

LIFE SCIENCE AWARD 2025/26



We are really excited to share with you that the East Midlands RRDN is part of three RRDNs to pilot a Life Science Award for 'First Recruits' and invites you to participate.

The award will remunerate sites on achievement of confirmed participant recruitment in the following categories:

- First UK Participant - £2,000 Award
- First European Participant - £4,000 Award
- First Global Participant - £8,000 Award

First Recruits are defined as:

- First UK participant - first UK site to recruit first participant to a commercial trial whether European or Global study
- First European participant - first site to recruit first participant to a commercial trial that is a Global study
- First Global participant - first site to recruit first participant to a commercial trial that is a Global study

RRDN Funding will be capped at £40,000 for the pilot award, within this financial year.

We ask that you:

- Inform East Midlands RRDN of any firsts via email
- Inform NIHR CC of first recruit to European and Global studies
- Obtain written acknowledgement from the sponsor of the first participant recruited
- Complete a feedback form to share any learning and practices that led to the recruitment of the first participant
- Agree to recruitment of firsts being used in RRDN communication and impact pieces of work

Funding will be awarded based on recruitment evidence and will be coordinated with other payments to ensure timely payment.

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