



Are you interested in Children and Young People's mental health research?

Do you need time and space to pursue an idea or your research career goals?

ARC KSS Springboard awards 2023

Building research careers across Kent, Surrey and Sussex

The Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (ARC KSS) is pleased to announce our Springboard awards for 2023. In 2023, we are seeking applications from individuals wanting to build research skills in the area of **Children and Young People's mental health** or related areas.

We are offering **£5000 over six months** to provide **dedicated time** for research development activities for those employed by ARC KSS member organisations including academia, local authority, private or charity sectors.



The funding should enable you to build research skills and/or take your research idea forward, activities may include:

- developing a research project/idea through public, community and/or user engagement
- develop an understanding of population need through use of existing data or consultation
- building partnerships or networks to support your future research career
- developing your knowledge of current literature and evidence
- dedicated time to apply for research fellowship schemes (e.g., pre-doctoral awards, fellowships etc.)

To apply, **you must fit the following criteria:**

- be employed by an [ARC KSS member organisation](#)
- not be in receipt of funding for a research project as lead greater than £25,000 in the last 5 years.
- your area of proposed research development must be relevant to CYP mental health and aligned to one or more of the [ARC KSS research themes](#)

We are particularly keen to receive applications from people interested in focusing on inequalities and/ or seldom heard groups.

Applications should show how having dedicated time will help your research career pathway. You should use activity/knowledge gained for the benefit of CYP services sharing your work to support services in the region.



How to apply:

- Ensure your project is relevant to CYP mental health and aligns with the [ARC KSS research funding values](#) and [our themes](#)
- Complete an [application form](#), and send to: arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk

Submit your application by 5pm by one of the deadlines below:

31st March 2023 or 31st August 2023.

Successful candidates will be notified within six weeks of the application deadline and should start their award as soon as possible thereafter. If you have any questions about the awards, please email arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk.