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Introducing the new and improved NIHR website!

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) are pleased to announce the launch of their new website: www.nihr.ac.uk

What's new?

The new website has been designed with a focus on the NIHR's key external audiences – researchers, health and care professionals, patients, carers and the public, and industry and partners. This ensures that the content and information is presented in a way that supports each audience's needs and enables them to find the information they require in an easier and quicker way.



Where can I find information about my part of the NIHR?

The Explore NIHR function in the footer of each page links to pages about the main parts of the NIHR, with information about infrastructure in the NIHR support section.

The [Research Design Service](#) has its own page.

Latest funding calls and other opportunities

MRC: New Investigator Research grants

Details: The New Investigator Research Grant (NIRG) is aimed at researchers who are capable of becoming independent Principal Investigators and who are now ready to take the next step towards that goal. Applicants can apply across all areas of the [MRC's remit](#). Applicants are expected to combine time spent on the NIRG with a portfolio of other activities, such as time spent on other research grants or clinical duties, teaching, administration duties, or other time spent in faculty (this list is not exhaustive). As such, applicants are normally expected to request up to, but no more than, 50% of their contracted working time on the NIRG.

New Investigator Research Grants are available in the following areas:

- [Molecular and Cellular Medicine](#) – Deadline for applications: 4th September 2019
- [Infections and Immunity](#) – Deadline for applications: 18th September 2019
- [Population & Systems Medicine](#) – Deadline for applications: 25th September 2019
- [Neurosciences & Mental Health](#) – Deadline for applications: 2nd October 2019

Find out more [here](#)

MRC: UKRI-NSFC Joint Call: Understanding and Addressing Health and Social Challenges for Ageing in the UK and China

Details: This interdisciplinary joint call is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), specifically the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the MRC, in collaboration with the National Natural Sciences Foundation China (NSFC). The call invites high quality proposals between researchers in the UK and China which aim to enhance the evidence base on understanding and addressing health and social challenges facing ageing societies through interdisciplinary collaborations. The Funders will aim to recommend a balanced portfolio of projects. It is not expected that projects cover all health and social challenges.

Projects must be no more than 36 months in duration and successful awards will be jointly announced in March 2020. The UK funded component will need to start by 15 May at the very latest.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 17th October 2019

Find out more [here](#)

MRC: Joint Global Health Trials – Call 10

Details: The UK Department for International Development (DFID), the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the MRC and Wellcome are pleased to announce the launch of the 10th call for proposals under this initiative to fund global health trials. Call 10 specifically invites applications for definitive RCTs that provide generalisable data, beyond a single country. The evidence generated should be robust and relevant to international and regional policy makers and directly answer questions to change policy and guidance.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 16th October 2019

Find out more [here](#)

MRC Fellowships

Details: MRC's fellowships support the development of talented individuals to strengthen the UK research base and enable the scientific community to respond effectively to current and future grand challenges in medical research.

MRC fellowships are personal awards for talented researchers to support key transition points in their careers. The MRC offers a range of fellowships to meet diverse needs, allowing training placements in the UK, abroad or in industry.

The following Fellowship opportunities are open for application:

- [Clinical Research Training Fellowship Post-Doctoral](#): A secondary arm to the Clinical Research Training scheme offers applicants who obtained their PhD some time ago but have not been research active since a valuable opportunity to reacquire research skills and develop outputs to then be competitive at the Clinician Scientist Fellowship level.
- [Clinician Scientist Fellowship](#): The CSF develops talented medically and other clinically qualified professionals who have gained a higher research degree to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition to independent investigator. Applications are invited for the standard CSFs, the Tenure Track CSFs, or the jointly funded CSFs, all of which are considered in open competition.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 4th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

The Brain Tumour Charity: Quality of Life awards

Details: The Brain Tumour Charity Quality of Life awards provide funding to increase understanding and minimise the impact of brain tumours on those affected. The complex nature of the brain and the functions that it controls, means that brain tumours are the only type of tumours that directly impact on personality, behaviour, and cognition, as well as memory. This funding aims to address physical, cognitive, and emotional factors that impact quality of life following a brain tumour diagnosis.

Deadline for proposals: 2nd September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

Wellbeing of Women - Fellowships

Details: Wellbeing of Women changes and saves the lives of women and their babies by funding the best medical research into reproductive health and childbirth.

The following Fellowship opportunities are open for application:

- [Research Training Fellowships](#): These encourage candidates to pursue a career in academic medicine and help build capacity in the field of women's reproductive health. Fellowships can be in basic science, clinical or translational research in one of the following areas: (1) Pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period; (2) Gynaecological cancers; (3) General wellbeing surrounding women's health issues
- [Postdoctoral Research Fellowships](#): These are intended to support research-active lecturers (or equivalent level) to gather data and strengthen their bids for longer-term substantive funding. Fellowships can be in basic science, clinical or translational research in one of the following areas: (1) Pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period; (2) Gynaecological cancers; (3) General wellbeing surrounding women's health issues

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 19th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

Crohn's & Colitis UK: Open Call Research Awards

Details: Crohn's & Colitis UK funds scientific research, research into the social and psychological impacts of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), and research into improving health services for people with the condition.

The Open Call invites applications for funding of research that is novel/original, good value for money, and will benefit people with Crohn's Disease (Crohn's) or Ulcerative Colitis (Colitis) in the UK.

Research projects may be directed towards:

- **Medical** - any aspect of Crohn's or Colitis relevant to a better understanding of the causes or mechanisms of IBD or better treatment, including surgery, for patients with IBD.
- **Improving Lives** - any aspect of the social and psychological impact of Crohn's or Colitis, including research into ways of helping patients and their families to live with IBD, or with the potential to improve the services provided to the UK's IBD community and to drive up standards of care for patients with IBD.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 26th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

Crohn's & Colitis UK: Fellowship Awards

Details: Crohn's & Colitis UK funds scientific research, research into the social and psychological impacts of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), and research into improving health services for people with the condition.

Funding is offered to encourage exceptional clinicians (healthcare professionals working in clinical practice) with a research interest in IBD to develop into future IBD specialist experts. Grants up to a maximum of £180,000 over a period of three years are available for research projects (directed towards Medical, Improving Lives and Collaborative Research Awards) which include funding for a clinical fellow working to achieve a PhD.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 26th September 2019

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

NIHR research activity league table

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) has published the annual research activity league table. The table provides a picture of how much clinical research is happening, where, in what types of trusts, and involving how many patients.

Find out more: [here](#)

Resources

NCRM lecture: Questionable research practices, perceptions and prevalence

What: Professor Jesper Schneider from the Aarhus University delivered the 2019 NCRM Annual Lecture at the Chancellors Hotel in Manchester. The recording is now available on the [NCRMUK YouTube channel](#).

Find out more: [here](#)

NIHR CLAHRC Yorkshire and Humber: Tool to collect and make visible the impact of research activity conducted within NHS organisations

What: VICTOR (visible impact of research) is a tool to help collect and make visible the impact of delivering research within an NHS organisation on the organisation itself. It has been developed by the NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) Yorkshire and Humber.

Find out more: [here](#)

Training and Events

University of Birmingham: Sense and Nonsense' EAHMH History of Medicine Conference

What: Institute of Applied Health Research are hosting a 3 day 'Sense and Nonsense' EAHMH History of Medicine Conference. Professor Jonathan Reinartz is the Director of this bi-annual event.

Programme and details are on the EAHMH website link here

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/mds/centres/eahmh/conferences/index.aspx>

See link below to online shop.

[Pay and Register for EAHMH Conference 2019](#)

When: 27th-30th August 2019 August 2019

Where: Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference centre

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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