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Latest RDS blog: Continuing to support researchers in these uncertain times



COVID-19 is having an impact on all areas of life across the world. As with many organisations, we have had to change the way we operate in order to accommodate these changing times. But the RDS is still there to support those developing applications for health and social care, and our blog this month talks about the ways in which we have adapted our practises so that we can continue helping researchers at a time where the need for research has never been more apparent.

Read the blog [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding opportunities

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme – Commissioned call into bladder outlet obstruction

Details: The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services.

The HTA Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to this commissioned workstream for the following primary research topic:

- **20/18 Minimally invasive operative interventions for bladder outlet obstruction due to benign prostatic hyperplasia**

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 28th July 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Public Health Research Programme – Researcher-led workstream

Details: The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

Many of the currently advertised PHR Programme funding opportunities may be impacted by and can be related to the COVID-19 situation. For research proposals focused primarily on COVID-19 interventions please apply via the NIHR COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research process.

The Public Health Research Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 28th July 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research – Researcher-led workstream

Details: The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme aims to produce rigorous and relevant evidence to improve the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services.

The HS&DR Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 10th September 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Fellowships

Details: The NIHR Fellowship Programme support individuals on their trajectory to becoming future leaders in NIHR research. The fellowships have been designed to support individuals at various points of their development in becoming leading researchers, from initial pre-doctoral training to senior post-doctoral research.

The following fellowships are open for application:

- **Doctoral Fellowship Round 4**
 - **Deadline: 1pm on 13th August 2020**
- **Advanced Fellowship Round 4**
 - **Deadline 1pm on 29th July 2020**
- **NIHR-Wellcome International Training Fellowships**
 - **Deadline: 5pm on 7th May 2020**
- **NIHR-Wellcome International Intermediate Fellowships**
 - **Deadline: 5pm on 7th May 2020**

ARC Wessex PhD Scholarships Programme 2020

Details: The Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Wessex doctoral scholarship will provide funds for health and care professionals, as well as individuals involved in applied health research who are not registered health professionals, towards salary costs, PhD fees and an allowance for consumables costs. The PhD scholarships are offered by open competition, for projects that have a clear relevance to the ARC Wessex research priorities: Ageing and dementia; Healthy communities; Long term conditions; Workforce and health systems.

ARC Wessex PhD Scholarships are available to the Universities of Portsmouth, Southampton, Winchester and Bournemouth. Applications should be made through the supervisor.

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on 30th April 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/>

Funding calls from other bodies

ESRC: Research and Innovation ideas to address COVID-19

Details: ESRC intends to fund new research projects as part of the UK Research and Innovation response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Proposals are invited for short to medium-term economic and social research activity aimed at addressing and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Proposals can be received under this call at any time and will be assessed on a rolling basis.

Deadline for proposals: N/A

Find out more [here](#)

News

NIHR launches new Centre for Engagement and Dissemination

The NIHR has launched a new Centre for Engagement and Dissemination that brings together its activities in patient and public involvement, engagement and participation with its strengths in research dissemination.

Building on the work of the NIHR Dissemination Centre and NIHR INVOLVE, the new Centre will lead NIHR's work to make health and care research representative, relevant and ready for use.

The NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination will further enhance the strong collaborative culture already established in engaging with patients, service users, carers and the public across the NIHR, providing coordination and thought leadership across the health and care system.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

Until further notice, the NIHR Clinical Research Network is pausing the site set up of any new or ongoing studies at NHS and social care sites that are not nationally prioritised COVID-19 studies. This will enable our research workforce to focus on delivering the nationally prioritised COVID-19 studies or enabling redeployment to frontline care where necessary. These studies are enabling the clinical and epidemiological evidence to be gathered to inform national policy and will enable new treatments, diagnostics and vaccines to be developed and tested. The complete focus of the NIHR Clinical Research Network will be on delivering these highest priority COVID-19 studies.

If you do need to get in touch with us please use the following email:

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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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