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Latest funding calls

The Waterloo Foundation - Child Development Fund, Project Grants

Details: The Waterloo Foundation (TWF) is an independent grant-making Foundation. They are most interested in projects that help globally, with particular focus on the disparity of opportunities, wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources.

Within the Child Development Fund, The Waterloo Foundation are interested in the psychological and behavioural development of our children, and particularly in certain neurodevelopmental conditions and the factors that influence them.

The Waterloo Foundation like to keep research calls as open as possible, but they also have specific funding priorities, as follows:

- **Sleep and/or Exercise:** Studies will be particularly welcomed that consider the effect of sleep (or lack of it) and/or exercise with neurodevelopmental disorders. We would be particularly interested in receiving application that explore underlying mechanisms. Those that consider these areas on child psychological outcomes (behavioural, emotional or cognitive) will also be welcomed.

Deadline for short initial applications: 14th February 2021

- **Motor Impairments:** Studies will be particularly welcomed that cover one of two areas: (1) improving our understanding of the aetiology of the disorder, or (2) explore effective interventions (those that also include links to our other research interests would be particularly sought after for example sleep, diet, exercise/movement).

Deadline for short initial applications: 16th May, 2021

- **Diet and/or Microbiome**

Deadline for short initial applications: 10th October, 2021

Find out more [here](#)

British Skin Foundation Small Grant

Details: The British Skin Foundation raises money to fund research into all types of skin diseases, including skin cancer. There are one million people in the UK who suffer from psoriasis. The number of people suffering from skin disease grows each day. The dermatological community acknowledges the significance of these figures and the urgent need to stem the growth of skin disease in the UK.

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 British Skin Foundation invites applications for small grant funding. Small Grants are 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](#)

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/>

News

NIHR issues final update on implementation of the Restart Framework

The NIHR published a Framework on 21 May 2020 - when the NHS started to restore routine clinical services - to support the restarting of research paused due to COVID-19. The Framework provides a flexible structure for local decision-making. In response to the huge surge in COVID-19 cases and the emergence of variants, rather than recommending a national 'pause' of new studies (which was what happened in Spring 2020), the NIHR is advising that such research is supported as much as possible in line with the Restart Framework.

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

NIHR: It's time for a wide range of researchers to get involved in mental health research

Bea Shelley is coordinator for the NIHR Incubator for Mental Health Research, which supports and advocates for academic research careers in mental health. She writes about her conversations with mental health researchers and how the Incubator aims to help the profession.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: Programme Grants for Applied Research - Achievements during a challenging year

Professor Elaine Hay, Director of NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research, reflects on the achievements of the funding programme over the past year and outlines ambitions for 2021.

Find out more [here](#)

Patient and Public Involvement

NHS Health Research Authority: Public involvement in a pandemic: lessons from the UK COVID-19 public involvement matching service

Public Involvement in a Pandemic is the report from HRA into the work of the UK COVID-19 public involvement matching service. The service was set up to tackle the drop off in public involvement in urgent public health studies set up quickly at the start of the pandemic.

The report looks at how the level of public involvement in COVID-19 research recovered and exceeded the normal level of public involvement in all approval applications.

Find out more [here](#)

Resources

NHS Health Research Authority: Podcast series looking at innovation in trial design and study delivery during the COVID pandemic

A new podcast series which explores the management and delivery of innovative design trials during the COVID-19 pandemic has been launched by the Health Research Authority and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

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.

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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