



BACCN Grant Call 2026:

Development of Consensus Statements

Call for Applications

The British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) invites applications for funding to support the development of national consensus statements in two priority areas of adult critical care nursing practice:

1. **Oral Care in Critical Care**
2. **End of Life Care in Critical Care**

These consensus statements will support evidence-informed, standardised, and person-centred practice across UK critical care services.

Background and Rationale

High-quality, consistent care in critical care settings relies on clear guidance informed by the best available evidence and expert consensus.

- **Oral care in Critical Care** remains a fundamental yet variable aspect of critical care nursing practice, with implications for patient comfort, safety, and outcomes.
- **End of Life Care in Critical Care** presents unique and complex clinical, ethical, emotional and communication challenges, requiring high-quality, compassionate, safe, and consistent care..

BACCN recognises the need for contemporary, nurse-led consensus statements to support clinicians, educators, and services in delivering optimal care in these areas.

Aims of the Grant

The grant aims to support multidisciplinary, nurse-led groups to:

- Develop robust, evidence-informed consensus statements
- Reflect current best practice and address gaps or variation in adult critical care
- Develop guidance that is relevant, practical, and applicable across UK critical care settings



- Strengthen the nursing voice in national critical care guidance

Scope of Work

Applicants should propose a structured programme of work that includes:

- A review of the existing evidence base using an appropriate methodology and methods (e.g. systematic, scoping, or umbrella review)
- A clearly defined methodology for achieving consensus (e.g. Delphi process, nominal group technique, expert panel review)
- Engagement with relevant and diverse stakeholders (e.g. Healthcare professionals, charities, public representatives, patients and families)
- Production of a final consensus statement suitable for dissemination through BACCN and peer-reviewed publication
- Presentation of findings at a BACCN conference or event

Applicants may apply for one or both topics (£20 000 per topic)

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from:

- Registered critical care nurses working in clinical practice, education, research, or leadership
- Multidisciplinary teams, provided the work is nurse-led
- At least one member of the team should have a PhD in a healthcare related field
- At least one member of the team should be a BACCN member
- Applicants must be based in the UK

Early career researchers and first-time applicants are encouraged to apply, with appropriate mentorship and support arrangements described.

Funding Available

- Up to £20 000 per project
- Funding may be used to support:
 - Project coordination and administration



- Meetings (including virtual platforms)
- Stakeholder engagement activities
- Literature review support
- Dissemination costs
- Open-access publication costs

Funding cannot be used for salary backfill or equipment purchases.

Expected Outputs

Funded projects will be expected to deliver:

- Draft report of the review of the evidence base
- Draft consensus statement- which will require final review and sign off from BACCN before publication on BACCN website
- Draft report of the consensus statement suitable for publication in Nursing in Critical Care Journal- which will require final review and sign off from the BACCN before submission to the journal
- Summary document suitable for lay persons
- A summary document suitable for BACCN members
- An end-of-project report to BACCN

Project Timeline

- Projects are expected to commence within 3 months of award
- Completion anticipated within 12 months
- A clear project plan and milestones must be included in the application

Application Process

For each project, applicants should submit:

1. A completed application form



2. A project proposal (maximum of 3000 words), including:
 - Background and rationale
 - Proposed methodology/ methods
 - Proposed strategy for ensuring equitable, diverse and inclusive stakeholder engagement
 - Project team and roles
 - Timeline and milestones
 - Detailed Costs and justification

3. CVs of the lead applicant and key team members

Applications should be submitted electronically to support@baccn.org by:

Closing date: 16:00 1st September 2026

Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the BACCN against the following criteria:

- Aim and scope
- Methodological rigour
- Multidisciplinary and stakeholder involvement
- Expertise of the team
- Feasibility and workplan
- Outputs
- Value for money
- Ethics and governance

More details may be found here: [Evaluation Criteria](#)



Further Information

For informal enquiries, please contact:

Dr. Louise Stayt (BACCN Research and Academic Lead) at support@baccn.org

We will be hosting a webinar on 14:00-15:00, 27th July 2026 providing more details of the grant call and provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions

Application Form:

Lead Applicant Information:

Name of lead applicant:	
Role/position of lead applicant:	
NMC registration:	
BACCN membership number (if applicable):	
Employing Organisation name:	
Address and contact information:	
Legal status of lead organisation (charity, NHS Trust, university, community organisation, etc.):	
Role within the project (e.g. CI, PPIE lead, project manager etc.):	

Co-applicant Information (copy, paste and complete for each team member):

1st July 2026



Name of team member:	
Job role:	
Professional Registration number if applicable (e.g. NMC, GMC, GDC, HCPC):	
BACCN membership number (if applicable):	
Employing Organisation name:	
Address and contact information:	
Role within the project (e.g. CI, PPIE lead, project manager, librarian, dentist, clinical psychologist etc.)	