

Dear all

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**Latest funding calls and other opportunities**

**NIHR Invention for Innovation Connect - Call 3**

**Details:** The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme supports the preclinical and clinical development of medical devices in areas of existing or emerging patient need.

i4i Connect is aimed at small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in need of a funding boost to reach the next stage in the development of their medical device. The funding stream offer is between £50,000 - £150,000 over a 6-12 month period.

The primary aim of i4i Connect is to help SMEs get to a point where they can apply for further funding, in particular for a full i4i Product Development Award (PDA) or to support projects at any stage of the translational research and development pathway to further de-risk them for follow on investment.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 11th September 2019

**Find out more [here](#)**

**UKRI-NHMRC Built Environment and Prevention Research Scheme**

**Details:** The Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), together with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), are inviting proposals to the UKRI-NHMRC Built Environment Prevention Research Scheme.



This scheme will provide funding for collaborative research projects focused on improving population health through the primary prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) associated with the built environment.

The collaborative research projects will aim to generate evidence that can be translated into actionable, sustainable and cost-effective ways of preventing NCDs, to improve population health and reduce health inequalities in the UK and Australia.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 15th October 2019

**Find out more** [here](#)

### **MRC/AstraZeneca Centre for Lead Discovery**

**Details:** The MRC/AstraZeneca Centre for Lead Discovery (CLD) aims to support academic researchers in discovering potential starting points for small molecule therapeutic approaches with a clear line-of-sight to therapeutic use.

Academic researchers will benefit from unprecedented access to over two million molecules in AstraZeneca's compound library, as well as its state-of-the-art high throughput screening facilities.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 2nd October 2019

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### **CRUK Cancer Immunology Project Awards**

**Details:** CRUK Cancer Immunology Project Awards catalyse research and build the UK's research base in cancer immunology by funding immunologists from non-cancer fields.

Proposals should address key questions in the immunology of cancer. Applications can be in any area of immunological research, providing the cancer relevance is clearly articulated in the proposal, including any of the following key areas:

- Cellular and molecular immunology
- Inflammation, allergy, transplantation and autoimmunity
- Immune response to infection

**Deadline for proposals:** 7th November 2019

**Find out more** [here](#)

### CRUK Early Detection Project Award

**Details:** CRUK Early Detection Project Awards fund exceptional science to drive a transformational change in how and when early cancers and pre-cancerous states are detected.

Early detection (EDx) research seeks to identify cancer or pre-cancerous states at the earliest possible point at which an intervention might be made. Such signals will detect, but may also underpin prognosis/stratification/prediction of response to therapy and prevention. EDx projects will support discovery and translational/clinical research which is mindful of the clinical and population context.

**Deadline for proposals:** 28th November 2019

**Find out more [here](#)**

### SU2C-CRUK Paediatric Cancer New Discoveries Challenge

**Details:** SU2C-CRUK Paediatric Cancer New Discoveries Challenge aims to support novel and innovative trans-Atlantic collaborations in childhood cancer research.

Applications can address one or more of the following concepts, with the goal of progressing the approach to a more advanced pre-clinical or clinical setting in round 2:

- the basis of tumour initiation and progression
- novel therapeutic approaches
- development of novel biomarkers or methodologies to predict disease progression, to enhance efforts in primary and secondary prevention and intervention
- novel models that would enhance pre-clinical research
- development of more effective and/or less toxic treatments to improve long-term health and quality of life

**Deadline for proposals:** 6th December 2019

**Find out more [here](#)**

### CRUK Multidisciplinary Project Award

**Details:** CRUK Multidisciplinary Project Awards, co-funded by the EPSRC, support collaborations between cancer researchers and scientists from engineering/physical science disciplines.

The aim of these awards is to generate creative research ideas and explore their applicability in cancer research. These awards are awarded jointly between Principal Investigators (PI) from engineering/physical science disciplines, and PIs who are working in cancer research.

With a primary focus on multidisciplinary research, the research themes within remit for this award include:

- The direct application of physics, engineering, chemical or mathematical concepts to address the underlying physical processes of cancer, including tumour initiation, growth and metastasis.
- The development of new transformational approaches or the translation of technologies for direct applications in, or a clear path to, a direct application in the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer. Proposals for the first applications of technologies in cancer research and those which demonstrate potential clinical applicability are encouraged.

**Deadline for proposals:** 30th January 2020

**Find out more [here](#)**

**RDS West Midlands** can offer free expert support and advice on all aspects of designing and developing applications for NIHR funding – please complete our online [Request for Support](#) form to gain access to our advice.

## NIHR Funding deadlines calendar

For an overview of the year's NIHR calls and ongoing opportunities, please view the online calendar: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/current-funding-opportunities/>

## News

### **We want your views! Barriers to UK medical device clinical research**

Every year a huge number of medical devices are developed but only a few make it to the market. The NIHR supports companies, academic researchers and universities who develop medical devices to do their research in the UK. The NIHR project team is keen to hear from researchers, developers, companies and others who have had experience with medical device clinical research in the UK.

Find out more [here](#)

### **NIHR blog: Increasing diversity in design to accelerate research into practice**

Professor Elaine Hay, Programme Director, NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research, reflects on the success of the PGfAR programme, and looks at the way in which PGfAR is keen to increase the diversity of study type and design submitted for funding.

Find out more [here](#)

## Training and Events

### **Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) social care funding roadshow events**

Our **Research Design Service (RDS)** is running regional events which will offer an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of RfSC funding. Attendance at these events is FREE and refreshments will be provided.

Researchers currently developing, or considering developing, a proposal for submission to RfSC for funding are invited to take advantage of a one-to-one appointment to discuss their proposed research idea or study.

### **When and where:**

Location	Date	Registration and contacts
Bristol	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	<a href="#">Bristol registration form</a> <a href="mailto:rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk">rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk</a> 01392 726724
Manchester	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">Manchester registration form</a> <a href="mailto:rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk">rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk</a> 01524 593209
London	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">London registration form</a> <a href="mailto:info@rdslondon.co.uk">info@rdslondon.co.uk</a> 020 7848 6782

York	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<b><u>York registration form</u></b> <b><u>rds-yh@sheffield.ac.uk</u></b> 0114 222 0828
Birmingham	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	<b><u>Birmingham registration form</u></b> <b><u>rds@contacts.bham.ac.uk</u></b> 0121 414 8533

### Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

Please note that support and advice is available from the CRN WM Study Support Service Early Contact Team for any study that is potentially eligible or applying for CRN Support. This includes providing cost attribution advice to support researchers in completing their grant applications and authorising the Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Tool (SoECAT\*), navigating the approvals process, accessing training provided by the Network, identifying and supporting the management of excess treatment costs, and can highlight further support within the Network to support study set up and delivery to time and target.

\*Please find attached information on our SoECAT Clinics which provides dates to access support open to anyone working on a specific study.

For more information or support. Please contact Kirsty Hunter or Ellen Edwards.  
email: [studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk)

### Applying for NIHR funding? Access free advice and support from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service West Midlands

Our multi-disciplinary team can offer advice on the key ingredients in a successful health or social care research proposal, including:

- Statistics and health economics
- Qualitative methodology
- Support on involving patients and public in research, identified by the NIHR as a critical component in funding applications
- Peer review of draft grant applications before submission.

**Find out more** about how RDS West Midlands could help you and your team at <http://www.rds-wm.nihr.ac.uk/>

**\*We have sent you this email because we believe it may be of interest to you, if you do not wish to receive future emails from us please email me by return at [k.biddle@bham.ac.uk](mailto:k.biddle@bham.ac.uk) and I will remove you from my contact list.**