

Co-create to Translate

Achieving impact through collaboration

Joint NIHR Biomedical Research Centre
& UK Clinical Research Facility Network conference

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Promote your research activities at the Joint UK Clinical Research Facility (CRF) Network and NIHR Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs) conference

Poster Guidelines

The first ever joint CRF and BRC conference provides an excellent opportunity to showcase your contribution to early phase/experimental medicine research across a wider audience. Co-creation and collaboration are at the heart of innovative research that benefits the health and wealth of our nation and therefore we are particularly keen to encourage high quality submissions that demonstrate this in line with our theme.

We are excited to share that posters will be available to view within the conference app, and functionality will be available to allow you to interact with authors to support networking. In addition, please do consider accessibility of your poster and we encourage you to get creative and include links to animations, videos, audio clips or other media to share your research. Alternatively, be daring – and move away from the traditional poster format and consider presenting your research or project in an entirely novel way such as a video clip or other recorded material.

A selection of posters from each of the categories below will be chosen to be printed and displayed throughout the conference. If you have a strong preference for a physical or electronic poster, please do outline this with your submission. Whilst we may not be able to accommodate all requests for practical reasons, we will try to take this into account. A poster winner for each category will be announced at the end of day 2. Voting will be open throughout the conference on all poster submissions via the app (not limited to those selected for physical printing).

This document provides further information regarding the poster categories, process and guidance as to how to submit and the relevant timelines.

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Poster Categories

Your poster abstract should relate to one of the following categories. Please note that all categories are open to applicants from all career pathways, and we encourage applicants at any level, including early career researchers, to submit an abstract. We are keen to receive collaborative abstracts showcasing working across several stakeholders/teams (e.g. BRC/CRF) and innovative ways of presenting your research or project.

- 1. Outstanding leadership and inspiring others:** examples of where an individual, team or group has demonstrated leadership skills for your infrastructure and/or inspired others to work in, take part in or support experimental research. This may include personal skills such as the ability to mentor and guide, develop the talents of others, promote teamwork, or how you have enabled research staff to be included and/or developed. It could also include initiating programmes, projects or improvements which have had a measurable impact on successful outcomes for your infrastructure. Applicable topics will be training, development, or recruitment of research professionals; building trust and mutual understanding in experimental research with communities, patients, and the public; or developing new career pathways which open research to people who otherwise might never have considered this as an option for them.
- 2. Collaborative research:** initiatives led by your infrastructure and developed, delivered, or enabled through collaborations in the UK and/or internationally. The collaboration may be between other facilities; other research infrastructure (for example Applied Research Collaborations); with patients, public, communities or third sector organisations; with industry; or through establishing bespoke collaborations to bring together the skills, knowledge, and expertise to deliver research that a single centre on its own would not have been able to achieve.

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- 3. Science, technology and data:** key scientific research conducted or planned in and supported by your infrastructure. This category focusses on novel science; the scale of the potential impact or practical application; development of technology as an aid to research methodology; use of data or developments in data science that have enabled research; development of medical technology/medical devices; experimental medicine research into high priority diseases or conditions.
- 4. Breaking down the barriers:** demonstrate how your infrastructure has successfully removed barriers for the benefit of high quality, high impact and generalisable experimental medicine. This could include how you have supported/empowered your workforce, or supported involvement, engagement or participation in research studies. This will include examples of making research more accessible and more relevant to the public or to patients. It will also include examples of increasing the diversity of participants, initiatives to include people and communities who have been under-represented/under-served in experimental research or how research design and methodologies have been developed around the needs of a specific target population. This category also includes initiatives to ensure that the research conducted in your infrastructure addresses the health needs of your local, regional, or national populations.
- 5. Innovation and Impact:** How have you done things differently? What innovations have you implemented that lead to research of high quality, safety, effectiveness and/or maximised impact? This may be through study design, developments in practice or through initiatives which focus on the development of a “safety culture” or greater understanding of the human factors in decision-making. This category recognises the innovations which have demonstrated measurable improvements in high quality research. Thus, other examples could include a novel way to measure and capture impact; how you worked collaboratively in a new way; or how you implemented a novel trial design (e.g. basket trials, data-driven trials, high intensity advanced therapy trials).

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Abstract Submission

- Please submit up to a 300-word abstract summarising the details of your poster in line with the categories in this document. We also encourage submissions in other accessible media such as videos or audio clips.
- The abstract submission form can be accessed via the online submission portal: <https://forms.office.com/e/Sf6fUeX8Yk>. If you are submitting your abstract in an alternative medium to written text, please contact us before submission: CRFBRC-CONFERENCE2025@uhb.nhs.uk.
- **Closing date for submissions:** 23:59 on 28th April 2025.
- You must complete/address all required fields in the submission form for your abstract to be accepted.
- Submissions will not be accepted if submitted after the deadline.
- Submission of your abstract is confirmation that, if selected, you will abide by the requirements for conference attendance and for design, production and display of your poster (whether physical or digital).
- Acceptance of abstracts and selection for poster presentation is at the discretion of the conference host poster review committee whose decision is final.

Assessment Criteria

- Submissions should reflect recent activity, impact or demonstrate significant improvements in the 12/24 months prior to submission; improvements should be measurable and evidenced.
- All submissions should acknowledge the expertise of/benefits to your CRF/BRC and other infrastructures.

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The conference host poster committee will assess all submissions and will use the following criteria in addition to the bullet points above for selection:

1. Broadly connected to the conference theme, including posters submitted highlighting working across infrastructure and other key stakeholders.
2. Relevance to the category selected.
3. Potential for learning, application, or adoption.
4. Evidence of achievement which is measurable and evidenced.
5. Timeliness of the research/initiative.

Outcome and Poster Design

- The outcome of submissions will be confirmed by email by 23rd May 2025.
- Abstract authors will be notified whether their poster has been selected for online only or physical printing with detailed instructions in the confirmation email. It is the responsibility of the poster authors to comply with this information/guidance.
- Regardless of selection for physical printing, all poster authors are required to submit a PDF version (or alternative format to be confirmed with the host committee) by email for inclusion within the conference app. This will be made available to conference attendees and stakeholders.

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At the conference/additional information

- By submitting your poster, you give the UKCRF Network and Conference host permission to promote and share your poster at and after the conference. If you have any concerns/ questions, please contact the host team via email at CRFBRC-CONFERENCE2025@uhb.nhs.uk.
- A poster winner for each category will be announced at the end of day 2. Voting will be open throughout the conference on all poster submissions via the app. The winning posters will be featured on the UKCRF Network website and promoted across BRC platforms and on social media post-conference.
- At least one poster author should attend the conference to facilitate interaction and networking with conference attendees. Access to the conference app, including the posters will be available for registered attendees only so to enable networking and discussion around we are asking that at least one author is in attendance.
- At least one poster author must be present for the prize giving at the end of day 2.
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