

Dear all

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Latest NIHR funding calls

Leading an EME-funded clinical efficacy study as part of an NIHR Advanced Fellowship

Details: Two NIHR funding programmes are joining forces as part of a pilot to provide health researchers the opportunity to undertake a career development award alongside leading an NIHR programme funded clinical study.

For the first time, the [Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation](#) (EME) programme is inviting applications for clinical studies to be led by a chief investigator who is also applying for an [NIHR Advanced Fellowship Award](#). Researchers from across all areas of health are encouraged to apply. The study proposal should evaluate an intervention or medical test with the potential to maintain health, treat disease or improve recovery.

The EME Programme is accepting applications for the following opportunity:

- [20/04 Building clinical trials experience: Applications to lead an EME-funded clinical efficacy study as part of an NIHR Advanced Fellowship](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 16th April 2020

An NIHR article introducing the Fellowship is [available online](#).

Information on how to apply can be found [here](#)

NIHR HS&DR Programme – Researcher-led workstream

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 HS&DR Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to the following researcher-led workstream:

- [20/02 - Health Services and Delivery Research Programme Researcher-led \(standard\)](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 23rd April 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/>

News

NIHR joins colleagues to improve UK research culture

Results of a survey of over 4,000 researchers, published by Wellcome Trust, have revealed high levels of stress and insecurity with many researchers experiencing long hours and aggressive working conditions. The survey was published as part of their initiative to reimagine research and improve the culture for all.

The next steps of Wellcome's Research Culture work include a series of town hall meetings at universities across the UK to discuss the issues raised in the survey and will culminate in a 'Reimagine Research' summit in London in March.

Find out more [here](#)

HTA Director's Message – Spending wisely

In his January 2020 update, Director of the NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme Hywel Williams talks about spending wisely.

Find out more [here](#)

Patient and Public Involvement

New UK Standards for Public Involvement in research

The NIHR has released new UK Standards for Public Involvement, designed to improve the quality and consistency of public involvement in research. The standards are for everyone doing health or social care research and have been tested by over 40 individuals, groups and organisations during a year-long pilot programme. They provide guidance and reassurance for users working towards achieving their own best practice.

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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