# The eldryd parry fellowship

# Call for Applications

## 1 Background and purpose

To honour the memory of Professor Sir Eldryd Parry, founder of [the Tropical Health and Education Trust](https://www.thet.org/) (THET), the Eldryd Parry Fellowship aims to build the capacity of an individual health worker in Nigeria to support them in progressing their career and ultimately contributing towards the strengthening of their national health system. Eldryd Parry had close links to Nigeria, spending three years at University College Hospital, Ibadan (1960-63) and was the Foundation Dean of Medicine at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria (1977-80).

Managed by THET, with input from Eldryd’s family, the successful applicant will receive £5,000 to complete a project over nine months.

*“Where do you want to go, how can we help you get there, where are the gaps, how can we help you fill them?”*

**Professor Sir Eldryd Parry** - Founder of THET

***It is against this background that THET invites an individual health worker from Nigeria, to apply to the Eldryd Parry Fellowship.***

## 2 approach

### Fellowship overview

The Eldryd Parry Fellowship (EPF) will, funding allowing, provide a grant to one health worker from an African country each year. The first award of £5,000 is limited to early- to mid-career health workers with an interest in primary healthcare from public or not-for-profit Nigerian health institutions.

In order to maintain the international Health Partnership model that was so important to Sir Eldryd, the Fellow will come from a UK-Nigeria health partnership. [Health Partnerships](https://www.thet.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/The-Health-Partnership-Model.pdf) are long-term partnerships between UK health institutions and their counterparts in LMICs. Partnerships aim to improve health services and systems in LMICs through the reciprocal exchange of skills, knowledge and experience between partners in the UK and LMICs.

They will be funded to lead a quality improvement project within their health institution, run a short research project, or contribute towards scholarship fees. These activities will help the Fellow to build their skills and knowledge whilst also ultimately contributing to improvements in the health system.

This work would ideally culminate in a publication in an academic journal.

## 3 Size and Duration

The size of the grant is £5,000.

The Fellow will have nine months to conduct their project, from November 2024 until July 2025. They will furthermore present their planned activities at the THET Conference on 6-7 November 2024, and be invited back to the conference in October/November 2025 to present their completed work and impact.

## 4 fellow requirements

### Reporting requirements

THET will require a mid-term project progress meeting where the fellow will report on project status, to ensure the fellowship is being conducted as planned. At the end of the fellowship, THET will request a short narrative and financial report, along with 2 short blogs and a presentation at the following THET conference.

## 5 Eligibility Criteria and Application Requirements

### Core ELIGIBILITY Requirements

* Early- to mid-career health workers from public or not-for-profit Nigerian health institutions.
* The Fellow must come from a UK-Nigeria health partnership.
* Requires a letter of support from the host institution that shows support for the fellow to pursue their project.
* The proposed project needs to be a quality improvement project within their health institution, a short research project, or contribute towards scholarship fees.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

If applications pass the eligibility criteria they will be assessed using the following criteria:

**Shortlisting**

* The applicant has the capacity to take part in the Fellowship programme, demonstrated through past individual or partnership work.
* The project is achievable with the resources and time available.
* Budget costs are reasonable and align with project activities.

If there are several applications, some of the selection criteria may be used at shortlisting stage.

**Selection**

* The project will have impact/potential impact on the health of the rural poor.
* The applicant has considered how the benefits accrued will be spread equitably regardless of gender, disability, location and other characteristics.
* The application considers the sustainability of the project impact.
* The funding will catalyse the Fellow’s career and leadership development.
* The application demonstrates how the UK and the Nigerian partner institutions will support the Fellow during the grant (through advice/mentoring etc.).

## 6 Funding Restrictions

### The fellowship can fund:

* Scholarship, tuition fees, or accreditation costs.
* Training and workshop costs, e.g., venue costs, refreshments and training materials (but not paid as per diems, please see below)
* Local travel in economy class and associated costs, e.g., train tickets, travel insurance, accommodation, subsistence
* Activity communication costs (cost related to activity overseas) e.g., data bundles, teleconferencing subscription.
* Publications

### THE fellowship will not fund:

* Entertainment costs (costs associated with entertaining individuals and/or groups of people, usually involving eating, drinking
* and other hospitality)
* Salary
* Per diems
* Equipment
* Overheads
* Travel not related to the project
* First or business class travel

## 7 Timeframe, Application and Selection Process

The selection of mentorship applications will be a one stage process. The table below provides an indicative timeframe for the selection and award process as well as the implementation phase.

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| **Timeframe** | **Stages** |
| 28 June 2024 | Call for applications opens. |
| 01 August 2024  | Application submission deadline. |
| September 2024 | Notification of application outcomes and contracts signed.  |
| November 2024 | Fellowship begins. |
| 6-7 November 2024  | Presentation at THET’s Annual Conference.  |
| July 2025  | Fellowship ends.  |
| October/November 2025 | Presentation at THET’s Annual Conference. |

Following the submission of the application, all eligible applications will be reviewed by a THET selection panel. The selection will be based on an assessment of the application against the selection criteria (see project requirements under Section 5 above). Applications that best meet the criteria will be awarded.

Applicants must be prepared to provide additional documentation and further clarifications to support their application as requested by THET.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications in September 2024. **THET’s decision will be final.**

# How to apply

Applicants are required to complete the Application Form, the Fellowship candidate’s CV, and a letter of support from both partnership institutions, and sent to grants@thet.org **by 5 pm (BST) Thursday 1st of August**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

If you do not receive an acknowledgement email from us within five UK working days of submitting your application, please assume we have not received it and re-submit.

Data protection

We will use the information provided within the application forms only to assess and review these applications to the Fellowship programme. We will use your contact details in order to keep in touch with you about the programme. Your details will be kept safe and secure, only used by THET, our technical partner and those who work with us on this programme, and will not be shared with anyone else.

You can read our full privacy policy [here](https://www.thet.org/resources/thets-privacy-policy/) for additional information on how we collect and process your data.

Safeguarding

We expect all applicants to comply with our Safeguarding policy. This policy aims to protect people, particularly children, at risk adults and beneficiaries of assistance, from any harm that may be caused due to their coming into contact with THET.

You can read our full Safeguarding policy [here](https://www.thet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/THET-Safeguarding-Policy-updated-March-2021.pdf).