# Call for application for Research funding and PhD Studentship

# 2024 round

We invite researchers in various fields related to sexual health, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections to apply for funds to undertake:

1. Original research
2. Topic-based commissions
3. Part funding of PhD Studentship

Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Foundation (STIRF) was set up to pump prime research projects relating to the epidemiology, pathophysiology, management, and health care delivery of sexually transmitted infections and HIV in the West Midlands, Trent, Yorkshire, Northern and North West regions.

The primary aim is to provide initial funding to allow promising projects from researchers early in their career to obtain preliminary results as a prelude to acquire further funds from larger funding bodies.

We invite applications from researchers in the above regions **on projects** or **part funding of PhD Studentships** relating to sexual health, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. All projects will be initially screened by the Scientific Committee of STIRF and those considered suitable will be sent for peer review by experts in the field.

The following fields of research will be considered in relation to sexual health, STIs and HIV:

* Epidemiology of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases
* Research on HPV and other sexually transmissible malignancies
* Health care delivery including views of clients
* Issues relating to deprived or marginalised communities.
* Pathophysiology of diseases and syndromes
* Inter-relationship between diseases
* Treatment modalities
* Complications of treatment and co-morbidities

STIRF is also interested in commissioning work based on specific priority topics for research. Applicants should supply a brief (no more than one A4 size) preliminary application, outlining the following:

* title
* the proposed research question
* justification for why this should be a research priority
* a brief outline of the research methodology proposed to answer the research question
* existing resources which are available to the researchers
* a provisional estimate of the total grant requested

A more detailed application will be requested if appropriate following review of the preliminary application.

Applications for research grants should not exceed £60,000 in the first year. Depending on satisfactory reports a further £30,000 may be available for the second year. Joint funding with other grant giving bodies will be considered. Applications for part funding of PhD Studentship should not exceed a maximum of £70,000 over 3-4 years

**For further information and guidance on how to apply for a research grant visit:**

[**https://stirf.org/application-for-research-funds-from-stirf/**](https://stirf.org/research/application-for-research-funds-from-stirf/)

**And for details of how to apply for part funding of a PhD Studentship visit:**

<https://stirf.org/research/applications-for-part-funding-of-phd-in-sexual-health-and-related-topics/>

Deadline for applications (both for research projects and PhD Studentship) **for 2024 is April 30, 2024**

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