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Latest NIHR funding opportunities

NIHR Policy Research Programme: Qualitative Research on Women's Experiences of Urogynaecological Health Services

Details: The NIHR funds policy research to enable evidence informed policy making in health and social care.

The Policy Research Programme (PRP) is inviting proposals for a single research project to explore women's experiences of urogynaecological health services in primary and secondary care. This topic is of significant interest to policy makers and so offers an important opportunity to inform policy choices and decisions in a highly sensitive area.

The research will use a qualitative design to gather a wide range of experiences and reflections from women regarding their interactions with urogynaecological health services and experiences following a diagnosis and treatment/intervention. The research provides a vital opportunity to meaningfully contribute to a limited pre-existing evidence base and potentially shape future policy.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 12th May 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 opportunities from other bodies

British Scoliosis Research Foundation – Research grants

Details: The British Scoliosis Research Foundation (BSRF) promotes research into the treatment of scoliosis in the UK. Each year the BSRF funds a great deal of research into scoliosis and periodically holds an international symposium to spread the knowledge gained from research.

BSRF Research Grants are open to appropriately qualified professionals such as scientists, clinicians, and allied health professionals (nurses, psychologists or physiotherapists). All applications will be considered, however, applicants are advised to submit their proposal under one of the following three headings: • Small exploratory grant • New investigation grant • Major research grant

Deadline for proposals: 1st August 2020

Find out more [here](#)

EPSRC Call for Participants in a three-day Sandpit focused on Digital Technologies for Health and Care

Details: UKRI are pleased to invite participants to apply to attend a sandpit on digital technologies for improved self-monitoring and health management. Successful projects from the sandpit should either have a new approach to self-monitoring of conditions (especially conditions which are harder to manage and where there are fewer tools available for interventions) or that seek to identify novel digital technologies that will ultimately enable the public to better manage their health in their own homes and in the community.

The concept of the sandpit is an interactive workshop on a topic, involving 25-30 participants. The sandpit will run over three days starting mid-morning on Tuesday 30 June 2020 and finishing mid-afternoon on Thursday 02 July 2020.

It is expected that up to £1.2 million of UKRI funding will be made available to fund research projects arising from this sandpit. Each project funded is expected to be in the region of £400,000.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 4th May 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Children's Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF) Research Grants 2020

Details: Children's Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF) are funding research grants (maximum £10,000) with an overall aim of encouraging research in liver disease in children and young people.

We aim to support preliminary research that may contribute to a subsequent larger research grant proposal at a later stage. There are no restrictions on the scope of projects, which may focus on gaining insights into the causes of liver disease or improving diagnosis, management and longer-term outcomes, this can include basic, translational, laboratory, clinical or a social science focus. This grant round is also open for applications from PhD students to cover project consumables costs.

Deadline for proposals: Monday 1st June 2020 at 9am

Find out more [here](#)

News

Five years of Join Dementia Research

This week Join Dementia Research celebrated its fifth birthday. Monday 24 February 2020 marked five years since the service was rolled out across the UK. Five years since it launched across the UK, Join Dementia Research has made it easier than ever for people to take part in research. This article focuses on five key achievements of Join Dementia Research so far.

Find out more [here](#)

Training bursaries available from the NCRM

From 16th March until Friday 20th March 2020 the National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) will be offering bursaries to enable researchers in the UK social science community to update their research skills. The bursaries cover NCRM course fees; the scheme is open to all disciplines and industries. (A second window for applications will be open from 7th to 11th September.)

Find out more [here](#)

James Lind Alliance: Identifying research priorities

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings patients, carers and clinicians together in Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to identify and prioritise the top unanswered questions or evidence uncertainties about the effects of treatments. The aim of this is to make sure that health research funders are aware of the issues that matter most to patients and clinicians. The James Lind Alliance have published the current top ten priorities for future research, agreed by patients, carers and health professionals working with Priority Setting Partnerships.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

NHS R&D Forum: AcoRD Masterclass

What: Using materials agreed with the members of the DHSC non-commercial costing group this new important 1-day course will take an in-depth look at the AcoRD guidance and attribution in practice.

- Understand and apply AcoRD guidance correctly

- Understand the processes used for capturing all types of cost attribution including how these processes relate to external funding and other supported tools (e.g. Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Tool (SoECAT), the NIHR Annual Allocation, Specialist Commissioning etc)
- Appreciate attribution in the wider context including roles and responsibilities, NHS commissioning and the research management process.

When: 25th June 2020

Where: London

Cost: £330 +VAT

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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