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International Year of the Nurse and Midwife 2020



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2020 sees the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. The World Health Organization has dedicated 2020 to nurses and midwives, providing a "once in a generation opportunity" to showcase the professions. Nurses and midwives make up the largest group of health care professionals and have an important contribution to make to research delivery. In 2019 the NIHR launched the 70@70 senior nurse and midwife research leader programme (funded by DHSC), which is geared toward strengthening the research voice and influence of nurses and midwives in health and social care settings.

Read more [here](#).

Latest funding calls

Wellcome Trust: Snakebite Grants – Discovering and Developing New Treatments

Details: This funding supports researchers working on innovative approaches to discover and develop next generation treatments for snakebite.

You must have a proposal that:

- considers the complexity and variety of snake venoms
- addresses efficacy, safety and developability
- leads to a consistent and low-cost product or treatment

The level of funding you can apply for ranges from £500,000 to £3 million. The duration of an award is flexible but is typically 2 to 3 years with a maximum of 5 years.

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on 15th March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Wellcome Trust: Doctoral Studentships

Details: This scheme enables researchers to undertake humanities or social science doctoral degrees in any area of health. You can apply for a Doctoral Studentship if you want to complete a 3 year PhD in any humanities or social science area on a topic related to health.

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on 16th March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

BBSRC and MRC: ERA-HDHL Call for Joint Transnational Research Proposals

Details: BBSRC and MRC are supporting UK participation in the JPI HDHL Joint Action on Development of targeted nutrition for prevention of undernutrition for older adults (PREVNUT) and encourage their research communities to apply for funding as part of transnational consortia. The aim of this call is to support transnational, collaborative research

projects that address important research questions regarding the prevention of undernutrition in European older citizens through the consumption of appropriate nutritious food. This will develop a better understanding of the balance between nutrition and lifestyle; contribute to new recommendations and the development of innovative food products to prevent undernutrition in the older population, leading to European citizens having a better life in later life.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 7th April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Versus Arthritis: Foundation Fellowships

Details: Foundation fellowships aim to retain the best postdoctoral researchers in areas of research relevant to arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases and provide an opportunity for fellows to develop independent research ideas at an early stage in their career. Foundation fellowships are open to basic science and other non-medical (including nurses, allied health professionals and veterinary surgeons) PhD students in the final year of PhD training, or within one year of completing their PhD at the time of application.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 16th April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Versus Arthritis: Medical Technologies PoC Funding Call

Details: Funding is intended to develop or evaluate innovative technologies that help support individuals suffering with musculoskeletal conditions; in particular projects that develop the following: • Medical devices • Orthotics • Implantable therapeutic delivery • Imaging

Deadline for proposals: 25th March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales Trust: Research grants

Details: Research grants are available from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales Trust. The specific focus of the 2020 call is on “Enhancing patient safety through patient and/or carer involvement”. Applicants are encouraged to identify an appropriate research methodology to address their research question.

Deadline for proposals: 16th 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/>

News

Report shows £4.8bn was invested in UK health research projects in 2018

The NIHR is pleased to announce the publication of the UK Health Research Analysis 2018, which provides a comprehensive view of the current levels of health-related research funding in the UK. It reveals that, overall, £4.8 billion was contributed to health research in 2018.

Authored by the Medical Research Council with contribution from the NIHR and 11 other public and charitable funders, the report collates data from 146 charity, professional and public sector organisations and over 22,500 individual research projects.

Find out more [here](#)

£58.7 million funding boost for research to protect the health of the nation

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has announced a £58.7 million research investment to protect the public from health threats such as antimicrobial resistance, air pollution and infectious diseases.

The latest round of funding into the current Health Protection Research Units (HPRUs) scheme includes a new unit specialising in genomics and enabling data. Other topics that the units will specialise in include environmental change and health, hospital-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance, blood borne and sexually transmitted infections, and chemical and radiation threats and hazards.

Find out more [here](#)

Resources

NCRM: Participatory data gathering with Ketso

This online resource looks at when and how in the research process participatory data gathering can be used, and explores key issues to consider when designing your research. Participatory data gathering can be a mutual learning experience, increasing the value to participants, as well as generating rich data. As well as core principles, the video introduces Ketso, a hands-on and visual toolkit, which makes participatory data gathering easier.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

NIHR: Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award - WebEx online events

What: The NIHR Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award supports solutions addressing the strategic aims of the NHS Long Term Plan across the whole development pathway, from initial feasibility to clinical implementation.

A series of WebEx events are happening in February for applicants to address queries about the AI Award and application process:

- Tuesday 4 February, 11am-12pm
- Tuesday 11 February, 11am-12pm
- Tuesday 18 February, 11am-12pm
- Tuesday 25 February, 11am-12pm

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

NHS R&D Forum: Research but not as we know it: Managing novel methods in research

What: This Symposium will explore all the latest in innovative research designs and some of the practical implications of management and sponsorship. It will look at the challenges, benefits and experiences of running novel study designs in health and care, and will also consider how we can best respond as a community from the research leadership, management, delivery and impact perspectives.

When: 2nd March 2020

Where: London

Cost: £175 +VAT

Find out more [here](#)

NHS R&D Forum: Local Capacity and Capability for Research

What: A one-day course designed to provide an understanding of the requirements of an NHS organisation when determining whether to take part in a particular research study as a host. It explains the principles of good study set up, the information required by the R&D office and where it can be obtained. It introduces delegates to the various systems and documents associated with research and also provides some guidance on developing relationships with key support departments and stakeholders within an NHS organisation.

When: 20th March 2020

Where: London

Cost: £330 +VAT

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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