

Dear all

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Latest funding calls

British Lung Foundation – SarcoidosisUK - BLF sarcoidosis research grant

Details: The British Lung Foundation and SarcoidosisUK are inviting preliminary applications for a grant to support research into sarcoidosis. Applications must fit into at least one of the following categories: aetiology, prevention, diagnosis, alleviation, treatment and/or cure of sarcoidosis. Preference will be given to research that takes us towards new core understanding/a new therapeutic option for all people living with sarcoidosis.

Preliminary application deadline: 3 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

British Lung Foundation – Mesothelioma Research Network collaborative pump-priming research grant

Details: Preliminary applications are invited for support of collaborative research into mesothelioma. The principal applicant and all co-applicants must be members of the [BLF Mesothelioma Research Network](#) (MRN). At least one co-applicant must be based at a different institution to the principal applicant. Grants are available either to medically qualified applicants, post-doctoral scientists or allied health professionals for clinical, laboratory and/or epidemiological research.

Preliminary application deadline: 3 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

British Lung Foundation – Mesothelioma research grants, supported by Catalina

Details: Preliminary applications are invited for support of research into mesothelioma, supported by Catalina Services UK Limited. Grants are available either to medically qualified applicants, post-doctoral scientists or allied health professionals for clinical, laboratory and/or epidemiological research where appropriate.

The following grants are available:

- Clinical Trial Award. Funding is available to support trials of new/existing molecules (either molecules that are not yet licenced for any indication or those that are already licenced for use in other indications). Grants are for a specified period of up to four years to a maximum of £500,000 per award.
- Project Grant for research into improved early diagnosis. Grants are for a specified period of up to three years to a maximum of £330,000 per award.
- Pump Priming Grant for research into improved early diagnosis. Grants are for a specified period of up to 18 months to a maximum of £40,000 per award.
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Preliminary application deadline: 3 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

British Lung Foundation – BLF-Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust Malcolm Weallans pulmonary fibrosis research grant

Details: Preliminary applications are invited for support of research into pulmonary fibrosis. Grants are available to medically qualified applicants, post-doctoral scientists or allied health professionals for clinical, laboratory and/or epidemiological research. Applications may seek costs for personnel, equipment and consumables where appropriate.

Preliminary application deadline: 3 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

British Lung Foundation – BLF-Masonic Charitable Foundation PhD studentship award

Details: Funding is available to support a PhD student performing research in one or more of the following priority areas:

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
- Children’s lung disease
- Bronchiectasis

The principal applicant/supervisor must be either medically qualified researcher, a post-doctoral scientist or an allied health professional. Funding must support clinical, laboratory and/or epidemiological research.

Preliminary application deadline: 3 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Cancer Research UK – Postdoctoral Research Bursary for Clinical Trainees

Details: This award offers funding for clinical trainees to undertake a research project after completion of a PhD. Applications are considered from any area of CRUK’s funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

Deadline for proposals: 26th March 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 and other peer reviewed funding bodies– 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/researchers/funding-opportunities/>

Blogs and Articles

The Academy of Medical Sciences – What does a great lay summary look like?

On top of their "[top tips on writing a lay summary](#)", the Academy of Medical Sciences have published a useful article giving examples of lay summaries from successful Academy grant awardees. The examples can be [accessed here](#).

If you're interested in plain English summaries, why not also take a look at the [RDS blog](#) on the power of the plain English summary, or [watch our video](#) from the Essential Guide to Grant Applications?

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

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

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/>

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