

**Category**

Best Incubator, Accelerator, Equity

**Program/Fund Name**

NHS Innovation Accelerator

**Corporate Name**

UCLPartners London & AHSN Network

**Date Of Creation**

2015-01-07

**Indications (if applicable)**

N/A

**Therapeutic Categories (if applicable)**

Across Therapy Areas

**History of the development of the fund / Incubators**

Launched in 2015, the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) is commissioned by the Accelerated Access Collaborative at NHS England. It is delivered in partnership with the 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs), hosted by UCLPartners, and chaired by Sir Stephen Powis, National Medical Director for NHS England.

As part of an annual international call, the NIA invites applications from exceptional individuals to represent their organisation's innovations that meet a real need within the NHS in England.

Applications undergo a robust, multi-stage assessment process involving a college of expert patient, clinical and commercial assessors. This panel is drawn from a wide range of organisations including NHS England, AHSNs, the Medicines & Healthcare products

Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and The Health Foundation.

Successful applicants join an existing community of innovative individuals with a passion for sharing their learning and expertise.

The programme also has an active Alumni and a pool of accomplished Mentors who provide expert guidance and insights to Fellows across a broad range of skill areas.

**Focus**

The NIA supports exceptional individuals to scale and adopt mature innovations across the NHS for enhanced patient outcomes, NHS staff benefit and to grow employment in the UK.

We do this by working closely with the AHSNs and wider system on NHS and international market access, supporting our Fellows maintain or reach maturity, gathering more real-world evidence and solidifying their commercial models.

In the three-year Fellowship needs to be seen as an investment in the companies and the Fellows, hence running a very strict multistage assessment process that can take up to 5 months.

Our focus is on helping the NHS address the challenges outlined in the NHS Long Term Plan (<https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>) as well as addressing Health Inequalities (<https://tinyurl.com/4unva2yw>) for underserved communities, summarized in the Core20Plus5 policy.

### **How do you address your portfolio needs**

We offer the following services to our Fellow, never taking equity, never taking royalties, never charging them:

- Revision of commercial models
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#### **Premium Fellowship offer**

- peer to peer support
- mentoring with leading industry experts
- Access to the NHS and industry, e.g. pharma
- Education program
- Procurement & NICE
- Access to Corporate
- NetZero readiness with Greener NHS
- Patient and Disease Pathway mapping
- Health Inequality assessments
- Venture growth
- Access to NHS England program teams
- International Exposure, eg Arab Health, HLTH 2023, via the UK Department for Business and Trade

### **Impact / metrics to measure success**

Please see upload.

Also, 9 out of 10 NIA Fellows would recommend the NIA to their peers as per a recent survey (June 2023)

### **Why your model is innovative, and/or how it will improve the human condition?**

We sit at the unique juncture of the NHS, international health systems and the health tech industry/eco-system. By working on the maturity of our Fellows in very close collaboration with our colleagues from the NHS eco-system, we are able to introduce solution to solve a clinical need and ultimately help patients faster getting access to the care they need.

The NIA is born from within the NHS, to deliver for patients, the NHS and the health tech system at large. Siting at this unique juncture brings its challenges but also large opportunities to change the way we care.

### **Please provide appropriate references (Examples / Case Study)**

References: Steve Powis, National Medical Director NHS England, contact can be provided.  
Amanda Pritchard, CEO NHS England, contact can be provided  
NIA Fellows are happy to act as references too.

Case studies: <https://nhsaccelerator.com/insights/?insight-type=70>

More up to date will be uploaded in the next few weeks!