

SWAT FUNDING

There are limited funding streams available for methodological work both in the UK and internationally, however, there are some funding streams which may be useful to consider.

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

- At the grant application stage, you can currently apply for up to £30,000 to embed a SWAT.
- Funding is currently available via the Health Technology Assessment (HTA), Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME), Evidence Synthesis (ES), Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR), and Public Health Research (PHR) programmes.
- Similar opportunities will hopefully be expanded to other programmes in due course.
- Guidance on the level of information required in a NIHR application for a SWAT is available via [their website](#).
- **The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB)** programme has recently introduced funding calls (of up to £500,000) for methodological research.

Better Methods Better Research (BMBR)

- BMBR funding is available via a partnership between the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the NIHR.
- This is designed to support and fund methodological work to ensure optimal research methods are developed and used.
- Further details on funding opportunities and requirements are available [here](#).

Health Research Board (HRB) – Trial Methodology Research Network

- **Health Research Board (Ireland):** Within the HRB-funded portfolio of trials, additional funding of up to €20,000 is available towards identified costs of conducting a SWAT at grant application stage.
- **HRB – Trials Methodology Research Network (Ireland):** Funding (€10,000 plus overheads) is available annually through a competitive call to fund a SWAT.
- The lead applicant must be based in an eligible Irish institution.

Further details on funding opportunities and requirements are available [here](#).



Accelerating Clinical Trials Consortium (ACT) – Canada

- Funding is now available in Canada to support generation of evidence to improve trial conduct.
- This funding is only available to Canadian-led trials currently.
- Further details on funding opportunities and requirements are available on their [website](#).

Other Funders

- If you are applying to other institutions (e.g. charities, industry) for trial funding, it is also worth exploring whether they would support inclusion of a SWAT in your application.



COST ANALYSIS

Need help with including a SWAT in your funding application?

The Trial Forge SWAT Centre are happy to discuss inclusion of SWATs in any funding calls.

Please get in touch with us at:
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