



## The True Colours Trust/BACCN Dragons Den

The Covid-19 pandemic has put immense pressure on nurses within Critical Care Units. The True Colours Trust (<https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/>) has provided the BACCN with funding towards our 2021 Dragon's Den specifically to support nurses in Critical Care Units to undertake a:

**'Service Evaluations of Local Initiatives/ Quality Improvement Projects within their Units that enhance the physical and mental health and wellbeing of nurses in light of the COVID-19 pandemic'.**

Through the generous support of The True Colours Trust we have 4 awards totaling **£2500** each that will be awarded after delivering a "elevator pitch" to our very own BACCN Dragons.

### How to enter:

Submit a 500-word proposal with regards to your project and why the BACCN/The True Colours Trust should sponsor you.

You should clearly demonstrate how your project will enhance the physical and mental health and wellbeing of nurses in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposals can be based on a service evaluation or quality improvement project, but all must:

- Provide a title that clearly declares the content of the proposal
- Be presented in a concise and coherent manner
- Have a clearly stated project aim and rationale
- Clearly identify the outcomes of interest, and the processes for data collection and analysis
- Outline the expected improvement and/or broader outcomes of how your project will enhance the physical and mental health and wellbeing of critical care nurses within your organisation
- Describe a feasible time frame for the project
- Include a clear breakdown of how you plan to spend the £2500
- Declare that their proposal is within the word limit (word limit excludes the title & references)
- Be double spaced
- Remove any information, which could identify the author/s, as proposals are reviewed blind.
- Cite a minimum of one and up to three references using the Harvard referencing system.

### Process:

- Submit your proposal as a conference abstract selecting the 'The True Colours Trust/BACCN Dragon's Den' category
- All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges, consisting of critical care researcher senior practitioners and service users
- Short listed projects must be presented by the lead applicant during the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual BACCN Conference in September 2021
- All presenters must register as conference delegates

- Each presenter will be allowed 5 minutes to present their proposal, with a further 10 minutes for questions and feedback from the panel
- The winning project will be announced during the closing session of conference
- Following the September 2021 conference, the £2500 prize money will be allocated in exchange for receipts or invoices for costs as they occur based on the budget outline
- The lead applicant of the winning project will be expected to produce six monthly update reports, report on the overall progress at the BACCN 2022 Conference and write a short report for the news section of the BACCN “Nursing in Critical Care” journal following the 2022 conference presentation
- Adoption of any research study onto the NIHR Comprehensive Research Network (CRN) portfolio will depend on the project fulfilling the criteria outlined at:  
<https://www.baccn.org/grants/research-awards/>

Applications must be received by **16th of April** and the lead applicant of the three short listed projects will be notified in **May 2021**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact BACCN via [support@baccn.org](mailto:support@baccn.org)