

Dear all

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Latest NIHR funding calls

Potential advert: In-Practice Fellowship Round 15

Details: The NIHR In-Practice Fellowship (IPF) provides pre-doctoral academic training to fully-qualified general practitioners, general dental practitioners, and community dentists. The fellowship funds:

- up to £4,500 for a personalised programme of academic training
- salary costs for 50% of awardees' time (based on clinical experience) over 24 months (or longer if part-time)
- up to £1,000 for conference attendance (fees and travel and subsistence)
- Awardees' time should be split equally between a clinical position and the academic training funded through the award. Applicants should have a guaranteed clinical placement for 50% of the working week from the time the award starts.

Academic training can include:

- formal courses, such as a Masters degree or Masters modules
- training in specialist skills
- research methodologies

The IPF can support the preparation of a doctoral-level research training fellowship application. All applicants should demonstrate a commitment to a career as a clinical academic.

Potential advert date: 11 February 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Potential advert: 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.

An NIHR news article on the competition is [available here](#)

Potential advert date: 1st February 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

DEBRA International: All Priorities Call

Details: The key aim of DEBRA International is to coordinate, in collaboration with its members, activities that are for the benefit of everyone affected by Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) globally: the international patient community, patient support and advocacy groups, healthcare professionals, researchers, and industry.

DEBRA is currently accepting applications for their all priorities call. Current research priorities are:

1. Improving understanding of EB biology to create new concepts for diagnosis and treatment.
2. Developing disease-modifying and curative therapies.
3. Preventing and curing severe disease consequences: chronic wounds, fibrosis, and cancer.
4. Improving clinical care and symptom relief through research.

Deadline for proposals: 6th April 2021

Find out more [here](#)

UKRI: Interventions to reduce antibiotic resistance or transmission

Details: The purpose of this funding is to develop or test interventions to reduce the transmission of antibiotic resistance. You must apply as part of a transnational consortium of three to seven partners.

The project must aim to either:

- understand the impact of interventions
- design, test or compare new interventions.

It must focus on at least two One Health areas:

- human health
- animal health
- environmental health.

Funding is available for three years. The UK part of the project must be within MRC's, BBSRC's or NERC's remit. This opportunity is available through the Joint Programme Initiative for Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR). MRC, BBSRC and NERC are three of the 30 organisations offering funding through the initiative.

Deadline for proposals: 16th March 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Cancer Research UK: Clinical Trial Award

Details: Clinical Trial Awards support interventional clinical trials of cancer treatment (including systemic treatment, radiotherapy and surgery) with the aim of improving outcome.

The types of studies that fit this scheme are typically:

- Phase 1a/2 dose finding trials testing safety, tolerability and preliminary efficacy (including novel combinations of therapies and radiotherapy, and novel indications)
- Phase 1b/2 or phase 2 trials testing the viability of larger trials, including the ability to recruit and/or to explore tolerability or efficacy of treatments

- Window of opportunity studies
- Phase 2/3 or phase 3 trials to investigate the efficacy, effectiveness and tolerability of interventions with the aim of improving survival.

Deadline for proposals: 18th February 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News

UK Rare Diseases Framework

The Department of Health and Social Care has recently published its Rare Diseases Framework, detailing its strategy to accelerate diagnosis and improve treatment of rare diseases. The Rare Diseases Framework will raise awareness of rare diseases, speed up diagnosis, and improve care and treatment. The strategy has been designed around the views and experiences of those living with rare diseases, and may therefore be of interest to researchers working with patients suffering from rare diseases.

A press release on the Rare Diseases Framework is available on the [Gov.uk website](#). The framework itself is available [here](#).

Find out more [here](#)

DoHSC Guidance: Digital and data-driven health and care technology

DoHSC has published a guide to good practice for the use of digital technology in health and care. The guide contains a set of principles that set out what DoSHC expect from suppliers and users of data-driven technologies. The aim is to make it easier for suppliers to understand what is needed from them, and to help health and care providers choose safe, effective, secure technology to improve the services they provide. This may be of interest to researchers working in the area of digital technology and healthcare.

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

NIHR blog: Building a public partnership approach

Where next for patient and public involvement in research? Jeremy Taylor, Director for Public Voice, and Tina Coldham, public contributor from the NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination (CED), consider this central question and how the centre can take forward the work previously coordinated by NIHR INVOLVE.

Find out more [here](#)

The King's Fund: Brexit and the end of the transition period: what does it mean for the health and care system?

In the blog from the King's Fund, Jonathan Holmes looks at what the recent EU-UK trade and cooperation deal means for the UK health and care system.

Find out more [here](#)

BOOKINGS OPEN

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Essential Guide to Grant Applications

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th March 2021

A masterclass on writing a convincing funding application with a good structure, flow and argument.

To be held online

rds-sc.nihr.ac.uk/workshops-events/essential-guide-grant-applications



For more information about the Essential Guide to Grant Applications masterclass and to register, please visit our [EventBrite page](#).

NIHR Virtual Symposium: Delivering Complex and Innovative Design (CID) Studies

What: What: The clinical research landscape is changing and clinical trials are evolving to find new, faster and more efficient ways to bring new treatments to patients. The UK Life Sciences Industrial Strategy (August 2017) and the Life Sciences Sector Deal 2 (December 2018) set out the Government's commitment to consolidate the UK as a world-leader in delivering clinical trials using novel or complex designs and/or innovative approaches to research delivery. These have come to be known as CIDs (Complex Innovative Design studies).

The COVID19 pandemic is accelerating uptake and acceptance of this new era of clinical trials. This virtual event will generate discussion on where we were, where we are now, how we got there and where we go next.

When: 09:30-12:15 on 4th February 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR webinar: Early Phase Cancer Trials, Educational Event

What: The aim of the event is to identify the key features of early phase cancer trials and how they differ from late phase in terms of set-up and delivery. This event will help educate sites on how they can successfully deliver early phase cancer trials and identify the key challenges they may face, and ways to overcome them. The event is aimed at anyone with an interest in early phase cancer trials including patient and public involvement representatives.

Sessions include:

- What are early phase trials?
- Delivery of early phase trials from a research nurse/manager perspective
- NIHR and ECOM interface
- Patient perspectives
- A workshop looking at patient expectations and the consent process for early phase trials

When: 09:00-12:00 on 19 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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