

Dear all

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Top tip! Spare five minutes? Why not watch some NIHR TV

The NIHR has a YouTube channel where it publishes videos telling the story of the vital work that NIHR funds, and the world-class scientists who lead that research. As a nation, we also owe a debt of thanks to the hundreds of thousands of trials volunteers who have played their part to find the modern medical treatments we take for granted today.

The videos provide useful resources to researchers, they give updates about various funding streams, as well as providing a helpful oversight on the breadth of the NIHR's activity.

Find out more [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR EME, HS&DR, HTA and PHR cross-programme call into oral and dental health

Details: The NIHR is interested in receiving research proposals evaluating public health measures, healthcare interventions and health and social care services to promote good oral and dental health, and to improve the prevention, detection and treatment of diseases and disorders of the teeth, gums, oral cavity or jaw across the whole life course.

Specifically for the purposes of this call, applicants are encouraged to include geographic populations with high disease burden, which have been historically underserved by NIHR research activity in order to ensure that NIHR research is conducted in the areas where health needs are greatest.

The NIHR welcome applications that span the remit of one or more of the participating research programmes and which comprise of co-ordinated teams of investigators spanning different specialties/disciplines and geographical centres.

The following programmes are participating in this call:

- [19/153 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation](#) (EME)
- [19/154 Health Services and Delivery Research](#) (HS&DR)
- [19/155 Health Technology Assessment](#) (HTA)
- [19/156 Public Health Research](#) (PHR)

Deadline for proposals:

- 19/153 EME Oral and Dental Health - 1 pm, 16 April 2020
- 19/154 HSDR Oral and Dental Health - 1 pm, 7 May 2020
- 19/155 HTA Oral and Dental Health - 1 pm, 6 May 2020
- 19/156 PHR Oral and Dental Health - 1 pm, 24 March 2020

NIHR PRP Programme: Improving patient experiences and outcomes under the Mental Health Act

Details: The NIHR PRP Programme invites applications to undertake research to address gaps in the evidence base as identified through recommendations arising from the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act (MHA).

The PRP welcomes research that addresses key issues raised within the Independent Review of the MHA. In particular, PRP welcomes research to help inform future policy to tackle the rising rates of detention under the MHA and in particular address the disproportionate number of people from black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities subject to compulsory powers under the Act.

This research is also needed to provide a solid evidence base to inform policy development in mental health and mental health legislation and the future design, commissioning and funding of interventions and services.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 14th January 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Global Health Research Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration Pilot - Round 1

Details: The NIHR GHR SPARC Pilot scheme funds awards of up to £10,000 per individual and allows NIHR Academy members based in the NIHR GHR Programmes to spend time in other NIHR GHR Programmes or other parts of the NIHR to network, train in a specific skill/technique or collaborate with other relevant researchers/specialists.

The scheme is designed for early career researchers (those undertaking Masters, PhDs and postdocs) to enhance their research training experience as well as their networks, CVs and career opportunities. It is expected that the scheme will contribute to enhancing the NIHR GHR Programmes outcomes in achieving direct and primary benefit for patients and populations in low and middle income countries (LMICs).

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 7th February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Latest Funding Calls from Other Bodies

Wellcome Trust: Joint Health Systems Research Initiative

Details: The Joint Health Systems Research Initiative supports research based in low- and middle-income countries to improve health systems in those locations. The scheme is jointly supported by the Department for International Development (DFID), the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Wellcome Trust.

Deadline for proposals: 21 January 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Wellcome Trust: Clinical Research Career Development Fellowships

Details: Clinical Research Career Development Fellowships enable clinically active healthcare professionals to continue their research at postdoctoral level and develop scientific independence.

Deadline for proposals: 4 February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Alzheimer's Society: Project Grants

Details: Alzheimer's Society project grants are for more established researchers and provide funding for world-class dementia research. Funding is available for up to three years providing budgets for staff salary, consumables and equipment. Applications can be made for research projects which fit within the Alzheimer's Society funding remit, which is organised into two streams:

- Biomedical research
- Care, implementation and public health research

Deadline for proposals: Midday on 27 March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Alzheimer's Society: Fellowships and studentships

Details: Alzheimer's Society fellowships support researchers across the UK who aim to understand more about the causes of dementia, who are working towards a cure and looking to improving the care of those living with the condition.

The following fellowship and studentship opportunities are available:

- **[Senior Fellowships](#):** A Senior Fellowship is for post-doctoral or other successful researchers who wish to build on a number of successful years of dementia research, and who demonstrate the ambition and potential to be a leader in their research field at the end of the award.

- **[Junior Fellowships](#)**: Junior Fellowships are for post-doctoral researchers who have shown exceptional promise at the start of their research career. Applicants should demonstrate potential to be an independent researcher.
- **[Clinician and healthcare professionals training fellowships](#)**: Clinician and Healthcare Professional Training Fellowships provide an opportunity for individuals to study for a higher degree with a view to developing a career that combines research and practice.
- **[PhD studentships](#)**: These provide funding for students wishing to embark on a career in dementia research.

Deadline for proposals: Midday on 27 March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Alzheimer's Society: Drug discovery call

Details: The Drug Discovery programme funds research to identify and test drug treatments for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Alzheimer's Society welcomes applications that identify and test drug treatments for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. They are funding a portfolio of studies that look at the preclinical identification, and early and late phase testing of drugs for Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia.

Deadline for proposals: Midday on 27 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/>

Resources

[Comic to support indigenous / non-indigenous research partnerships](#)

As part of a UKRI project on Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Research Partnerships, a short comic has been produced to support the partnership between indigenous and non-indigenous researchers. The comic is aimed at researchers, students and teachers of methods who are interested in effective partnerships.

Find out more [here](#)

[Report: Best practice for online data collection in the UK](#)

A report has been published summarising the agreed challenges, opportunities and best practice for online data collection in the UK in 2019 and the future. The report follows a conference held at the University of Southampton on 'The future of online data collection in social surveys: Shared learning on the challenges, opportunities and best practice'.

Find out more [here](#)

Working Group for Safe Data Access Professionals: Handbook for those using data held in a safe setting

The Working Group for Safe Data Access Professionals has published a new handbook for those responsible for researchers and Statistical Data Control (SDC) who want to publish findings based on data held in a safe setting. The guide assists those responsible for SDC in maintaining confidentiality when using secure data for research.

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.
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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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