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Latest funding calls

Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams – Local Authority interventions

Details: The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme are accepting expressions of interest from Local Authorities that have initiatives in need of research and evaluation. The PHR Programme has appointed four academic teams via the PHIRST scheme. The four teams are ready to work with local authorities to co-produce research on priority initiatives. The teams are fully funded to co-design and undertake robust research in partnership with local authorities.

The purpose of this call is to identify and prioritise local authority initiatives which have the potential to impact on health, and which require research input. We anticipate high demand and will prioritise local authority initiatives that:

- are likely to lead to important impacts on population health
- are likely to be widely generalisable
- where there is an identified need for the initiative
- where the initiative is readily evaluable
- where the source of the initiative funding is identified and preferably secured
- where research will provide timely evidence to underpin policy or practice

Deadline for proposals: 8th June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Invention for Innovation - Challenge Awards

Details: The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme supports the preclinical and clinical development of medical technologies in areas of existing or emerging patient need.

The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme invites proposals to Call 12 of its Challenge Awards on Real World Implementation. The Challenge Awards will fund investigations of medtech innovations in healthcare settings. The aim is to shorten the evidence gap between the safety/efficacy typical of a newly or nearly CE marked technology and what is required for decisions by commissioners and regulators. At the same time, this will de-risk the product for follow-on investment. Please note that 'nearly' CE marked technologies refers to technologies that are currently under Notified Body assessment, whereby all of the mandatory testing has been completed.

Deadline for proposals: 10th June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Public Health Research Programme researcher-led workstream

Details: The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions, intended to improve the health of the public, and reduce inequalities in health.

The Public Health Research Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream.

Deadline for proposals: 12th August 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Biomedical Research Centres

Details: The NIHR has launched a new competition to designate and fund NIHR Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs) in England. NIHR BRCs undertake high-quality early translational and experimental research. The aim is to translate scientific breakthroughs with potential to

develop into new treatments, diagnostics and medical technologies for the benefit of patients, the public, and the health and care system.

The NIHR will designate BRCs and provide substantial levels of sustained funding to

- create an environment where scientific endeavour can thrive, attract the foremost talent and produce world-class outputs; and
- support a critical mass of people and infrastructure focused on biomedical innovation and early translational and experimental medicine research for the benefit of patients and the public, the health and care system and for broader economic gain.

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Deadline for proposals: 26th May 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

Macular Society – Project Grants

Details: The Macular Society has an annual grant application round for research grants and PhD studentships. They will consider applications for clinical or laboratory-based research projects which can positively impact people with macular disease. This may include research into causes and prevention, early detection, treatments or improving quality of life.

Researchers are welcome to submit grant applications to carry out research on any type of macular disease.

Deadline for proposals: 28th May 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Crohn's and Colitis UK – Project Grants

Details: This call invites applications for funding of research that is novel/original, good value for money, and will benefit people with Crohn's, Colitis, or any other form of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) in the UK

Research projects may be directed towards:

- **Medical** - any aspect of Crohn's or Colitis relevant to a better understanding of the causes or mechanisms of IBD or better treatment, including surgery, for people with the conditions.
- **Improving Lives** - any aspect of the social and psychological impact of Crohn's or Colitis, including research into ways of helping those with IBD and their families to live with the conditions, or with the potential to improve the services provided to the UK's IBD community and to drive up standards of care for people living with these conditions.

This year, Crohn's and Colitis UK are particularly interested in research focused on giving the right treatment at the right time. Funding for any one project is subject to a maximum of £100,000 for up to three years. Applications for funding of pilot and feasibility studies are also encouraged.

Deadline for proposals: 28th May 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Royal Osteoporosis Society – Research Grants

Details: The Royal Osteoporosis Society supports ground-breaking and pioneering research aimed at improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

The following research grants are open for applications:

- **Project grants:** The purpose of each grant is to support an established UK osteoporosis researcher to undertake a pioneering research project that is designed to answer a single question or a group of related questions.
- **Early Career Grant:** The purpose of each grant is to support a researcher in the early stages of their career through specific funding of a research project. The scheme aims to invest in the development of the next generation of outstanding osteoporosis researchers. Therefore applicants will need to have demonstrated that they are on an upward trajectory with great potential and are now ready to take the next step towards becoming an independent principal investigator.
- **Innovative Grants:** The purpose of each grant is to support a highly innovative pilot study at the cutting-edge, to provide the critical data required to apply for funding from larger funding organisations.

Deadline for proposals: 7th June 2021

Cancer Research UK – Prevention and Population Research Awards

Details: The following Prevention and Population Research Awards are open for applications:

- **Prevention and Population Research Programme Awards:** Provide long-term support for broad, multidisciplinary research with transformative potential in prevention and population research. **Deadline: 23rd September**
- **Prevention and Population Research Project Awards:** Provide support for focused research proposals centred on key questions in prevention and population research. **Deadline: 22nd July**

ESRC - Research into inclusive ageing

Details: Meeting the needs of an ageing society represents one of the key challenges of the 21st century. Part of this challenge relates to pervasive inequalities that continue to shape the experience of ageing and older age. This complex ecosystem of needs, risks and disparities needs further interrogation if we are serious about improving social inclusion and converting interest in equality into actionable solutions. The ambition of the inclusive ageing initiative is to radically reimagine inclusivity in ageing. Its focus is on reducing the impact of inequalities while extending and expanding the existing parameters of ageing research.

Projects must go beyond only describing inequalities and focus on both:

- improving understanding of how social and economic inequalities affect people in later life
- identifying practical ways to improve inclusivity in later life.

Your project must address how earlier life experiences affect inequalities in later life.

Deadline for proposals: 8th June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Latest Fellowships

HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme (ICA)

Details: The Health Education England (HEE) / National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme provides research training awards for health and social care professionals, excluding doctors and dentists, who wish to develop careers that combine research and research leadership with continued practice and professional development.

The following ICA schemes are open for applications:

- **ICA Senior Clinical Lectureship:** The ICA Senior Clinical Lectureship supports health and social care professionals (excluding doctors and dentists) who have extensive post-doctoral research experience and are establishing themselves as independent practitioner academics. Award holders are supported to undertake a programme of research whilst developing the specific skill sets required to achieve credibility as leaders in their field of research, whilst increasing influence in their professional practice.
- **ICA Clinical Lectureship:** The ICA Clinical Lectureship scheme supports early post-doctoral researchers from the health and social care professions (excluding doctors and dentists) who wish to establish themselves as independent practitioner academic researchers. The scheme is part of the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme.
- **ICA Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship:** The Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship (CDRF) funds health and social care professionals to undertake a PhD and professional development in parallel, alongside continued professional practice. The scheme is part of the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme.
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Deadline for proposals: 15th June 2021

NIHR Doctoral Local Authority Fellowship

Details: This pilot scheme has been designed to support the academic ambitions of individuals wishing to develop as health and/or social care researchers whilst remaining employed within, or at least salaried to support, local authorities or local authority supporting services.

These fully funded doctoral fellowships enable awardees to retain their existing employment contracts and salaries, whilst devoting their time to a PhD of their own choosing and to a bespoke personal development programme.

Applicants must be employed by:

- a local authority
- a non-NHS provider of local authority commissioned services
- a non-profit organisation (such as a charity) that provides services on behalf of a local authority, or supports a local authority in meeting its objectives.

Deadline for proposals: 15th June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Doctoral Fellowship

Details: The NIHR Fellowship programme supports individuals with the potential and on a trajectory to become future leaders in NIHR research. Applications are invited from

individuals within an institution sited in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, who can demonstrate a role in, or contribution to, improving health and wellbeing, health and social care or services. Potential applicants from Wales or Northern Ireland must consult with their national Research and Development (R&D) office before applying (further information is available in the eligibility section of these notes). Scotland is not participating in this round of the programme.

The NIHR Doctoral Fellowship funds individuals from a range of health and social care professions to undertake a PhD in an area of NIHR research.

Deadline for proposals: 15th July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

Associate Directors of Nursing reflect on research nurses' response to COVID-19

Dr Sharon Barrett, Dr Catherine Henshall and Jennifer Allison, the NIHR Clinical Research Network's Associate Directors of Nursing, reflect on how they have adapted to the challenges of the past year and how research nurses have responded to the global pandemic.

Find out more [here](#)

Public and Patient Involvement

Relaunched NIHR resources to support patient and public involvement

The updated NIHR [resources to support patient and public involvement](#) have now been relaunched! They can now be found on [Learning for Involvement](#). In addition, some of the more 'introductory' resources have been embedded into the audience sections of the main NIHR website. For example, you can find information for researchers [here](#), and for patients and the public [here](#). The launch of the updated resources across both platforms is summarised in a [showcase page on the NIHR website](#), which will be promoted over the next few weeks

Training and events

Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

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. Once open to recruitment, we will stay in contact and continue to support optimisation of recruitment to your study. 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.

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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