

Dear all

In this week's message:

BOOKINGS OPEN

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NIHR Public Health Research Programme Workshop

What will the event cover?

- How the programme relates to the broader public health research landscape
- Engaging with local authorities and public health practitioners
- The funding pathway and what makes a successful PHR application
- Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) for public health
- Other NIHR funding to support the PHR Programme and public health
- Support for PHR applications

Wednesday 28th April
2021, 09:30-13:30

To be held online

<https://www.rds-sc.nihr.ac.uk/workshops-events/phr-event>

A free to attend, half-day session, hosted by **NIHR RDS South Central** on behalf of the RDS National Public Health Community, to inform researchers and public health practitioners about the NIHR Public Health Research Programme.

Find out more and register [here](#).

- **[New fellowship opportunities for individuals working in local authorities](#)**

Latest NIHR funding opportunities:

- NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians Programme: Competition to develop e-learning resources
- NIHR HS&DR Programme (Standard Researcher-led)
- NIHR HS&DR Programme – Children and young people's mental health

Funding calls from other bodies:

- MRC Health Systems Research Initiative foundation grant
- British Skin Foundation – Research Awards
- Crohn's & Colitis UK – Research Awards

Blogs and Articles:

- The future of clinical research

Training and events:

- Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midland
- RDS WM Pre-doctoral Local Authority workshop Tuesday 23rd February

New fellowship opportunities for individuals working in local authorities

The NIHR Academy has launched a pilot **pre-doctoral fellowship scheme** for those working in local authorities and local authority supporting services. Designed to support the development of credible 'practitioner academic' career pathways within local authority settings, these fellowships will allow awardees to retain their existing employment contracts and salaries, whilst protecting their time to prepare an application for a PhD fellowship and undertake a fully funded programme of relevant Masters level training. This will increase the capacity of local authorities and local authority supporting services to generate and support research that will help tackle the complex health and care challenges of the future.

Find out more [here](#)

RDS WM are hosting a virtual event to support this scheme

Date: Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Time: 13:00 to 14:00

Venue: Online

To register and for participation link: email Karen Biddle: k.biddle@bham.ac.uk

Latest funding calls

NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians Programme: Competition to develop e-learning resources

Details: The NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians competition can award up to £120,000 per Royal College or standard setting body to develop bespoke online learning resources specifically targeted to develop research capacity in their professional communities.

It is expected the e-learning resources will:

- contribute to research methods
- aid in the development of a new community of local clinical research champions, local principal investigators and networked clinical researchers
- support research to improve patient care where it is most needed

The resources should be hosted on **NIHR Learn**, which is a Learning Management System managed by NIHR and accessible to all clinical professionals working in the NHS and UK based researchers.

Deadline for proposals: 30th April 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR HS&DR Programme (Standard Researcher-led)

Details: The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme aims to produce rigorous and relevant evidence to improve the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services.

The researcher-led workstream welcomes Stage 1 proposals on topics or research questions identified by researchers within the programme's remit. The aim is to fund research that will lead to improvements in health services that will be of greatest benefit to the NHS and to patients. We are interested in a range of types of research including primary research and evidence synthesis.

Deadline for proposals: 3rd June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR HS&DR Programme – Children and young people's mental health

Details: The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is collaborating with What Works for Children's Social Care (WWCSC), and looking to receive applications for high-quality, evaluative research to improve the quality of care, support and access to services for children and young people (CYP) with mental health conditions, including children who have, or have had a social worker.

Resources available for applicants

The NIHR held a webinar earlier this month about the joint funding opportunity and have published the following resources to help applicants:

- [Presentation slides from the webinar](#)
- [Recording of the webinar](#)
- [Information on the joint funding opportunity](#)

Deadline for proposals: 3rd June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Funding

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 Health Systems Research Initiative foundation grant

Details: The purpose of this scheme is to provide funding for the best proposals to generate new knowledge to strengthen and improve health systems in LMICs. The programme's aims are to fund methodologically rigorous, high-quality interdisciplinary research that will:

- generate evidence on (1) the structure and dynamics of health systems, and (2) how to strengthen and improve health systems for people living in LMICs through the delivery of evidence-based interventions or structural changes (for example, strengthening governance, management, health workforce or supply chain)

- provide evidence that is of direct relevance to decision makers and practitioners in the field, linking health systems with defined outcomes (for example health, confidence or financial protection)
- demonstrate an appreciation of current theories and frameworks in health systems research or other social or political science theory of relevance to health systems
- where focused on a particular aspect of the health system, proposals must demonstrate how interventions relate to and affect wider elements of the system, such as governance, financing, health workforce, information systems or service delivery.

Deadline for proposals: 26th May 2021

Find out more [here](#)

British Skin Foundation – Research Awards

Details: The British Skin Foundation raises money to fund research into all types of skin diseases, including skin cancer. The British Skin Foundation plays a vital role in addressing this issue by funding the work aimed at finding better treatments for all conditions. The following awards are open for application:

- **BSF Small Grant:** Available to anybody wishing to carry out U.K or R.O.I based research into skin disease.
- **BSF/British Photodermatology Group Small Grant:** Available to anybody wishing to carry out U.K or R.O.I based research into skin disease and photodermatology.
- **BSF/British Association of Dermatologists Dermatology Trainee Research Small Grant:** Available to anybody wishing to carry out U.K or R.O.I based research into skin disease.

Deadline for proposals: 25th April 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Crohn's & Colitis UK – Research Awards

Details: Applications are invited for 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.

Deadline for proposals: 28th May 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

The future of clinical research

In this article in Pharmafield, Dr Pete Sargent, Head of Business Development at NIHR, discusses the lessons that can be learnt from the prioritisation, set-up and delivery of COVID-19 research going forward.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and events

NIHR RDS West Midlands Pre-doctoral Local Authority Fellowship Scheme Workshop

FREE to attend, one hour virtual session, hosted by RDS West Midlands aimed at early career researchers, or those thinking of developing their research career, employed within local authorities or local authority supporting services. To inform those who may be thinking of applying for the newly launched **NIHR Pre-doctoral Local Authority Fellowship (PLAF) scheme**. Research or service leads are also invited to attend to hear more about how the scheme will work.

The workshop will cover

- An overview of the fellowship programme
- Things that you should consider when making an application
- What you would gain by securing a fellowship
- An overview of the regional masters programmes that you could attend
- A personal perspective of holding a pre doc fellowship from someone who has just completed one
- How RDS can help

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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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