

APPLICATIONS FOR ACCESS TO FOUNDATION PROGRAMME DOCTORS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS & SURVEYS

1. Any research project or survey involving access to Foundation Programme doctors must be approved through that country's governance process:

England: <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/research-governance>

Scotland: <https://hub.nes.digital/help-me-with/governance/research-governance/>

Wales: <https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/>

Northern Ireland: Please email quality.nimdt@hscni.net

2. On receipt of this approval, the researchers/surveyors should approach their local Foundation school.
3. That Foundation school has local discretion to contact their doctors (not any from any other Foundation school) to participate in the study/survey.
4. If researchers/surveyors would like a national sample, details of the study/survey should be sent to educationandsupport@foundationprogramme.nhs.uk
5. The UKFPO will consider applications to ensure non-duplication of research studies or surveys.
6. Researchers will be informed of the decision within 30 days of receipt of the study details.
7. If approved by the UKFPO, a link to the research study will be published on the UKFPO website, which will be signposted in the monthly UKFPO bulletin.
8. The UKFPO Co-chairs reserve the right to distribute research studies or surveys to Foundation schools on a national basis, where such a study has come from a partner organisation and they feel that there is significant strategic value to the study (this will be the exception rather than the norm).

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