

Dear all

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**Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 funding calls  
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**NIHR** | Research Design  
Service London

Our friends at RDS London have put together a really useful webpage, which is updated frequently with the latest funding calls and resources for researchers looking at COVID-19.

**Visit the website [here](#).**

## 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).

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for Health Research

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**YOUR NHS NEEDS YOU.  
HELP US FIND A  
VACCINE FOR COVID-19.**

Join the NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry today:  
[nhs.uk/researchcontact](https://nhs.uk/researchcontact)



### Volunteer to help find the vaccine for COVID-19

Join the national effort and sign up for the NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry. Be part of the fightback against the virus by volunteering to be contacted by researchers to take part in COVID-19 vaccine research. There are a number of vaccines being identified and safety-tested at the moment, but only large scale studies can give researchers the information needed about how effective they are. The NIHR is working with the NHS and aims to recruit half a million people onto the registry by October, which will allow people to be put in touch with the vaccine studies in the coming months. Researchers are looking for people from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK - including both people with or without existing health conditions - to take part in vaccine studies, to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone. The service is available to anyone aged 18 or over, living in the UK. There is no obligation to join in any study, if you are contacted. But by taking part, you could help researchers find vaccines to protect us all more quickly - which in turn could help the NHS and save lives.

**Sign up today** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/research/coronavirus-vaccine-research/>

## Latest funding opportunities

### Association of Breast Surgery: Research Development Grants

**Details:** In 2020 the ABS is making £20,000 available for Research Development Grants. There are a wide variety of possible types of project that will be considered for funding,

ranging from clinical research studies to trainee collaboratives, to work such as systematic reviews or pilot work designed to inform the development of larger studies. Projects seeking funding from the ABS are asked to submit applications for a grant of up to £10,000.

Applications should further the aims of the ABS and be of clear value to the NHS and take appropriate account of its priorities, needs and realities.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st November 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/>

### Latest fellowship opportunities

#### Cancer Research UK: Fellowships

**Details:** The following Fellowship opportunities are currently available:

- **Career Development Fellowship:** Supports new group leaders who do not have a salaried independent position to establish their own independent research group.
- **Clinician Scientist Fellowship:** Supports excellent individuals to develop a clinical academic research career through a period of postdoctoral training.
- **Senior Cancer Research Fellowship:** Supports group leaders to further develop their own research programme and build their reputation as a world-leader in their cancer research field.

**Deadline for proposals:** 3rd November 2020

#### Cancer Research UK: Career Establishment Award

**Details:** CRUK Career Establishment Awards support new group leaders who have a salaried independent position to establish their own independent research group.

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

Deadline for proposals: 3rd November 2020

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

#### Medical Research Foundation: Adolescent Dermatology Fellowship

**Details:** The aim of the Adolescent Dermatology Fellowship is to increase understanding of the disease mechanisms underpinning skin disorders of relevance to adolescents, and improve diagnosis, treatment and management of these diseases.

The Medical Research Foundation is inviting applications from clinicians who have the potential to be the research leaders of the future, to support research that will increase understanding of the disease mechanisms underlying adolescent skin disorders.

Researchers whose work may lead to better understanding of prevention, treatment or management of these disorders are welcome to apply.

The CRTF supports clinicians, including (but not limited to) medics, surgeons, dentists, clinical psychologists, public health specialty trainees, allied health professionals, nurses, midwives and veterinarians, to undertake a PhD or other higher research degree. The scheme also provides a route for post-doctoral applicants who achieved their PhD some time ago but who have not been research active since due to clinical training commitments to reacquire research skills.

**Deadline for proposals:** 7th January 2021

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

## News

### NIHR shares third monthly update on implementation of the Restart Framework

In May the NIHR published a Framework to support the restarting of research paused due to COVID-19. Developed in partnership with multiple stakeholders and the devolved nations, the framework provides a flexible structure for local decision-making. The goal is to restore a fully active portfolio of NIHR research while continuing to support important COVID-19 studies as part of the Government response to the pandemic.

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

## Training and events

### NIHR PHRADA workshop (for PHR commissioned calls)

**What:** A workshop to gain more information about the application process and how to put together a competitive application for the following NIHR Public Health Research commissioned calls:

- 20/46 Health impacts of housing led interventions for homeless people
- 20/48 Food insecurity – health impacts and mitigation

The workshop will be split into two parts, a morning session covering general information on how to apply, which anyone can attend. In the afternoon you can apply for an appointment to discuss your application with PHRADA advisors and with members of the PHR team.

To find out more about the event or the PHRADA service please contact Janine Bestall at [j.bestall@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:j.bestall@leeds.ac.uk) or Louise Hayes at [louise.hayes@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:louise.hayes@newcastle.ac.uk)

**When:** 09:30-16:00 on 28th September 2020

**Where:** Online

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

### 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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