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Planning

DHSC: OLS: Flagship Research Leadership Scheme Administration

DHSC, London

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Scope

Reference

C358840

Description

The Addiction Healthcare Goals (AHG) programme, led by the Office for Life Sciences, is aiming to make the UK a place where researchers and industry in addiction healthcare can thrive and partner effectively with NHS and Third Sector treatment providers to design, research and deploy innovative treatments and technologies which effectively tackle the challenges of drug and alcohol addictions, saving and improving the lives of those affected, and reducing the harms to the individual, their family and friends, and wider society. One key

area of focus for the AHG programme to fulfil this aim is to grow UK-wide research leadership capacity to develop and deploy innovations. The Department is looking for a supplier that is able to administer a targeted research leadership career development scheme to award funding to individuals to commence or continue training and career development towards becoming national research leaders.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,833,334 excluding VAT
- £7,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 August 2025 to 17 August 2028
- Possible extension to 16 August 2031
- 5 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75100000 - Administration services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75112000 - Administrative services for business operations
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 June 2025

Engagement process description

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is seeking a supplier to administer a career development scheme to award funding to support research training and career development positions, including relevant post-doctoral roles, PhDs, and MScs conducted with a suitable UK institution. This is not a call for competition, but an opportunity to gather

feedback to better understand market capabilities, refine the procurement strategy, and encourage supplier engagement. Interested parties can access the relevant documents via the Atamis system at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> using the contract reference. Suppliers may also submit the completed questionnaire through Atamis but must be registered on the system to do so. Alternatively, questionnaires can be submitted by email to ccsinbox@dhsc.gov.uk, quoting "AHG - Flagship Research Leadership Scheme Administration"

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 June 2025

Contracting authority

DHSC, London

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government