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Coronavirus – NIHR and UKRI launch £20 million funding call for coronavirus research

Researchers are being invited to submit proposals for projects to tackle the novel coronavirus outbreak, in a £20 million 'rapid response' initiative funded jointly by the NIHR and UK Research and Innovation.



The following calls are currently open:

- [Coronavirus rapid response call - Active intervention development](#) (deadline 13 Feb 2020)
- [Coronavirus rapid response call - Diagnosing and understanding coronavirus](#) (deadline 27 Feb 2020)

Further details on both can be found below.

Find out more [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research - Competition 32

Details: Applications are invited for Stage 1 research proposals to develop individual programmes of research. Research funded through a Programme Grant typically consists of an interrelated group of high quality projects focused on a coherent theme and hence require multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics, statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that research objectives can be met. The amount awarded and the length of the funding period will depend on the nature of the proposed work, in particular whether or not the proposal includes a substantial powered trial.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 1st April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Health Services & Delivery Research Programme – Family Group Conferencing

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 Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream on the following topic:

- [20/10 Family Group Conferencing](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 7th May 2020

Find out more [here](#)

DoHSC Coronavirus rapid response call - Active intervention development

Details: The Department of Health and Social Care, through the NIHR, and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have jointly launched two rapid response research calls to tackle the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

The first call invites applications for UK-led academic, small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) and wider industry research that will develop interventions to address 2019-nCoV.

Short term (up to 18 month) proposals are sought that could make a significant contribution to the understanding, diagnosis, prevention and/or management of the 2019-nCoV outbreak.

The scope for this call encompasses:

- Vaccines, with prioritisation of those with potential for rapid clinical development
- Novel candidates
- Existing vaccines showing cross-reactivity to nCoV-2019
- Therapeutics, with prioritisation of those with potential for rapid clinical development:
- Re-purposing of existing therapeutics, e.g. proteases, helicases or entry inhibitors
- Development of mAbs or other biologics

Deadline for proposals: 12pm on 13th February 2020

Find out more [here](#)

DoHSC Coronavirus rapid response call - Diagnosing and understanding coronavirus

Details: The Department of Health and Social Care, through the NIHR, and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have jointly launched two rapid response research calls to tackle the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

The second call invites applications for UK-led academic, small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) and wider industry research that will develop diagnostics or address the epidemiology, spread, containment or underpinning knowledge of 2019-nCoV.

Short term (up to 18 month) proposals are sought that could make a significant contribution to the understanding, diagnosis, prevention and/or management of the 2019-nCoV outbreak.

The scope for this call encompasses:

- Diagnostics research
- Clinical research
- Epidemiological research
- Anthropology and wider social sciences research
- Underpinning research - development of novel technologies, platforms or systems to accelerate the R&D of diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics, and epidemiological studies
- Other research projects that would make a significant contribution to the understanding, diagnosis, prevention and/or management of the 2019-nCoV outbreak

Deadline for proposals: 12pm on 27th February 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

British Heart Foundation: Clinical Study Grants

Details: BHF Clinical Study Grants support:

- **Interventional clinical trials:** trials of specific interventions or pathways of care for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Interventions include drugs, surgery, devices, psychological, physical and educational interventions.
- **Observational studies:** these studies are for specific patient groups that are hypothesis led and address a defined clinical question(s) over a fixed timescale (up to 5 years). The population of interest should be a patient population, who will usually be recruited within the NHS. The study should have a predefined outcome(s) that will lead to changes in clinical management directly or will inform the development of a clinical trial to test an intervention.

Clinical studies can include a mechanistic evaluation, either as a substudy within a clinical trial or as part of an observational study. The Clinical Study Grant can also support pilot/feasibility studies and follow-on studies of interventional trials that cost less than £300,000 and are of shorter duration than 3 years.

Deadline for proposals: 29th July 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and articles

RDS blog: Using natural experiments to evaluate population health interventions

Our RDS blog this month tackles the approach of natural experiments to provide evidence for population health interventions and discussed the need to draw on a combination of methods to deliver results.



Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: Maximising NHS data for translational research

The NHS collects billions of data points from patients each year, but using this routinely collected data in health research is a challenge. Jamil Mayet, Amit Kaura, Ben Glampson and Dimitri Papadimitriou outline how the NIHR Health Informatics Collaborative is making such data available and the collaboration's first big research success in heart attacks.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: Paving the way in cancer research

Dr Pippa Corrie, NIHR Clinical Research Network National Specialty Lead, reflects on how patient involvement, a diverse portfolio, innovative precision medicine, and trainee research collaboratives have revolutionised changes in cancer research. Her blog marks World Cancer Day.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

NIHR: Pre-doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship webinar

What: Find out about the funding options now available through the Pre-doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship (PCAF) scheme in a one-hour webinar. Professor Jon Marsden, Chair of the PCAF Selection Committee, will host the webinar and provide advice to prospective applicants on developing a competitive application.

When: 17:00-18:00 on 13 February 2020

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR: Effectively managing Intellectual Property as part of your research

What: Following on from a successful NIHR Academy Members' Conference in 2019, which focused on entrepreneurship and industry collaboration, this webinar seeks to address one area in which many delegates and researchers requested further information on – Intellectual Property (IP).

The webinar will provide an introduction to IP and help NIHR funded researchers understand how they should approach their engagements with industry. This may include:

- Applying for funding with industry as a collaborator (e.g. medtech deployment)
- Applying for funding where industry are providing 'in kind' support (e.g. drug re-purposing)
- Licensing NIHR funded IP to industry for commercial use.
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When: 12:15-13:15 on 26 February 2020

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

The King's Fund: Scaling innovation: learning from asset-based approaches in social care

What: Innovative models of practice in social care are at the forefront of developing personalised, asset-based care, delivering services based on the strengths and assets of an individual and their community. As these approaches have been replicated in other areas, they have highlighted valuable lessons in how best to deliver at scale in the health and care system, without losing the core values and strengths of an innovative service.

This free online event will explore the experiences of people who access care and support providers and commissioners of social care in developing and scaling innovation. The event will highlight examples of good practice, and you will have the opportunity to discuss the implications of the shared experience with the panel.

When: 13:00-14:00 on 2 March 2020

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

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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