5K)
  - Research bursaries with Guts UK (total £5K - for individuals or for networks )



# BSG STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021-2024

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

## Promoting early career researchers

### GCP



**25% of Gastro SpRs and 10% of Gastro specialist nurses to be GCP certified by Sept 2023**

- **\* Increased access through NIHR LCRNs**
- **\* Working with Gastro TPDs**

### Associate PI scheme



**50 new NIHR associate PIs by June 2023**

- **\* Increase in the number of studies with associate PI scheme on NIHR portfolio from 4 to 13**

### Trainee and Nurse representation in CRGs



**All CRGs and SIGs to have at least one each of trainee and nurse/AHP representative**

- **\* trainee and AHP reps for all CRGs and SIGs**

### Re-energising trainee research networks



**Develop national level trainee network project**

- **\* Joint trainee research network meetings**



# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

## Providing infrastructure & logistics



- \* Proposal supported by BSG Exec and Council
- \* Funding
- \* Contracts with providers in progress
- \* Launch planned in Autumn 2022



- \* Funding for statistical support
- \* Statistical training modules on video

# **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:** **SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH**

## **Providing and supporting training**



- **Trainee research meetings**
- **Guide & `How to` Videos**
- **Focussed & thematic research training**
- **NIHR-BSG CRT programme**



- **Research mentoring project – mentoring by CRG members**
- **Sponsoring of trainee research networks**
- **Joint trainee network projects and meetings**

# **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:** **SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH**



- **Research grants**
  - **BSG-Guts UK grants**
  - **Exploring industry supported grants**
  - **Encouraging funders for focussed trainee research grants**
- **BSG Research Fellowship Programme**

## BSG research fellowship programme

- Launch – October 2021 (starting in January 2022)
- Funding equivalent of 1 day per week
- Eligibility
  - Early career in research – trainees, consultants
  - Not currently holding a PT/FT academic post
  - Evidence of being `research active` in clinical posts
  - Existing study specific funding
- Funding essentially for time
- Mentoring

# Collaborative working



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