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# NHMRC accreditation of Research Translation Centres: Call for Submissions for Accreditation (2021)

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## 1. Introduction

This document sets out the process for collaborations to apply to be accredited by NHMRC as a Research Translation Centre for up to five years. It includes eligibility requirements, application requirements and the assessment criteria.

This is the fourth call for submissions seeking accreditation as a Research Translation Centre. These centres were previously referred to as Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRHs).

This call is for submissions from collaborations that are not currently accredited and from existing NHMRC-accredited centres seeking further accreditation.

# 2. Background

NHMRC established the Research Translation Centre Initiative in 2014, encouraging leadership in excellent health research and research translation in Australia by bringing together researchers, healthcare providers, education and training to improve the health and wellbeing of patients and the populations they serve.

The first call for accreditation as AHRTCs was held in 2014. NHMRC subsequently modified the initiative to accredit centres that focussed on addressing the needs of regional, rural and remote areas (CIRHs). In 2016, NHMRC called for submissions for accreditation as either type of centre, with the third call for accreditation held in 2018. These three calls have resulted in the accreditation of a total of ten centres.

In 2019, NHMRC commenced a review of the initiative to determine whether it could be modified or reformed to strengthen research-based health care and training to improve the health and wellbeing of patients and communities, and the integration of research into multiple health services. As a result of this review, NHMRC has made modifications, primarily to focus the initiative more clearly on the translation of research for improved health outcomes and services and, in particular, to better reflect the context for centres in regional, rural and remote Australia in building capacity and capability in research translation. Further information about NHMRC accredited centres and the outcomes of the review are available at <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/research-translation/recognised-health-research-and-translation-centres">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/research-translation-centres</a>.

# 3. What is NHMRC's Research Translation Centre Initiative?

The objective of NHMRC's Research Translation Centre Initiative is to improve the health and wellbeing of patients and communities through the translation of research into health care by:

• promoting health service leadership in research and research translation that addresses priorities directly relevant to health services and the populations the centre serves

- strengthening collaboration between health services and research institutions
- delivering training and education, and building research and research translation capacity and capability.

The initiative is not a funding initiative, nor does it aim to achieve total geographic coverage of Australia. Through accreditation, NHMRC is recognising the value of leadership and excellence in research, translation, collaboration, and the training of health professionals in an evidence-based environment. By recognising these existing excellent collaborations, NHMRC also seeks to encourage the development of other high-quality collaborations across the country.

## 4. What is a Research Translation Centre?

NHMRC will accredit two types of Research Translation Centres:

#### (i) Research Translation Centre

These centres are collaborations between leading health care organisations, research organisations and educational/training organisations. For example, collaborations might include large teaching hospitals, Primary Health Networks (including community care services), urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services, medical research institutes and universities.

These centres improve the health and wellbeing of patients and communities and the efficiency of health services by developing and implementing innovative and evidence-based health care practices and policies, and extending the scale and reach of their impact across multiple health services for better and consistent health care.

These centres must be of an appropriate size and scale to demonstrate the excellence in research, research translation and research-infused education and training required to meet the assessment criteria.

#### (ii) Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote)

These centres are collaborations between regional, rural and remote health care organisations and research organisations. For example, collaborations might include regional, rural or remote local health districts, Primary Health Networks (including community care services), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services, health outreach services, universities and medical research institutes.

These centres improve the health and wellbeing of their patients and communities by building the capacity and capability of health services partners to undertake research of direct relevance and benefit to regional, rural and remote Australia, and by working together to accelerate the translation of research findings into evidence-based healthcare.

These centres must be of an appropriate size and scale to demonstrate the high-quality research, research translation and capability-building required to meet the assessment criteria. The majority of their health service partners

should be in regional, rural or remote areas. (As a guide, refer to the Modified Monash Model<sup>1</sup>.)

Health services (primary through to tertiary) are central to all Research Translation Centres and have an active role in identifying the most important health care and health system priorities for its populations, as well as informing and participating in research to address identified problems. Research Translation Centres should meaningfully engage consumers and the community, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to ensure that the centre's activity responds to their needs.

# 5. Who can apply?

This call is for submissions from applicants (collaborations meeting the requirements in this document) seeking accreditation as a Research Translation Centre. Accreditation recognises existing collaborations with a demonstrably strong record of achievement against the assessment criteria.

Applicants may be collaborations that are not currently accredited by NHMRC or collaborations that are currently accredited and seeking further accreditation as a Research Translation Centre. The assessment criteria apply to all applicants.

Applicants may seek accreditation as one of the following:

- Research Translation Centre, or
- Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote).

If an NHMRC-accredited AHRTC or CIRH is already established in the area that is the focus of your group's submission, your submission must demonstrate why a new centre is proposed, including why it would not be duplicative and how you would work together and complement the existing AHRTC/CIRH.

Whilst recognising the value of co-location, NHMRC will accept submissions from groups for which the geographical location of partners and the settings in which health care, research and training are conducted make it necessary to cross borders or use virtual linkages and networks. However, as outlined above, for accreditation as a Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote), the majority of the applicant's health service partners should be in regional, rural or remote areas.

NHMRC has not set specific organisational requirements for a collaboration to be accredited. For example, some collaborations may form a separate legal entity and others may operate with a memorandum of understanding. Different collaborations may have different structures, although we expect that most would have a co-ordination/lead unit to drive the collaboration's work. Irrespective of the particular arrangements, all applicants must demonstrate that they are an established, genuine collaboration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information about the Modified Monash Model is here: <u>https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/health-workforce/health-workforce-classifications/modified-monash-model</u>.

#### 5.1 Duplicate submissions

A collaboration cannot seek accreditation through this call for both a Research Translation Centre and a Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote). Groups must apply for the type of accreditation that meets the descriptions set out in section 4 above and the requirements in this document, and that best aligns with their activities, achievements and future goals.

#### 5.2 Duplicate partners

NHMRC understands that there may be reasons why partners are involved in more than one collaboration seeking accreditation. Partners involved in more than one submission for accreditation (duplicate partner) must be identified in your submission, with an explanation of how the roles are complementary and do not conflict or dilute the efforts across multiple centres.

### 6. Assessment criteria

You must address all of the assessment criteria relevant to the type of accreditation being sought. In addressing the criteria, you must consider the objectives, description and requirements for Research Translation Centres, as set out in this *Call for Submissions for Accreditation*. The assessment criteria are attached:

- for accreditation as a Research Translation Centre see Attachment A
- for accreditation as a Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote) – see <u>Attachment B</u>.

### 7. How to submit an application

- Register your intent to apply for accreditation by emailing <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> by **Friday, 29 October 2021**.
- Understand NHMRC's Privacy Policy. (Information is provided in the Application Form.)
- Submit your application by email to <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> by the closing date, **Friday, 21 January 2022.**

The submission must consist of:

- a completed Application Form
   Applicants must use the Application Form (<u>Attachment C</u>) and comply with the requirements set out in it and this Call for Submissions for Accreditation. The Microsoft Word version of the Application Form (.docx) can be downloaded from the NHMRC web page: <u>https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/researchtranslation/recognised-health-research-and-translation-centres</u>
- a letter(s) of support from the relevant state or territory health department(s).

NHMRC will confirm the receipt of your application in writing. NHMRC may request additional information to clarify submission content, including on behalf of the Research Translation Centre Assessment Panel (the Panel). Any request for an extension must be submitted in writing to <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> before the closing date. Requests for extensions would only be considered in unforeseen circumstances (e.g. natural disasters such as bushfires, floods or cyclones) or in exceptional circumstances. Extensions may not be granted.

## 8. Assessment of submissions

NHMRC will only accredit centres that are assessed as satisfactorily meeting all five criteria.

NHMRC will establish a panel(s) of distinguished international and national leaders to assess and advise on submissions. The Panel members will have experience at the highest level in outstanding academic health services partnerships or health research partnerships in regional, rural or remote Australia, sustainable health systems, research translation and implementation, and community or consumer engagement.

If you have previously applied for accreditation, your previous application(s) and panel feedback will be provided to the Panel, as part of its consideration of your application. (We acknowledge that there may be changes in your partnership since your previous application.)

During the assessment process, applicants may be contacted to provide further information to clarify aspects of their submission.

Groups making a submission will be provided with written feedback on their submission based on the advice provided by the Panel.

### 9. Outcomes of the assessment

### 9.1 Accreditation status

The NHMRC Chief Executive Officer will make the final determination on centres to receive accreditation, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Panel.

Accreditation as a Research Translation Centre will be awarded for up to five (5) years.

#### 9.2 Emerging status

The NHMRC Chief Executive Officer may, on the advice of the Panel, recognise an applicant as an 'Emerging' Research Translation Centre. This status may be conferred where the Panel considers that an application was strong, but did not quite demonstrate the required characteristics at the required standard.

The 'Emerging' status recognises the potential of the applicant to achieve the characteristics of a Research Translation Centre.

#### 9.3 Possible one year extension for existing centres

If an existing NHMRC-accredited centre applies for further accreditation in this call and is assessed as not satisfactorily meeting the criteria, NHMRC may extend the accreditation of the centre on a provisional basis for up to twelve months,

rather than accrediting it for five years. The centre would be required to demonstrate improvement in order to be granted accreditation for the remaining accreditation period.

# 10. Future rounds for accreditation

Future accreditation rounds will be conducted to align with the five-year accreditation period. Accordingly, NHMRC anticipates holding the next call for submissions for accreditation five years after this 2021 round. As with this call, it would apply to collaborations that are not currently accredited and existing NHMRC-accredited centres seeking a further period of accreditation.

# 11. Reporting

NHMRC-accredited Research Translation Centres will be required to report periodically to NHMRC on their performance. The reporting requirements will primarily relate to centre achievements and progress in relation to its stated activities and desired impacts.

Given that NHMRC only awards accreditation to established collaborations that demonstrate the characteristics required of a Research Translation Centre, NHMRC expects that centres would be able to demonstrate their impact at the end of the five-year accreditation period. This would include demonstrating the value of the collaboration, for example, the outcomes and impacts that would not have occurred but for the collaboration.

# 12. Questions

Any questions relating to the 2021 *Call for Submissions for Accreditation* as a Research Translation Centre must be in writing and submitted to: <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u>

### Assessment criteria

#### **Research Translation Centre**

1 Evidence of translation of research findings into benefits for patients and the health care system

The application should demonstrate the collaboration's track record in translating its research findings across a range of disciplines into improvements in health care and the health system.

In responding, applicants should include inter alia:

- Three to five examples of how the collaboration has translated research findings in the last 5 years into innovative health care practice and systems locally and more broadly (e.g. across multiple health care partners, 'scaling-up' state-wide or nationally). Each example should describe the outcome/impact of these activities.
- The collaboration's change management abilities, including an outline of the programs, policies and mechanisms that the collaboration has implemented across all of its partner organisations to support, accelerate and scale up the translation of research findings into improved health care and more efficient and effective health systems.

In responding to this criterion, the submission should explain how the collaboration integrates research into multiple health services and how end-users, including community and consumers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, were engaged in the translation work. It should also demonstrate the collaboration's expertise in implementation science.

#### (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

2 Excellence in innovative biomedical, clinical, public health and health services research

The application should demonstrate the collaboration's research excellence across the breadth of research, benchmarked at the highest international level. This includes research across the four pillars of research, including important clinical trials and implementation research.

Your submission may include but is not limited to evidence of outcomes/impact including:

- key papers and contributions that have received international recognition of excellence, with a brief explanation
- key publications or programs of work that have been scaled-up and changed practice or policy
- evidence of international recognition of research outputs, including prizes at the highest level
- evidence of multi- and cross-disciplinary approaches
- plans for the future development of excellence in research.

Submissions should demonstrate research activities of specific relevance to the population, or geographical region, in which they provide health care services.

### (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

#### 3 Excellence in health education and training

The submission should demonstrate the collaboration's education and training program that directly improves the ability to conduct research and implement the findings of research into health care practice and systems.

Research Translation Centre		
Submissions should demonstrate, inter alia, how the partnership's education and		
training:		
<ul> <li>has increased the research and research translation capability and capacity of health professionals within the partner organisations and, if applicable, more broadly</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>has provided opportunities for a diversity of health professionals within the partner organisations to train in, and conduct, research</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>involved research and translation leaders in teaching and training health professionals</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>incorporates research findings and the engagement of consumers into its education and training program.</li> </ul>		
(Maximum 5 A4 pages)		
4 Organisational arrangements		
The application should demonstrate that the collaboration is an established, genuine partnership, led by the health service partner(s).		
In demonstrating this, applications should include inter alia:		
<ul> <li>the governance and leadership arrangements, including the lines of accountability and the organisational model for the collaboration and inclusion of all partners in decision-making (please provide an organisation</li> </ul>		
chart for the collaboration)		
<ul> <li>a list of key personnel for governance arrangements and their expertise</li> <li>the prioritisation framework for the collaboration's activities, including how it addresses the needs of health care partners, patients and communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</li> <li>activity reporting arrangements</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>activity reporting arrangements</li> <li>the standardisation of processes and policies common to all partner organisations, including the arrangements for intellectual property management, ethics approval and research governance</li> <li>arrangements for community participation and gender diversity in the work of the collaboration</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>any other evidence of a history of the collaboration (that is, all partner organisations) working together with strong collaboration amongst the research, patient care and health systems, and education programs of the partner organisations</li> <li>sustainability of the collaboration, including financial and in-kind contributions from each partner.</li> </ul>		
Submissions must have a letter(s) of support from the relevant state or territory		
health department(s). (Maximum 5 A4 pages)		
5 Strategy for achieving improved health and wellbeing of patients and the		
populations served, and improved health services		
The submission for accreditation should provide the collaboration's existing strategy for research, accelerating research translation and research-infused education.		
The submission should describe the success of your strategy to date including, inter alia:		

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- the key challenges that face your collaboration and how they are being addressed
- your collaboration's progress on its pathway to impact, including progress against key objectives, measures and timeframes.

The strategy should address how the collaboration has been improving health care for its community(s) in all health settings, including public health, primary health care and care in hospitals.

This is not intended to be a detailed work plan, rather it should identify key themes of work that are being pursued.

A list of the core/theme leaders, their primary and secondary employer affiliations (if applicable) and their expertise should also be provided.

#### (Maximum 3 A4 pages)

## Assessment criteria

#### Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote)

#### 1 Evidence of translation of research findings into benefits for patients and health care in regional, rural and remote Australia

The application should demonstrate the collaboration's ability and commitment to translate research findings into improvements in health care for regional, rural and remote patients and populations. This includes translation of research generated both within and external to the collaboration.

In responding, applicants should include inter alia:

- Three to five examples of how the collaboration has translated research findings in the last 5 years into improved health care for its regional, rural or remote communities, including examples of translation of research across multiple health care partners in the collaboration. Each example should describe the outcome/impact of these activities.
- The collaboration's change management abilities, including an outline of the programs, policies and mechanisms that it has implemented across all of its partner organisations to support, accelerate and scale-up the translation of research findings into improved health care for its regional, rural and remote patients and communities.

In responding to this criterion, the submission should explain how end-users, including community and consumers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, were engaged in the translation work.

### (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

2 Improved research and translation capacity and capability of regional, rural and remote health services

Submissions should demonstrate the collaboration's ability to increase the capacity and capability of staff of its regional, rural and remote health service partners to inform research priorities, participate in and conduct research, and translate research findings into health care practice and systems.

In responding, applicants should include inter alia:

- examples where research projects have been undertaken with the community and directly resulted in local health care workers gaining or developing research skills
- explanation of established training and/or mentoring programs to build the research translation capability of the diversity of staff across the collaboration, including engagement of consumers
- examples of other mechanisms established to improve the capacity and capability for research translation across the partner organisations
- the outcomes of these programs and mechanisms to date. (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

# 3 Excellence in research to improve the health and well-being of regional, rural and remote patients and communities

The application should demonstrate the collaboration's ability to undertake excellent research to improve the delivery of health care and health outcomes in regional, rural or remote populations.

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It should provide examples of research achievements with evidence of research impact, including place-based and implementation research that has been undertaken that is relevant to its regional, rural or remote communities. Submissions should demonstrate how the research undertaken addressed the needs of the community(s) that the collaboration serves, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Your submission may include but is not limited to:

- key papers and contributions that have received recognition of excellence, with a brief explanation
- evidence that your research findings have changed regional, rural and remote health practice or policy
- evidence of national recognition of research outputs, including prizes
- evidence of multi- and cross-disciplinary approaches
- evidence of the involvement of consumers, the community and local health care professionals.

#### (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

#### 4 Organisational arrangements

The application should demonstrate that the collaboration is an established, genuine partnership, led by the regional, rural and remote health service partner(s).

In demonstrating this, submissions should include inter alia:

- the governance and leadership arrangements, including the lines of accountability and involvement of all partners in decision-making (please provide an organisation chart for the collaboration)
- a list of key personnel for governance arrangements and their expertise
- the prioritisation framework for the collaboration's activities, including how it addresses the needs of regional, rural and remote health care partners, patients and communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- activity reporting arrangements
- activities to standardise processes and policies common to all partner organisations, e.g. arrangements for research governance, ethics approval and intellectual property management
- arrangements for community participation and gender diversity in the work of the collaboration
- any other evidence of a history of the collaboration (that is, all partner organisations) working together with strong collaboration amongst the research, patient care and health systems of the partner organisations
- sustainability of the collaboration, including financial and in-kind contributions from each partner.

Submissions must have a letter(s) of support from the relevant state or territory health department(s).

#### (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

5 Strategy for achieving improved health and wellbeing of regional, rural and remote patients and populations, and improved health services

The submission for accreditation should provide the collaboration's existing strategy for research, accelerating research translation, and building the capacity

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and capability of the regional, rural and remote health service partners in research and research translation.

The submission should describe the success of your strategy to date including, inter alia:

- the key challenges that face your collaboration and how they are being addressed
- your collaboration's progress on its pathway to impact, including progress against key objectives, measures and timeframes.

The strategy should address how the collaboration has been improving health care for regional, rural or remote patients and communities in all health settings, including public health, primary health care and care in hospitals.

This is not intended to be a detailed work plan, rather it should identify key themes of work that are being pursued.

A list of the core/theme leaders, their primary and secondary employer affiliations (if applicable) and their expertise should also be provided.

#### (Maximum 3 A4 pages)

### NHMRC Research Translation Centre Accreditation

### **Application requirements**

#### INTENTION TO SUBMIT

Please register your intent to apply for accreditation by emailing <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> by **Friday, 29 October 2021**.

#### **CLOSING DATE**

Applications must be submitted by email to <u>AdvancedCentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> by **11:59 pm (AEDT), Friday, 21 January 2022**.

#### FORMAT

- All written material must be in at least 11 point font. Footnotes should be avoided and not be used to provide claims against the assessment criteria. If used, they are to be in 9 point font.
- All documentation must be submitted in PDF format.
- Electronic signatures may be used.
- Submissions must not contain any multimedia or video files.
- The method of referencing must include the following minimum information: *Surname, Initials* [all authors], Year, Title, Journal Title, Volume, Page(s), DOI [if assigned], and (if relevant) web link. Web-links can only be used as part of referencing.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Two (2) electronic files should be emailed to NHMRC at <u>advancedcentres@nhmrc.gov.au</u> in PDF format:

- 1. A completed *Application Form* that directly addresses the information requested in the *Call for Submission for Accreditation (2021)* within the specified format and page limits.
- 2. A letter(s) of support from the relevant state or territory health department(s).

NHMRC will acknowledge receipt of your submission by email.

### **APPLICATION FORM**

Note: A Microsoft Word version of this form (.docx) can be downloaded from the NHMRC web page: https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/research-translation/recognised-health-research-andtranslation-centres

### 1. Applicant details

Name of submitting	
collaboration	

#### 1.1 Privacy and consent

NHMRC, as an agency under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), is required to notify you about our collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. We do so by referring you to the NHMRC Privacy Policy (<u>https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/privacy</u>). Please ensure that you have carefully read and understood the Privacy Policy prior to completing the application. If you have not understood the Privacy Policy or require further clarification, please contact the NHMRC Privacy Contact Officer via email (<u>nhmrc.privacy@nhmrc.gov.au</u>) or letter (NHMRC, GPO Box 1421, Canberra, ACT, 2601).

Your personal information may be disclosed to universities, private medical research bodies, Australian Commonwealth, state/territory or local government agencies for the purposes of establishing the Research Translation Centre Assessment Panel(s).

NHMRC may use the expertise of some assessors who reside overseas. While we take every effort to protect your personal information, assessors outside Australia are bound by their own country's laws and consequently, we cannot provide assurance that your information will be handled in accordance with the same standards as required by the Privacy Act 1988 or that you would have similar remedies should your personal information be released in breach of local privacy laws.

If you do not provide consent for information to be sent overseas, this may affect the assessment of your application and may mean it cannot be progressed.

I have read the NHMRC Privacy Policy	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
I consent for NHMRC to send personal information contained in this application, overseas for the purposes of assessment of this application. NB. This may include, if relevant, your previous applications for accreditation and previous feedback/outcomes from these applications.	🗆 Yes 🗆 No

#### 1.2 Certification

By submitting this application the applicant provides the assurance that:

- All required information has been provided and is complete, current and correct.
- All of the assessment criteria and other application requirements have been addressed.
- All personnel or people named in the application have provided written agreement to be named and to the use of their personal information as described in the *NHMRC Privacy Policy*, including for international review purposes.
- That the application may be used to inform any evaluation of the Research Translation Centre Initiative that NHMRC may undertake in the future.

#### 1.3 Partners

List the partner organisations that comprise the collaboration. Note, if there are also associate or affiliate partners, please differentiate between partner type.

As described in section 5 of the *Call for Submissions for Accreditation (2021)*, please identify duplicate partners and provide a rationale to explain how the roles of these partners are complementary and do not conflict or dilute the efforts across multiple NHMRC accredited centres.

(Maximum 1 A4 page)

#### 1.4 Key contacts

Please provide details of the persons to be contacted regarding the information provided in this application form.

Preferred contact

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Organisation	
Phone number	
Mobile number	
Email address	
Copy to (cc email address)	

Alternative contact

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Organisation	
Phone number	
Mobile number	
Email address	
Copy to (cc email address)	

#### 1.5 Type of accreditation

Indicate the type of accreditation that is being sought:

Research Translation Centre
Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote)

#### 1.6 Population

Indicate the geographical region(s) and populations the work of the collaboration covers in Australia, explaining how it aligns with the type of accreditation you are seeking. **(Maximum 250 words)** 

#### 1.7 Submission history

Has this collaboration applied for NHMRC accreditation previously?

Yes	
Indicate which Ca	all(s) for accreditation below:
□ 2018 Call	Name of submitting collaboration:
	□ Accredited □ Not accredited
□ 2016 Call	Name of submitting collaboration:
	□ Accredited □ Not accredited
□ 2014 Call	Name of submitting collaboration:
	□ Accredited □ Not accredited
Has the partnersh	nip changed since the last application?
$\Box$ Yes $\rightarrow$ Briefly s	tate the nature of the change (Maximum 2 sentences):
🗆 No	
No	

### 2. Summary of Submission

Provide a brief summary of the submission (Maximum 2 A4 pages).

[Applicant response]

### 3. Response to Assessment Criteria

Applicants must address the assessment criteria for the type of accreditation being sought within the stated page limits.

#### **CRITERION 1** (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

[Applicant response]

#### **CRITERION 2** (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

[Applicant response]

#### **CRITERION 3** (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

[Applicant response]

#### **CRITERION 4** (Maximum 5 A4 pages)

[Applicant response]

#### CRITERION 5 (Maximum 3 A4 pages)

[Applicant response]

### 4. Partner Certification

Provide evidence that all partners in the collaboration agree with the contents of the application by listing partners, name and signature of its representative.

[Applicant response]

### 5. References

The method of referencing must include the following minimum information: Surname, Initials [all authors], Year, Title, Journal Title, Volume, Page(s), DOI [if assigned], and web link [where relevant]. Web-links can only be used as part of this referencing.