UNITED KINGDOM
ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS 2026

KEY DATES

CLOSING DATE:	Monday 16 March 2026
JUDGING DAY:	Monday 11 May 2026 (London)
AWARDS CEREMONY:	Friday 19 June 2026
VENUE:	Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London

AHP Research excellence award

Sponsored by National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)

This exciting new research award will be given to an impressive AHP-led research project or initiative which demonstrates passion, dedication and expertise to their profession and contributes to a positive and sustainable research culture. This award is open to applications from all AHPs working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Positive impact on service users, services, the public, organisations and/or the AHP workforce
- Strong leadership, team working and inclusive research practices
- Working with people and communities
- An understanding of the importance of promoting opportunities to support, deliver or lead research that improves health and care outcomes
- The research project or initiative has potential for wider impact

Submission questions

1. Provide a concise overview of your AHP-led research project or initiative in 50 words, including:
   - What it is and why it was developed
   - Who is involved
   - What motivated you to undertake this work
2. Describe the positive impact of your project on service users, services, the public, organisations and/or the AHP workforce. Include any evidence, data, feedback or early outcomes (200 words).
3. Explain how you demonstrated leadership within the project, how you worked collaboratively with others, and how you ensured your research practices were inclusive and accessible (200 words).
4. Describe how people, communities or service users were involved in shaping or delivering the research (e.g., engagement, co-design, lived-experience involvement) (200 words).
5. Outline how your project promotes opportunities for AHPs to support, deliver or lead research, including any training, mentoring, capacity-building or role-modelling (200 words).
6. Explain the potential for your research to be scaled, replicated or adopted more widely (200 words).

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Entries must be submitted online via the website forms –
go to www.AHAwards.co.uk/uk/ and follow the ENTER NOW links.