**Research Terminology**

The **NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) & NIHR Clinical Research Facility (CRF)** infrastructure awards are used to fund **early translational and experimental research**. This type of research identifies mechanisms of disease, demonstrates proof-of-concept evidence and the importance of new discoveries, treatments, devices, and models of care.

The **NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC)** funds infrastructure which can be accessed by researchers to undertake **applied research.**

**Applied research** looks to address specific problems, often as a response to questions raised by policy makers. Most OHFT held **Grants** are awarded for applied research.

**Clinical trials of Investigational medicinal products (CTIMPs)** – generally contain 4 regulatory phases.

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| **Phase** | **Main aims** | **OHFT** |
| O & I | Test safety & efficacy | Not undertaken at OHFT |
| II | Tests treatments in larger numbers of people with a given condition to assess effectiveness and identify common side effects. | Within the remit of the **BRC & CRF** |
| III | Compares new treatments to standard treatment | Delivered using R&D or commercially funded staff |
| IV | Identifies longer term benefits and side effects |

**Non-interventional & Observational** trials contain similar phases, basic science, experimental medicine, and applied research.

The **Thames Valley & South Midland Clinical Research Network (TV&SM:CRN)** funds staff to recruit participants to trials.

The **Oxford Academic Health Partners (OAHP)** is designated as an **NIHR Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC).** Its purpose is to harness the Partners’ collective expertise, capabilities, and infrastructure from across a wide range of fields including discovery, translation, education, and commercialisation. It seeks to produce better collective outcomes for patients and has been key in the decision-making regarding the various applications for research infrastructure awards. Its Partners are OHFT, OUHFT, OBU, OU and OAHAN.

OAHP plans include the development of the Oxford Joint Research Office **(JRO)** to enable closer working and coordination for research within the NHS and academia.

**Research Capability Funding (RCF)** enables NHS organisations to meet some, or all, of the research-related salary of researchers and support staff and research related overheads. It is based on research income received in the previous calendar year.

Links

[NIHR Oxford Health Biomedical Research Centre – Improving brain health: the future in mind](https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/)

[Welcome — NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Oxford and Thames Valley](https://www.arc-oxtv.nihr.ac.uk/)

[CRN Thames Valley and South Midlands (nihr.ac.uk)](https://local.nihr.ac.uk/lcrn/thames-valley-and-south-midlands/)

[Welcome to Oxford Academic Health Partners website - Oxford Academic Health Partners (oxfordahsc.org.uk)](https://www.oxfordahsc.org.uk/)