

Dear all

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### Competition to develop new Clinician Researcher development programmes

The NIHR, in partnership with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), are inviting Higher Education Institutions to apply for funding to develop a Postgraduate Certificate focused on the practical elements of clinical research. This qualification will form part of the new NIHR-AoMRC Clinician Researcher Credentials Framework, which provides a range of practical, Master's level clinician researcher development programmes aimed at experienced clinicians who are new to research.



Find out more [here](#)

### Latest funding calls

#### Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams

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 PHR Programme wishes to facilitate the co-production of responsive research with a focus on local governments. Such research should help inform the delivery and implementation of current or future public health interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

The purpose of this call for expressions of interest is to identify one new Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Team (PHIRST) to join the existing four. The new PHIRST will undertake responsive research with a focus on local government across the UK. The teams will be commissioned by the PHR Programme for a 5 year contract.

**Deadline for proposals:** 15 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

### **GambleAware: Building Knowledge of Gambling and Gambling Harms**

**Details:** GambleAware is a grant-making body, using best-practice aspects of commissioning, such as needs assessment, service planning and outcome reporting to support effective, evidence-informed, high-quality gambling harms support services.

GambleAware is accepting applications for the following areas of research:

- **Building Knowledge of Women's Lived Experience of Gambling and Gambling Harms across Great Britain.** GambleAware wishes to commission research to build knowledge of the lived experiences of women in relation to gambling - experiences both as gamblers and affected others to inform delivery of our Organisation and Commissioning Strategy over the next five years
- **Building Knowledge of Minority Communities' Lived Experience of Gambling and Gambling Harms across Great Britain.** GambleAware wishes to commission research to build knowledge about the lived experience of minority communities in relation to gambling to inform delivery of our Organisation and Commissioning Strategy over the next five years. 'Minority communities' includes minority ethnic, minority religion, and minority language communities

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

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

### **Target Ovarian Cancer: Translational Research Awards**

**Details:** Target Ovarian Cancer works to improve early diagnosis, fund life-saving research and provide much-needed support to everyone affected by ovarian cancer.

Translational Research Awards fund projects that will optimise and develop more effective and less toxic treatments for ovarian cancer, with a special focus on treatments that will improve overall survival. These awards aren't designed for basic or early discovery studies.

Some of the aims of the awards are:

- Identify new drug targets within subtypes of ovarian cancer and develop new targeted treatments
- Understand why tumours develop resistance to therapies, developing strategies to prevent and overcome resistance
- Develop new immunologic approaches to treating ovarian cancer
- Understand the effectiveness of existing drugs against different tumour subtypes
- Understand the effectiveness of specific drug combinations in subtypes
- Research to predict which patients will benefit from chemotherapy
- Develop appropriate treatments for older patients
- Identify prognostic markers that indicate response to treatment
- Develop robust surgical trials to validate new technologies and optimise treatments

**Deadline for proposals:** 28th May 2021

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

### **ESRC and AHRC: Addressing COVID-19 challenges with Japanese researchers**

**Details:** UKRI is eager to capitalise on the collaboration opportunities between the UK and Japan through this joint opportunity with JSPS. The initiative will provide funding for high-quality collaborative research projects between UK and Japanese researchers which contribute to advancing impacts for the benefit of both countries.

Whilst this opportunity is open across the entire breadth of the social sciences, arts and

humanities, there is a particular interest in proposals that acknowledge the current global context in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and aim to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic.

**Deadline for proposals:** 14 July 2021

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

### **Cure Parkinson's: Research grants**

**Details:** Research grants are aimed at both preclinical and clinical research projects that have the potential to cure Parkinson's. By "cure", Cure Parkinson's mean a "disease-modifying therapy" that will slow, stop or reverse the underlying disease progression of Parkinson's. In addition, they prioritise research which has the potential to translate into the clinic within five years.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4th June and 1st October 2021

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

### **Cancer Research UK: Project and Programme Awards**

**Details:** The following awards are open for application:

- **Cancer Immunology Project Awards:** Catalyse research and build the UK's research base in cancer immunology by funding immunologists from non-cancer fields.
- **Discovery Programme Awards:** Provide long-term support for broad, multidisciplinary research where the aim is to answer an interrelated set of questions.
- **Discovery Programme Foundation Awards:** Allow excellent mid-career researchers to develop their independent research group.

**Deadline for proposals:** 14 September 2021

### **Lupus UK: Research Grants**

**Details:** LUPUS UK look to support applications which focus on the following:

- smaller pilot studies, which will lead to applications to major funders for large-scale research trials
- enabling grants for basic science support, which would enable larger projects by providing essential data for large grant applications
- medical meetings, which would facilitate improvements to the understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of lupus, and its research

LUPUS UK is willing to work collaboratively with other charities where research interests overlap.

**Deadline for proposals:** 25 June 2021 (applications open on 25 May).

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

## **Blogs and Articles**

### **NIHR blog: Front line of the NHS is fertile ground for the fresh thinking that benefits us all**

Mike Lewis, joint Director of the NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) and SBRI Healthcare programmes, writes about his new role and how the UK has an opportunity to use the experience of healthcare professionals to become a creative leader in research science.

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

## **NIHR blog: My journey from leprosy patient to supporting communities and shaping research**

Jayashree P. Kunju, co-applicant on the NIHR-funded global health project Transforming the Treatment and Prevention of Leprosy and Buruli ulcers in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), talks about how her first-hand experience as a leprosy survivor is helping marginalised communities gain awareness and information about how to prevent and treat the disease.

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

## **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](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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