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Latest RDS Blog – i4i Champions

- Of all the NIHR funding programmes, Invention for Innovation (i4i) is arguably the one hardest to give advice on, which is why NIHR have now trained RDS i4i Champions.

The latest RDS blog introduces the i4i Champion initiative, giving key messages to consider for applications.

Read the blog [here](#)



Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR themed call on Injuries, accidents and urgent and emergency care

Details: This call seeks applications for research into the prevention, management and treatment of accidents and injuries and other conditions needing urgent and emergency care. The call includes the organisation, staffing and delivery of urgent and emergency care services wherever delivered, at an incident, in the community, or in primary or secondary care settings.

Applicants may propose primary research or research using methods for evidence synthesis and investigate interventions for individual patients, delivery of services, health systems or for population groups.

The following NIHR programmes are accepting Stage 1 applications for this themed call:

- [19/159 Efficacy and Evaluation \(EME\) Programme](#)
 - **Deadline: 1pm on 20th August 2020**
- [19/162 Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) Programme](#)
 - **Deadline: 1pm on 2nd September 2020**
- [19/164 Public Health Research \(PHR\) Programme](#)
 - **Deadline: 1pm on 28th July 2020**
- [19/165 Health Services and Delivery Research \(HS&DR\) Programme](#)
 - **Deadline: 1pm on 10th September 2020**

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme – Researcher-led opportunities

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 the following:

- [19/160 – HTA Programme researcher-led primary research](#)
- [19/161 – HTA Programme researcher-led evidence synthesis](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 6th May 2020

NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award

Details: The Development and Skills Enhancement Award (DSE) provides a maximum of 1 year of funding for post-doctoral NIHR Academy Members to gain skills and experience for the next phase of their research career.

Applications from the following areas of strategic importance are particularly welcomed:

- health data science
- clinical trials
- entrepreneurship and working with industry

The Award provides a maximum of 1 year funding, which may be used on a part time basis of between 50% and 100% whole time equivalent. There is an expectation that host organisations will match the level of support provided by NIHR at a level of 50%.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 31st 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/>

Funding calls from other bodies

MRC: Applied Global Health Research

Details: The MRC Applied Global Health Research Board supports research that will be of direct and primary benefit to the health of vulnerable populations living in low and middle income countries (LMICs). Applied research is defined as research seeking practical solutions to health challenges from late stage intervention development onwards. This includes implementation research, scale-up activities, health services research, health economics, health policy research, and research with a predominantly applied focus that does not fit within the remit of other MRC Boards and Panels.

The Board remit has a broad focus and includes the MRC's existing global health priority areas such as environment and health, urban health, maternal and neonatal health, adolescent health, early childhood development, multimorbidity, and implementation research.

Three grant schemes are available through the Board:

- [Research grant](#)
- [Programme grant](#)
- [Partnership grant](#)

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 7th April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

CRUK Pioneer Award

Details: CRUK Pioneer Award funds innovative, higher risk ideas, from any discipline, that could revolutionise our understanding of cancer. CRUK welcome early-stage ideas from any discipline, from basic science to technology development – including, but not limited to:

- **Molecular and cellular biology**
- **Optimising treatments and diagnostics**
- **Device and software development**
- **Behavioural and population studies**

Deadline for proposals: 16th April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

News

NIHR welcomes AMS report calling for NHS research to be protected and enhanced

Proposals to protect and strengthen research have been made by the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS), in a report produced with input from NHS leaders, clinicians and patient representatives.

The report – “Transforming health through innovation: integrating the NHS and academia” – recognises that, owing to significant pressure on the NHS, many clinicians are finding it difficult to find time for research. It calls for actions including a pilot of giving consultants in ten UK hospitals protected time for research, and work to more closely integrate research, academia, healthcare delivery and funding.

The report is available to download [here](#)

Resources

New eLearning modules from HRA about Research Tissue Banks

The Health Research Authority have produced two new eLearning modules about Research Tissue Banks (RTB). The modules, developed in partnership with the Human Tissue Authority, aim to help the research community and Research Ethics Committee (REC) members understand the legal, ethical and regulatory aspects of RTBs.

Find out more [here](#)

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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