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Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 funding calls and resources



Our friends at RDS London have put together a really useful webpage, which is updated frequently with the latest funding calls and resources for researchers looking at COVID-19.

Visit the website [here](#).

RDS WM post award support-we are here to help

If you are conducting a research project for which you received funding from an open, national, peer-reviewed funding scheme and are currently experiencing problems - e.g. due to COVID 19 and the impact lockdown has had on many studies - the RDS can assist you with problems you may be having relating to issues of research design. We can provide assistance whether or not you had RDS support when submitting your study for funding. Do feel free to contact us, either to your local hub or by sending a general support request via our [website](#)

Please note, however, that if you need advice that is *not* to do with research design – e.g. relating to research governance, funding, and logistical issues – this is probably best sought elsewhere, e.g. a Research and Development Department in your organization or the [NIHR Clinical Research Network \(CRN\)](#).

The poster features a top banner with a photograph of three people smiling. The NIHR logo and 'National Institute for Health Research' text are in the top right. The main text is on a dark blue background, with a list of topics on the left and a graphic of stylized human figures on the right.

REGISTRATION OPEN
Research for Social Care (RfSC) Roadshow
Online event

What is the NIHR Research for Social Care (RfSC) call? Is it for you? If so, how do you apply? What are the panel looking for? Join us on 7th October to find out.

Topics include:

- Introduction to Social Care Research
- Overview of RfSC scheme
- PPI and plain English
- What makes a good application?
- Preparing for an RfSC application
- Social care context and research approaches - information for health researchers and social care practitioners

Registration is open for the NIHR Research for Social Care (RfSC) Roadshow. For more information and to register, please visit the [EventBrite page](#)

Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme: Partial vs total nephrectomy for clinically localised renal cell carcinoma

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 Health Technology Assessment Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this primary research topic:

- **20/96 Partial vs total nephrectomy for clinically localised renal cell carcinoma**

Australian Collaborations welcome

The Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) will invest up to \$3 million AUD to cover the Australian component of the research projects selected for funding under this call. NHMRC will provide funding for the Australian-based CI in accordance with standard NHMRC funding agreement and the NHMRC-NIHR Collaborative Research Grant Scheme guidelines. The value of individual grants will be pro rata based on the number of successful applications. Refer to the NHMRC website for more information. UK-only applications are also welcome.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 2nd December 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

The Health Foundation: Strengthening Social Care Analytics

Details: This funding programme aims to address key challenges to help the social care sector respond to COVID-19 and its aftermath. This programme aims to fund exemplar projects that demonstrate how data analytics can be used to improve social care. Analysis is urgently needed to help us understand the problems people using care (and their carers) are facing due to COVID19, and the actions that need to be taken ahead of a possible resurgence in the virus.

Deadline for proposals: Midday on 2nd October 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Heart Research UK: Novel and Emerging Technologies Grants

Details: This unique grant gives researchers the opportunity to apply for funding to develop a novel and emerging technology or a new application of an existing technology. NET grants are research projects which focus on the development of new and innovative technologies to diagnose, treat and prevent heart disease and related conditions.

Research projects with the emphasis on (1) novel and emerging technologies and (2) their application into cardiovascular disease prevention and/or treatment, which can be expected to benefit patients within a foreseeable timeframe, will be considered. Appropriate approaches include tissue and bioengineering, the development and evaluation of new diagnostic devices, bio imaging, nanotechnology, biomaterials, genomic, and proteomic approaches, computational biology and bioinformatics.

Deadline for proposals: 1st October 2020

Find out more [here](#)

British Society for Children's Orthopaedic Surgery

Details: BSCOS is inviting clinically focused pilot or feasibility studies that ideally will answer research questions in line with the recently published research priorities. These grants are designed to enable investigators to gather the data needed to move the research to the next stage. Ideally, this is intended to be pump-prime funding and applicants are asked to outline how they will leverage the grant to obtain further funding from external funding bodies.

All applications must be hypothesis-driven. Applicants should clearly define the study as a feasibility or pilot study (as defined by NIHR) and demonstrate a clear pathway to the next phase of research beyond the end of BSCOS funding.

Deadline for proposals: 6th November 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Alzheimer's Research UK: Race Against Dementia Fellowship

Details: Race Against Dementia (RAD) Fellowships are designed to power outstanding early career scientists in their pursuit of innovative solutions to the big questions in dementia research.

Objectives of the scheme:

- To accelerate progress towards research breakthroughs through innovative and ambitious dementia research.
- To provide outstanding early career dementia researchers with a unique package of flexible funding and developmental opportunities to fast-track their progress towards becoming independent research scientists.
- To facilitate diverse secondments that foster interdisciplinary and inter-institutional interactions on a global scale.

Deadline for proposals: 20th January 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and articles

The Health Foundation: Public health priorities in a pandemic

Christina Marriott is the Chief Executive of the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) and a member of the Collaboration for Wellbeing and Health. In this Q&A with the Health

Foundation, Christina talks about her experience of working in the public health sphere, COVID-19, and her priorities for RSPH moving forward.

Find out more [here](#)

Resources

FutureLearn: NIHR and University of Leeds – What is Health Research

Learn about health research and explore opportunities to get involved. Have you ever wondered how doctors and nurses know what treatment or care to give?

It's only through health research that healthcare professionals find new and better ways of preventing, diagnosing and treating disease. Today's research is tomorrow's treatment.

On this course, you will learn how health research happens, why it matters and what to expect if you take part. You will also hear stories from people who have taken part in research; why they volunteered and the difference it made.

Find out more [here](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools: Evidence-Informed Decision Making

The NCCMT facilitates and supports the development of knowledge and capacity to use the best available evidence in public health practice. These online learning modules are designed to support you in your journey toward evidence-informed decision making (EIDM). Each module relates to one or more steps in the EIDM process.

Modules include:

- Introduction to Evidence-Informed Decision Making
- Quantitative Research Designs 101
- Searching for Research Evidence in Public Health
- Critical Appraisal of Systematic Reviews
- Critical Appraisal of Qualitative Studies

Find out more [here](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools: Evidence-Informed Public Health

Evidence-Informed Public Health is the process of distilling and disseminating the best available evidence from research, context and experience, and using that evidence to inform and improve public health practice and policy. This resource covers the steps in evidence-informed public health.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and events

NIHR Webinar: NIHR Global Research Professorships

What: Ahead of the fourth round of the NIHR Global Research Professorship opening on 24 September 2020, this webinar will give you an overview of the scheme including eligibility, the application process and what is included in the scope of funding.

The webinar will help you:

- gain an overview of the scheme

- understand specific details of the upcoming round
- learn what selection committee members look for in applications

When: 14:00 on 10th September 2020

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

As you may be aware, the NIHR CRN portfolio, which was paused since the start of the pandemic to allow full focus on COVID-19 research, has recently restarted. Support and advice is available from the CRN WM Study Support Service 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 note that prioritisation of support will be for nationally prioritised COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research studies.

For more information please contact: studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk.

Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/west-midlands/>

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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