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Expression of interest: emergency route for time-critical COVID-19 research



The AHRC, BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, MRC, NERC and STFC are inviting expressions of interest for the emergency route for time-critical COVID-19 research funding call. This award is for short term time-sensitive collection of data or samples or rapid turn-around research or analysis to either:

- inform urgent policy or national decision making
- secure data for future research use.

Support can be available for projects lasting 3 to 6 months. It is expected that this emergency route will only be valid in exceptional situations. There are strict criteria defining what is considered to be urgent. Only proposals that fully meet all of the criteria will pass the expression of interest stage.

Find out more [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme – Researcher-led call

Details: The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services.

The HTA Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream for the following:

- [21/01 Primary research](#)
- [21/02 Evidence synthesis](#)

Deadline for proposals: 5th May 2021

NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award

Details: The Development and Skills Enhancement Award (DSE) provides a maximum of 1 year of funding for post-doctoral NIHR Academy Members to gain skills and experience for the next phase of their research career. As an applicant you will be required to demonstrate the new skills and experience you hope to gain through the award, and how it will benefit your future career in research.

Applications from the following areas of strategic importance are particularly welcomed:

- health data science
- clinical trials
- entrepreneurship and working with industry

Deadline for proposals: 31st March 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

Rosetrees Trust: Project Grants

Details: Rosetrees is a private charity, supporting medical research. Project grants are aimed to support innovative and established research projects with an established proof-of-concept. It is expected that our funding will enable projects to develop further towards clinical translation. They particularly welcome cross-disciplinary applications.

Deadline for proposals: 8th March 2021
Find out more [here](#)

British Lymphology Society: Lymphoedema Research Grant

Details: The Lymphoedema Research Grant (LRG) offers awards of up to £10,000 to BLS members to further research into lymphoedema in the UK. The two main aims are:

- To develop evidence-based lymphoedema practice
- To encourage lymphoedema practitioners to develop their skills by becoming involved in research activity.

Deadline for proposals: 26th March 2021
Find out more [here](#)

Cancer Research UK: Cancer Immunology Project Awards

Details: Cancer Immunology Project Awards catalyse research and build the UK's research base in cancer immunology by funding immunologists from non-cancer fields. Proposals should address key questions in the immunology of cancer. Applications can be in any area of immunological research, providing the cancer relevance is clearly articulated in the proposal, including any of the following key areas:

- Cellular and molecular immunology
- Inflammation, allergy, transplantation and autoimmunity
- Immune response to infection

Deadline for proposals: 27th January 2021
Find out more [here](#)

Claire Wand Trust: Research grants for GPs

Details: The Claire Wand Fund is a charitable fund that makes grants to General Practitioners (GPs) to fund further education and for the provision of scholarships. Projects Awarded Grants Include:

- Research for dissertations leading to a higher degree.

- Research projects initiated by General Practitioners
- Course fees where the course will lead to the development of new clinical services within the applicants practice.

Deadline for proposals: 6th April 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Latest Fellowships

Guarantors of Brain: Fellowships

Details: The Guarantors of Brain is a charity that aims to promote teaching, education and research in neurology and related clinical-academic disciplines.

The following fellowships are available:

Post-doctoral clinical fellowship

Post-doctoral clinical fellowships provides salary support for up to one year to early/mid-career clinicians based in the United Kingdom. The scheme is intended to provide funding after completion of a higher degree (PhD or research MD). Applicants must be engaged in, neurology, neurosurgery, neurophysiology or psychiatry higher specialist training in the UK (including MRCP or equivalent for the different specialties). The candidate must demonstrate their intention and prospects of a career in clinical academia.

Non-clinical post-doctoral fellowships

Non-clinical post-doctoral fellowships provide salary support for up to three years to non-clinical postdoctoral career researchers who are working in clinical neuroscience setting in the United Kingdom. Successful candidates will demonstrate their interest in bringing basic science approaches to bear on key problems in clinical neuroscience. The Fellowship must be undertaken after completion of a PhD or equivalent higher degree, to commence no more than six years from the PhD. The Fellowships are intended to support research that is embedded in a clinical neuroscience setting, typically in clinical neurology and its related specialties, and research with clear goals for clinical translation. The candidate should demonstrate a long-term commitment to a career in clinical neuroscience.

Deadline for proposals: 20th March 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Wellcome Trust: Doctoral studentships

Details: This scheme enables researchers to undertake humanities or social science doctoral degrees in any area of health.

Deadline for proposals: 2nd March 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

The King's Fund: Health and care in 2021: what can we expect?

In this blog, Richard Murray looks at the challenges posed by the current pandemic to health and care in the coming year, and ponders on what the rest of 2021 may hold for health and care now that people are being vaccinated.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and events

NIHR webinar: Learn about the new e-Learning for clinicians competition

What: Find out about the new NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians funding competition for standard-setting bodies to develop bespoke online learning resources to develop research capacity in their professional communities. These awards provide the opportunity for organisations to work with suitable suppliers to develop online learning tools, which will then be hosted on NIHR Learn.

In this webinar you will:

- gain insight into the expectations of the award
- find out what support NIHR will provide
- learn how it can benefit your organisation

When: 13:00-13:45 on 26th January 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

The King's Fund: What's in store for health and care in 2021?

What: This free online event will provide insight into the wider UK health and care landscape in 2021 and will explore how recent trends, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and future developments could affect people working in the sector, patients and the wider population.

When: 10:00-11:00 on 28th January 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

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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