



ARC KSS Fellowship Awards:

Adult Social Care 2024

**Building research careers across Kent,
Surrey and Sussex.**

The [Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex \(ARC KSS\)](#) is pleased to announce its Adult Social Care Fellowship awards for 2024. These awards are designed to strengthen applied research in adult social care in the region. Fellows will be supported by a comprehensive package of funding, supervision, mentorship and facilitated peer support.

- We are seeking applications from people working within or researching adult social care in Kent, Surrey and Sussex (KSS).
- Applicants can come from any professional background, including academics who can demonstrate close links to practice.

Awardees will:

- Undertake a programme of research training and professional development activity.
- Conduct a small-scale research project or another research-related activity (e.g. developing a new research project application or actively contributing to an ongoing project) in a relevant adult social care topic, over a period of up to 18 months.
- Build relationships and partnerships between academia and practice.

Joint, bi-directional working across academia and practice will be encouraged to enable awardees to build applied research skills relevant to practice.

What is available:

We can fund up to three individual fellowships to a maximum of **£58,334 each**. This will cover your salary costs to 'buy out' your time part-time (approx. two days per week) and for a comprehensive tailored programme of training and support, including supervision and facilitated peer support (see guidance for further detail).

Award criteria:

To qualify, you must be employed by an [ARC KSS member organisation](#) or an organisation that is eligible and willing to become an ARC KSS member (see guidance, 2.2). You will have sufficient prior research experience to undertake an independent research project or related activity, with supervision. You will need to identify an experienced academic supervisor to support your project. As a project lead, you cannot have received research funding >£50,000 in the last five years. Your proposed research must be relevant to adult social care and aligned to the ARC KSS Social Care theme (see guidance for further detail).

How to apply:

Send your application form and CV (maximum 3 pages) to: arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk.

Application deadline: 28th June 2024 5pm

If you have any questions about the awards, please email arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk.