# Lothian Clinical Academic Pathways Partnership

# Clinical Academic Research Gateway Funding

# First Steps into Research Opportunities 2025

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| Institution & Department  Research Centre | Clinical Infection Research Group (CIRG)  Regional Infectious Diseases unit  Western General Hospital |
| Contact – name, role & email | Amy Shepherd Lead Research Nurse  [Amy.shepherd@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Amy.shepherd@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk) |
| Research Project/Programme Title | Clinical infection research including sexual health, blood borne viruses, microbiology, Covid -19 and emerging infection. |
| Details of Research Project / Programme | Clinical Infection Research Group acts as central hub for clinical infection research across Lothian we work collaboratively with Industry, University of Edinburgh, and our partners further afield in healthcare and academia. We have a portfolio of clinical trials covering a wide range of clinical infection and trial designs including CTIMPS at varying phases along with observational and cohort studies. Our team is comprised of Chief Investigators, Principal Investigators, Clinical Research Fellows, Clinical Research Nurses and clinical trials assistant. |
| Opportunities for candidate | * Attend CIRG Principal Investigator monthly meetings * Assist with recruitment and data collection * Participate in feasibility assessment of potential projects * Participate in study start up activities including review of regulatory documentation. * Develop study data collection documentation * Participate in clinical trial study visits * Screen potential study participants * Participate in research sample processing within our lab * Data management |
| Any other considerations or information for potential candidates? (e.g. potential links to other projects, networking opportunities, specific skills needed) | Candidates can visit our study website to get an overview of some of our current and upcoming projects as well as view profiles of our study team members.  [Clinical Infection Research Group (cirg-edinburgh.co.uk)](https://www.cirg-edinburgh.co.uk/)  Candidates are welcome to get in touch to discuss any other potential research learning opportunities that they think would be of interest to them and we can work to tailor their experience. |
| Dates available | September 2023 onwards. |
| Mentor(s) | Amy Shepherd, Lead Research Nurse  Susie Ferguson Senior Research Nurse |