



Research Poster Competition 2024

Celebrating ARC KSS Research Capacity Impact: a Vision for the Future

About the Competition – NIHR ARC KSS would like to recognise and celebrate research capacity impact in applied health and social care research during the last five years. Research capacity building is a key aspect of developing the researcher journey in ARC KSS. We want to showcase and celebrate the phenomenal activities that researchers in the region have delivered during this first Kent, Surrey, Sussex ARC. The impact from these projects paves the way for the future of applied health and social care research for the region and improved health and wellbeing for our communities.

Submitted posters should include an introduction to the project, aims, objectives, what has been achieved so far and what is hoped for the future impact of the project. This should be suitable for a wide range of audiences.

There will be a winner and a runner-up prize in categories of pre-doctoral researchers and post doctoral researchers. Prize winners will be invited to present their poster at the ARC KSS Research Symposium on 12 September.

All posters will be made available online on the [ARC KSS website](#) and displayed at the ARC KSS Research Symposium. All participants will have the opportunity to apply to present their poster at a ViPER session at the ARC KSS Research Symposium taking place on Thursday 12 September 2024 at the University of Surrey, Guildford. Please see further details [here](#) on what a ViPER is.

The winners in each category will receive a £150 training bursary and runner-up prize in each category a £100 training bursary. Prize winners and selected ViPER participants' travel will be funded to attend the symposium on 12 September 2024.

The competition will be judged by a panel drawn from ARC KSS's Organisation and Research Capacity Group (ORCA), Developing Research Careers Group and Public Advisors.

Eligibility - Applied Health and Social Care Researchers working in Kent, Surrey and Sussex including academics, health care and public health professionals, social care or social work professionals or anyone who works to support health and care in our region who have projects celebrating research capacity impact.

Competition guidelines -

- Each entrant should upload a one-page portrait or landscape poster in Powerpoint or PDF format to the [online link here](#) by 5pm, 9 August 2024.
- Only one poster allowed per entrant.

Judging criteria - Posters will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Excellence and research capacity impact
- Content - introduction; study aims; study design; results/findings; conclusions; overall contribution to knowledge and future plans
- Presentation - overall presentation; organisation and clarity; impact; informativeness
- Innovation and creativity

Note for applicants - If your poster is selected as a prize winner and/or for the ViPER session then you should be able to attend the face-to-face event on 12 September 2024 at the University of Surrey, Guildford. All poster entrants will be informed of the outcome during week commencing 19 August 2024.

Deadline for competition entry - 5pm, 9 August 2024.

If you have any questions please contact – ARCKSSAcademy@kent.ac.uk