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Social care research: where do things stand regarding robust research methodologies that can be used to build an evidence-base for effective social care practice? The RDS blog this month asks do we need to have a heated debate?

Read the blog [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding opportunities

HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Lectureship Round 6

Details: The Clinical Lectureship supports those in the early stages of their post-doctoral career who wish to establish themselves as independent clinical academic researchers. ICA Clinical Lecturers can spend up to 60% of their time on academic work. The ICA Clinical Lectureships support health and social care professionals who are not doctors or dentists. A full list of ICA eligible professions is available. The fellowship funds: • up to 60% of total salary • the costs of the approved research project • the cost of a personal training and development programme

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 22nd April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship

Details: The Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship funds health and social care professionals to undertake a PhD and professional development in parallel, alongside continued clinical practice. CDRFs support health and social care professionals who are not doctors or dentists. A full list of ICA eligible professions is available.

The fellowship funds:

- PhD tuition fees
- salary costs
- the costs of a research project
- tailored training programmes

Applicants are required to propose a clinical and academic host, and a contract of employment with one of these for the hours and duration of the fellowship. Awardees are required to spend approximately 20% of their fellowship hours undertaking clinical/professional practice and development.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 22nd April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

IAT Clinical Lectureships in Medicine 2020

Details: The NIHR has allocated funding for 100 Clinical Lectureships (CLs) for recruitment in 2020/21, part of the Integrated Academic Training (IAT) Programme. NIHR CLs provide opportunities for postdoctoral research and facilitate applications for further research funding for fully qualified GPs and doctors in specialty training.

NIHR CLs fund:

- Specialist/Specialty Registrar (SpR/StR) doctors in higher specialty training (ST3+ entry) that have completed a relevant higher research degree (PhD or MD)
- GPs that have completed their clinical training and a relevant higher research degree (PhD or MD)
- up to 4 years salary, with a £1,000 per annum bursary for conferences
- 50% protected academic time

The 2020 CLs are available from 2 March 2020, with award starting dates between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021.

Deadline for proposals: 30th June 2021

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 Career Development Award

Details: The CDA supports talented post-doctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator. A CDA provides funding for a challenging research programme, and an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

You can apply across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 22nd April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

MRC Senior Non-Clinical Fellowship

Details: The SNCF supports researchers with a track record of effectively leading their own independent research to make the transition to research leadership and become an internationally recognised leader in their field. An SNCF provides funding for a challenging research programme, and an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research. Please refer to our current research strategy for more information.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 22nd April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Wellcome Trust Hub Award

Details: The Hub Award brings researchers and creative professionals together at Wellcome Collection to work as a collaborative residency. The Hub Award is for up to £1 million and can last between one and two years. The award offers a specially designed, flexible space at Wellcome Collection, including quiet areas, meeting and seminar rooms, and access to a recording studio.

The award can be used for a range of activities and research costs, including:

- salaries for your group

- salaries for collaborators and administrative staff, such as project coordinators and extra researchers
- consultancy fees for resident artists, performers and musicians
- project expenses, such as equipment, materials, events and public engagement activities

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on 13th June 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Fight for Sight / Versus Arthritis PhD Studentship

Details: Abstract applications are now invited for a PhD Studentship co funded by Fight for Sight to address arthritis and visual impairment. This includes, but is not limited to Bechet's Syndrome, Giant cell arteritis, and Sjögren's syndrome. Any research relevant to inflammation and uveitis are also welcomed.

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on 12th March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

Diabetes UK PhD Studentship

Details: To enable experienced researchers to recruit outstanding science graduates to study for a PhD in the field of diabetes-related research. Applications are encouraged from those aspiring to join the next generation of talented researchers interested in continuing a career in diabetes research. Awards are made to projects that have clear relevance to the aims of our research strategy and provide training in diabetes research within a supportive environment.

Deadline for proposals: 31st August 2020

Find out more [here](#)

News

NIHR develops interactive learning package to support embedding research in the NHS

A new package of interactive learning resources is now available to support research delivery professionals in promoting research to colleagues across the NHS. These resources have been developed over the last two years, to support and inspire research delivery staff in their pledge to embed research in innovative ways across their organisation. The 'Engaging with your local NHS' package sits on NIHR Learn, the NIHR online Learning Management platform, used to deliver its accredited learning programmes.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

NIHR webinar for the themed call Injuries, accidents and urgent and emergency care

What: The NIHR's current themed call is "Injuries, accidents and urgent and emergency care". The call seeks applications for research into the prevention, management and treatment of accidents and injuries and other conditions needing urgent and emergency care.

The NIHR is holding a webinar for the themed call. Places are limited so please register as soon as possible. You can also submit any questions you may have in advance to our panel *. There will also be a Q&A session during the live webinar.

When: 10:00-11:00 on 20th March 2020

Where: Online

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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