**APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT FOR BUDDY SCHEME**

Dear Applicant

We are delighted that you are considering applying for one of the RCM-funded research awards. All the buddies who voluntarily support this scheme have been successful in achieving one of these awards and can use their experience to help you to apply. Please note, the expectation will be that the buddies will help only with the process of application and not provide a supervisory role if successful.

Once you submit your completed application form, we will place your details and request on our Buddy Research Application Support scheme module on the RCM iLearn platform. This will enable the buddies to access your information and decide amongst themselves who will be best placed to support you. We would anticipate that you will be contacted via email within two weeks by member of the RCM’s research team introducing you to your buddy.  You will also receive a notification that you have been added to the buddy scheme and will be able to access this module on iLearn.

We will ask for your feedback following the support session/s you have as this will help the RCM develop our programme.

 **We require the following information:**

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| Name   |         |
| Job/ role  |        |
| RCM membership number   |         |
| Award (please indicate to which one you are applying)   | Wellbeing of Women Entry Level Research Scholarship     Iolanthe Trust Jean Davies award   |
| Research topic / subject area – even if only a broad idea  |        |
| Research question – even if only a general idea     |         |
| Do you have a supervisor or some academic support? If yes, please give details   |         |
| Have you applied for funding before? If so, what scheme/programme   |         |
| Have you been involved in research or audit before? If so, please give details. It is not a barrier to this scheme if you have not  |         |
| What support with your application would you like from a buddy?   |        |
| Anything else that would help a buddy decide how they can help you?   |         |
| Email address to share with your buddy  |         |
| Would you be happy for your buddy to seek ideas and advice on how to support you from fellow Buddy’s?  |       |
| Signature   |        |
| Date   |         |

Once accepted on the scheme you will not automatically be able to see any other of the applicants. This is to ensure confidentiality. However, there will be a discussion board, which will enable applicants to network and discuss topics and ask questions of their peers if they wish to do this.

 A member of the RCM research team will contact you via email each month to ask about your buddying experiences.

  Please could you sign to state that you understand the following:

* That the details, aside from your email address, that you have shared on this form will be visible to all of the buddies who support the scheme, within the bespoke RCM iLearn module
* That you consent for the email address you provide being shared with the buddy that has agreed to support you
* That buddies are providing support in a voluntary capacity and are not being paid for their assistance in this scheme
* The role of buddy does not equate to formal academic supervision

Name         Date

Please return this form to: research@rcm.org.uk

Thank you for your interest