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Dear colleagues,

The Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is an educational workforce development programme designed for NHS staff and those providing NHS services who want to develop and scale their most innovative ideas for patient benefit. The programme was launched in 2016 and we have already recruited over 700 individuals including pharmacy professionals, doctors, dentists and healthcare scientists, nurses and midwives, and allied health professionals from a range of diverse backgrounds. Places on this prestigious programme will be offered, through a competitive process, to applicants who have developed clinical innovations to improve patient care and support service redesign through commercial and non-commercial enterprises.

The programme will be jointly managed by NHS England and NHS Improvement and delivery partner Anglia Ruskin University, has been developed with entrepreneurial clinicians, academic leaders, and industry partners. The curriculum covers all aspects of setting up and running a small business, including attracting investors, applying for funding, and ensuring appropriate corporate governance.

Support on the programme includes:

- Mentoring and coaching – from an acclaimed international faculty including commercial and public sector, financial, clinical, academic, and managerial leaders and achievers.
- Access to a series of educational ‘pit stops’ offering bespoke practical sessions on a range of key commercial topics.
- Customer matching – establishing relationships with providers/customers to deliver pre-commercial procurement opportunities.
- Possible entrepreneurial placements/internships – with industry, charities, social enterprises and public sector organisations with both partner-funded and self-funding options.
- Access to one-to-one clinic sessions, business planning and advice

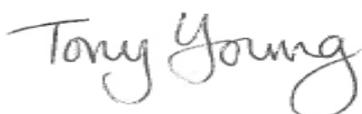
If you are an innovator in the NHS, we strongly encourage you to apply for this exceptional opportunity. The recruitment process for Year 6 of the Clinical Entrepreneur Programme opens on 5 October 2021. Applications will be made via [www.nhscep.com](http://www.nhscep.com)

The deadline for applications is 1pm on 2 November 2021. We will be conducting our entire recruitment process online.

The programme is due to commence in early 2022. The application form will consist of a variety of written questions, with the opportunity for applicants to answer some of the questions via a 1-minute 'elevator pitch' to introduce and describe your innovation. Applicants must also include a CV and two references focusing on your entrepreneurial activity (for trainees; one of these needs to be a supporting letter from your own training lead).

For any further queries do not hesitate to contact the Clinical Entrepreneur Team at Anglia Ruskin University via [cep@aru.ac.uk](mailto:cep@aru.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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