

Dear all

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## RDS WM post award support-we are here to help

If you are conducting a research project for which you received funding from an open, national, peer-reviewed funding scheme and are currently experiencing problems - e.g. due to COVID 19 and the impact lockdown has had on many studies - the RDS can assist you with problems you may be having relating to issues of research design. We can provide assistance whether or not you had RDS support when submitting your study for funding. Do feel free to contact us, either to your local hub or by sending a general support request via our [website](#)

Please note, however, that if you need advice that is *not* to do with research design – e.g. relating to research governance, funding, and logistical issues – this is probably best sought elsewhere, e.g. a Research and Development Department in your organization or the [NIHR Clinical Research Network](#) (CRN).

## Latest NIHR funding calls

### Application Development Award – Image and Performance Enhancing Drugs

**Details:** The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme are accepting new Stage 2 applications to the following funding opportunity. This is a 'Straight to Stage 2' process and Stage 1 applications are not required:

- 20/69 Application Development Award – Image and Performance Enhancing Drugs (IPEDs)

The PHR Programme has recognised that the evidence base for IPEDs use is at varied stages. The aim of this scheme is to provide funding for underpinning development work that will add to the current knowledge base, and will ultimately support and inform applications to the IPEDs intervention effectiveness commissioned call that will launch in the spring of 2021.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 11th September 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

### The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund: Project Grants

**Details:** The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund awards grants for research on aspects of leukaemia and for relevant studies on related haematological malignancies. Applications are sought for first class research on innovative proposals and are particularly welcomed from those with applications close to the care of leukaemia patients or the prevention of leukaemia or related diseases.

Grants will be awarded for research on aspects of leukaemia and for relevant studies on related haematological malignancies. Requests for support for basic science programmes may be considered. Clinical trials will not be supported. Proposals which are closely related to the prevention, diagnosis, or therapy of leukaemia and related diseases are particularly encouraged.

**Deadline for proposals:** 27th August 2020

Find out more [here](#)

### The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund: Fellowships

**Details:** The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund awards grants for research on aspects of leukaemia and for relevant studies on related haematological malignancies. The KKLFF Fellowship Programme offers support for highly-motivated first-class clinicians and scientists who wish to pursue a career in haematological research into leukaemia and associated malignancies. The Fellowships are designated according to the level of research experience already obtained.

The following fellowships are available:

- **Intermediate Research Fellowships:** The Fellowship will support the salary of the Fellow; applicants may also include a salary for technical support in their application and this will be considered on an individual basis. A significant proportion of an Intermediate Fellowship (up to 3 years) may be spent in an appropriate institution outside the UK where this can be clearly demonstrated to be of significant benefit. In such cases applications can include a family allowance cost element in their application if appropriate.

**Deadline for applications:** 27th August 2020

- **Junior Research Fellowships:** The objective of the Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund Junior Research Fellowship programme is to support outstanding individuals wishing to pursue research into haematological malignancies. There will be up to 3 such Junior Fellowships awarded annually, generally at least one from each of the following categories: (a) Scientific Fellow; (b) Clinical Research Fellow

**Deadline for applications:** 22nd October 2020

Find out more [here](#)

### Healthcare Infection Society: Research Grants

**Details:** The Healthcare Infection Society aims to advance knowledge, foster scientific interest and disseminate information about the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections. They have over 1,000 members who are experts in the prevention and control of HCAs, who are drawn largely from the medical profession and are predominantly consultant microbiologists and doctors enrolled on an infection specialty training programme. Nurses, clinical scientists, research scientists and others with a demonstrable professional interest in HCAs are also a vital part of the membership network.

The following research grant opportunities are available:

- **Major Research Grant:** These support work on the subject of healthcare-associated infections and infection prevention and control. This grant would be suitable to support a PhD studentship, MD or other research worker and related consumables/equipment, with a preference towards translational research rather than pure science topics.
- **Small Research Grants:** Small research grants are intended to support small-scale research projects, or possibly the costs associated with the visit of an overseas research fellow, up to £10,000 for a project of 12 months duration.

**Deadline for proposals:** 11:59pm on 1st September 2020

### **Motor Neurone Disease Association - Fellowships**

**Details:** The MND Association has over 30 years of experience identifying and funding the most promising MND research. The MND Association fund research that can be categorised into the following themes: (a) identifying therapeutic targets; (b) developing treatment pipeline; (c) understanding clinical progression; (d) improving standards of care.

The following fellowships are currently open for application:

- Clinical research training fellowships

**Deadline: 2nd September 2020**

- Clinical Scientist fellowships:

**Deadline 2nd September 2020**

- Senior clinical fellowships:

**Deadline 21st April 2021**

Find out more [here](#)

### **Nuffield Foundation – Research, Development and Analysis Fund**

**Details:** The Nuffield Foundation is an independent charitable trust with a mission to advance educational opportunity and social well-being. They fund research that informs social policy, primarily in Education, Welfare and Justice. One of the Nuffield Foundation's goals is to improve people's lives through understanding how their welfare – their health, happiness and economic prosperity – is affected by different social and economic factors.

The Research, Development and Analysis fund is for projects to inform the design and operation of social policy and practice across our three core domains of Education, Welfare and Justice.

**Deadline for proposals:** 14th September 2020

Find out more [here](#)

### **Cancer Research UK: Postdoctoral Research Bursary for Clinical Trainees**

**Details:** The Postdoctoral Research Bursary for Clinical Trainees offers funding for clinical trainees to undertake a research project after completion of a PhD. Applications are

considered from any area of the CRUK funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

**Deadline for proposals:** 17th September 2020

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

### **Orthopaedic Research UK: Joint Research Fellowship**

**Details:** Orthopaedic Research UK is a charitable organisation funding high quality research and education into musculoskeletal science.

The Research Fellowship was created to fund outstanding early-career researchers to support them to become future research leaders in musculoskeletal research. The scheme's objectives are to:

- Support the best early-career researchers in establishing their independence and international reputation
- Provide long-term support enabling the pursuit of an ambitious programme of musculoskeletal research and impact
- Develop ambassadors for both Orthopaedic Research UK and the RAEng and advocates for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) disciplines

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 21st September 2020

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

### **Myeloma UK: Geographic Inequalities in Myeloma**

**Details:** Myeloma UK is inviting applications to answer questions about geographic inequalities in myeloma. The research project will provide evidence and increase understanding of the services myeloma patients and their family members have access to across the UK and how this impacts patient outcomes.

The objectives of this research call are to:

- Understand what services myeloma patients and their families have access to at the local and regional levels across the UK.
- Understand how local service access impacts myeloma patient outcomes including patient quality of life.

**Deadline for proposals:** 3pm on 24th September 2020

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

## **News**

### **Research network to improve mental health care**

The UK's Mental Health Priority Network aims to drive national collaborations and changes in mental health practice. It will involve service users, local communities, health and care providers, commissioners and a wide range of regional and national stakeholders to deliver evidence-based service change. Projects will work to improve mental health across the life course by catalysing and evaluating high impact interventions at key stages in regional and national services.

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

## Blogs

### **NIHR blog: Seeing through the rain – How research is adapting during the pandemic**

Dr Rakesh Modi, a GP and researcher on a landmark NIHR-funded trial investigating screening to detect an undiagnosed heart condition responsible for one-in-ten strokes, writes on how the study has launched an additional feasibility study to test the ability to deliver their intervention remotely following the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

## Training

### **Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands**

As you may be aware, the NIHR CRN portfolio, which was paused since the start of the pandemic to allow full focus on COVID-19 research, has recently restarted. Support and advice is available from the CRN WM Study Support Service 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 note that prioritisation of support will be for nationally prioritised COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research studies.

**For more information please contact: [studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk).**

**Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/west-midlands/>**

### **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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