

Dear all

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### Top tip! Brush up on the ins and outs of intellectual property



Following on from a successful NIHR Academy Members' Conference in 2019, which focused on entrepreneurship and industry collaboration, the NIHR will run a webinar addressing an 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.

**When: 12:15-13:15 on 26 February 2020**

**Where: Online**

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

### Latest funding opportunities

#### ESRC Research Methods Development Grants

**Details:** The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), a new organisation that brings together the UK's seven research councils, Innovate UK and Research England to maximise the contribution of each council and create the best environment for research and innovation to flourish.

The ESRC invites proposals for methods development grants to support the social science community to work collaboratively across sectors and disciplines to address common methodological challenges. Proposals must aim to achieve at least one of the following:

- Develop new methods
- Apply existing methods in a novel way
- Develop our understanding of a methodological challenge and scope the new research activity required to address it

Through this call ESRC expect to enable the exploratory and incremental steps needed to develop a methodological challenge or idea enabling a fuller methodological innovation proposal to be prepared where needed.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 19th March 2020

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

#### The Health Foundation: Common Ambition Programme

**Details:** The Health Foundation is the second largest endowed foundation in the UK focusing on health. Their aim is a healthier population, supported by high quality health care

that can be equitably accessed.

The Common Ambition award is a programme for partnerships developing collaborative communities where people, families, health care professionals and researchers work together to improve health care. The Common Ambition programme will support up to five ambitious teams across the UK to work towards a shared aim: to build sustainable change across health care through collaboration between those who use services and those who deliver them.

**Deadline for proposals:** 20th March 2020

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

### **Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation: Non-Clinical Fellowship**

**Details:** The Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation (DRWF) funds diabetes research in the UK and around the world in order to understand the causes, prevention, treatment and management of the disease. The ultimate goal is to find a cure.

DRWF Research Fellowships are given for research related to causes, cures or complications of diabetes. Pre-applications are invited from post-doctoral researchers working or intending to work in the field of diabetes. DRWF Non-Clinical Research Fellowships cover a period of up to 3 years, in a recognised institution or department within the United Kingdom. Support for the 2020 Fellowship is a maximum of £65,000 per year, to include a salary, consumables and some support costs.

**Deadline for proposals:** 5pm on 13th March 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/>

### **Blogs and articles**

#### **NIHR blog: Getting the right balance - organising a conference during an NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship**

Dr Barny Hole, kidney doctor and NIHR Academy member, recently ran a small conference during his NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship. He shares how it has helped him to further his research and career aims.

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

#### **NIHR blog: Testing the UK Standards for Public Involvement**

The UK Standards for Public Involvement aim to help researchers and organisations climb to lofty heights in patient and public involvement and engagement in research. Bella Starling

outlines her experience in testing the draft standards - how the standards informed practice in Manchester, and how practice in Manchester informed the standards.

Find out more [here](#)

## Resources

### Video resources: Evidence to support their research proposal

Our friends in RDS Yorkshire and the Humber have produced a set of videos which advise researchers on how to engage in a relatively short literature search (i.e. not systematic review search) for published and grey literature in (1) academic databases, (2) ongoing research databases and (3) other websites such as funder and priority-setting webpages.

Four videos are available:

- [Is your research question novel?](#)
- [Identifying gaps in current research](#)
- [Checking ongoing and published research](#)
- [Research recommendations](#)

All four videos are available on the [RDSYH YouTube channel](#)

## 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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