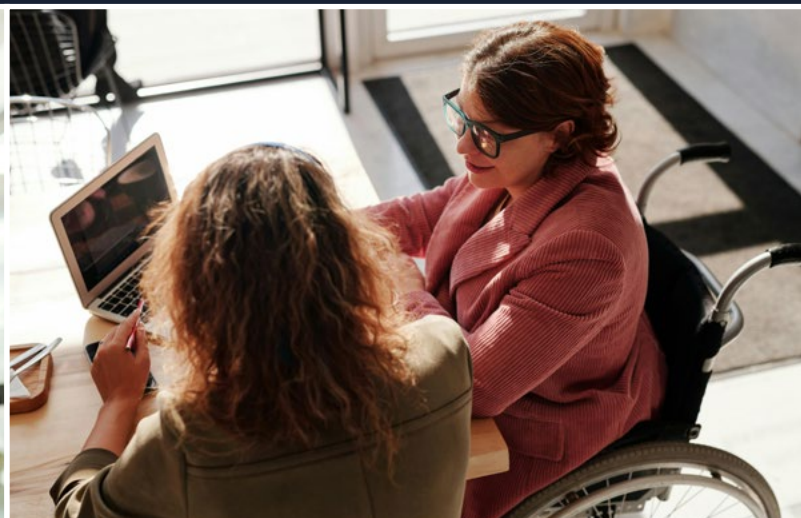




Cross-Sector Experience Awards

The Cross-Sector Experience Awards aim to incentivise and support working in different sectors.

The scheme offers individuals flexible funding to work in a new organisation. This should be in a sector different to their own.

Funding allows individuals to share and gain new skills in different sectors. It also supports ideas generation, and collaborations that could lead to new innovations.

We welcome applications from across disciplines and sectors. Applicants' current work should have a clear link to the improvement of human health.

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Requirements

Applicant eligibility

All career levels are welcome except undergraduate students. We encourage applicants from across sectors and disciplines to apply.

The work of the applicant must link to the improvement of human health.

Contract type

Full and part time hours are eligible. Contracts should cover the potential award period.

Applicants cannot:

- have ever been employed by the partner organisation.
- hold 6% or more shares at the partner organisation.

Employing organisation

Must be in the UK and agree to host the award. If the applicant is employed by multiple organisations, the employing organisation must be able to host and manage the award.

Partner organisation

Must be in a different sector to the employing organisation. If the applicant is employed by numerous organisations, the partner organisation must be in a different sector to all current employers, not just the employing organisation as the host of the award.

The partner organisation can be outside of UK. Applicants can apply with two partner organisations, but they must be in the same sector as each other. For example, two NHS trusts or two universities in the UK.

Eligibility

Eligible individuals will be able to work in a new organisation in a different sector (the partner organisation) for between three and twelve months before returning to work at their employing organisation (their current employer).

Applications with two partner organisations must have a total award period between six and twelve months.

Applicants can claim up to £100,000 to flexibly cover:

- the salary costs to backfill their position at the employing organisation during the award or their own
- activities performed by the awardee at the partner organisation.
- the travel and subsistence costs of the awardee only.

Timeline

Online application
November – February



Eligibility check
March



Panel review
March – April



Panel meeting
April / May



Outcome release
May / June



Applications for round three of the Cross-Sector Experience Awards open on Thursday 30 October 2025 and close on Friday 20 February 2026.

Full details about the scheme and partners can be found on our website by scanning the QR code or you can email

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