

Dear all

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**Essential Guide to Grant Applications  
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The Essential Guide to Grant Applications (EGGA) is a three-day masterclass on how to write a strong grant application. In 2019 the masterclass took place from 9th-11th October at the University of Oxford.



Several of the plenary teaching sessions have been published on the RDS SC YouTube channel.

Watch the videos [here](#)



## Latest funding calls and other opportunities

### Invention for Innovation - Product Development Awards Call 19

**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.

Stage 1 proposals are now being accepted to Call 19 of the i4i researcher-led Product Development Awards (PDA).

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 11 December 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 demonstrates ongoing commitment to research integrity by signing up to revised concordat

The NIHR has reaffirmed its commitment to rigorous standards in health and care research by signing up to the revised Concordat to Support Research Integrity.

The [Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#), first published in 2012, provides a national framework for good research conduct and its governance, outlining the standards expected of researchers, employers of researchers and funders of research.

NIHR-funded researchers are required to abide by the principles of the concordat.

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

### New initiative supports nurses and midwives to become research leaders

The Nursing and Midwifery Incubator (launched 25 October 2019) aims to accelerate and support the development of nurses and midwives looking to develop a career leading research.

Driven by the nursing and midwifery community, the Incubator will look to provide additional activities which will complement current NIHR and Health Education England (HEE) investment in this area with the aim of increasing the number of nurses and midwives developing a career leading research. The work of the Incubator will develop over the coming months and will include additional resources and guidance to help nurses and midwives make the most of the opportunities available for developing a research career.

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

## Blogs and articles

### **NIHR blog: How NHS healthcare professionals can play an important part in research**

Professor Hywel Williams, Director of the NIHR's Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme encourages healthcare professionals to take the next step in their research career and offers his top tips in identifying a good research question. His blog has been published as part of the NIHR's Your Path in Research campaign.

Find out more [here](#)

## Resources

### **Guidance on whether an intervention is ready for HTA evaluation**

Given that national pragmatic HTA trials typically cost over £1m of public funds, the HTA programme needs to be convinced that an intervention is ready for HTA evaluation.

The HTA have written a document outlining issues that may determine this judgement in relation to intervention studies.

Generally, an intervention is ready for HTA evaluation if:

- There is a reasonable chance that it will be effective
- It has already been tested in a typical NHS or social care setting
- There is a reasonable chance it will be used across the NHS if shown to be effective

This article explains what is meant by each of the above points, covering such things as the need for a systematic review.

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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