

RESPONSIVE RESEARCH FUNDING SCHEME

General Guidance

Introduction

The responsive research funding scheme has been created to support developmental and exploratory research projects. Up to £30,000 is available to support local research studies linked to the overall aims and objectives of the CORE research programme. Established and early career oral health researchers will be encouraged to apply for funding. Between 3-6 studies will be funded through this responsive funding mechanism.

Purpose of the responsive research funding scheme

This scheme is an important component of the overall CORE programme and is designed to provide small-scale funding to established and early career researchers to undertake developmental and exploratory research linked to the aims of the CORE programme. In particular, dental public health research linked to oral health inequalities, commercial determinants of oral health and oral health system reform shall be prioritised for funding. In addition, any planned research should also include clear plans on ways to engage and involve local communities in the planned research.

Eligibility

Applications from established and early career researchers are encouraged to apply to the scheme. Some prior research experience would be needed and for early career researchers details of support from more senior colleagues would be important.

Remittance

Projects are limited to a maximum of 12 months duration. Research activities potentially covered by the funding scheme could include any of the following:

- Completion of feasibility/pilot study (evidence of existing ethics approval would be required)
- Completion of exploratory research to help inform and develop future studies
- Development of local research network including community partners
- Preparation of ethics application for planned project
- Completion of background literature review (scoping, narrative or systematic reviews)
- Development of research proposal for submission to another research organisation for future funding
- Preparation of scientific publication

Ethics

Any studies or activities involving patients or community members would require local ethics approval. Due to the limited timeframe, funding should therefore only be allocated to primary research studies if ethical approval has already been granted.

Application process

Complete the attached form on or before the call closing date. Email your complete form to info@COREKenya.com.

Timetable

The following timeline needs to be followed:

Timeline	Date
Closing date for applications	22 nd April 2025
Communication of award	30 th April 2025
Grants awarded and started by	1 st June 2025
6-month reports submitted by funded project leads	1 st Dec 2025
Studies completed and summary reports submitted	31 st May 2026
Evaluation report on scheme	30 th June 2026