

Dear all

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Latest funding calls and other opportunities

NIHR Research Professorships Award 2019

Details: The NIHR Research Professorship is the flagship award for the NIHR. The aim of the Research Professorship Award is to fund leaders in the early part of their careers to lead research for a fixed five year period, promote effective translation of research and to strengthen research leadership at the highest academic levels. NIHR Research Professorships are based in England only, up to five awards per round.

Deadline for proposals: 20th November 2019

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Global Health Research Professorships Award 2019

Details: The NIHR Research Professorship is the flagship award for the NIHR. The scheme aims to fund research leaders of the future to promote effective translation of research for the primary and direct benefit of people in low and middle-income countries eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding. NIHR Global Health Research Professorships - based in all 4 UK nations, up to two awards per round.

Deadline for proposals: 20th November 2019

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Global Health Policy and Systems Research Commissioned Awards 2019

Details: The NIHR Global HPSR programme supports research which aims to improve whole health systems and health services in ODA-eligible countries on the DAC list through development of equitable partnerships between LMIC and UK researchers, who together will engage stakeholders to identify and address priorities for research in health policy and health systems and develop plans for capacity strengthening and knowledge sharing.



Applications are invited that address the following priorities for research and capacity strengthening within health systems in ODA-eligible countries:

- Integrating health services
- Quality of care
- Health workforce management and planning
- Improved data quality and use
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Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 11th 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 blog: Why innovation is key to improving peer review quality

The NIHR Research on Research (RoR) team as we are currently exploring ways to enhance peer review in research funding. Everybody wants an efficient and stable system that supports researchers and funders, but we need these solutions grounded in evidence. This is where RoR's work adds value. Understanding current practices and alternatives to peer review, as well as identifying contexts in which alternative approaches are effective, will inform subsequent research into how funders like the NIHR can enhance their own processes.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: Test, learn, adapt - great ideas meet messy realities

There is a tension in applied health research. Randomised trials are a great way to test new services, treatments and policies, but are typically done in modest and fairly well-controlled environments. By contrast, the royal road to impact is to intervene 'at scale', delivering a policy or treatment at a regional or national level – but where randomisation and control may be difficult, if not impossible.

This blog looks at how researchers and policy-makers can learn from the [DIPLOMA](#) team's experience of (not doing) embedded trials.

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 th September 2019	Bristol registration form rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk 01392 726724
Manchester	8 th October 2019	Manchester registration form rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk 01524 593209
London	14 th October 2019	London registration form info@rdslondon.co.uk 020 7848 6782
York	17 th October 2019	York registration form rds-yh@sheffield.ac.uk 0114 222 0828
Birmingham	22 nd October 2019	Birmingham registration form (places are limited please register soon) rds@contacts.bham.ac.uk 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

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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