

Dear all

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Latest funding calls

HTA Programme: Researcher-Led Workstream

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:

- **21/512 Evidence synthesis**
- **21/511 Primary research**

Proposals should normally evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of a health technology. For diagnostic technologies, researchers may suggest equivalent evaluations.

HTA are interested in receiving proposals addressing any health problem in areas not otherwise well covered in their [portfolio](#). Please note that proposals should be within the scope of the HTA Programme. Proposals to investigate the organisation of health services, or services entirely outside the NHS will not be eligible.

Deadline for proposals: 01 September 2021

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

BBSRC: Strategic longer and larger grants: frontier bioscience

Applications are invited for frontier bioscience research that addresses significant fundamental questions in bioscience. Projects must have the potential to produce a distinctive contribution to bioscience knowledge. They must improve our understanding of the fundamental 'rules of life' that govern biological systems. Projects can be up to five years in duration.

Deadline for proposals: To be confirmed
Find out more [here](#)

MRC: Investigate SARS-CoV-2 vaccine responses and immune failure

Applications are invited for funding to investigate SARS-CoV-2 vaccine responses or immune failure. Your project must examine one or both of these:

- the nature and quality of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine responses
- the mechanisms of immune failure that lead to either SARS-CoV-2 re-infection or vaccine breakthrough.

This funding opportunity seeks to increase understanding of the immune response to SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in different demographic groups in order to support optimal implementation of vaccine delivery.

Deadline for proposals: 08 June 2021
Find out more [here](#)

The Music Therapy Charity: Small Grants

The Music Therapy Charity promotes and support the activities of music therapists. Its main funding is to music therapy research and bursaries for music therapists in training. It supports high quality research into what treatment outcomes can be expected with a course of music therapy.

The Music Therapy Charity is inviting proposals from music therapists (including research students) to support research. Grants may be made to help with such costs as part-time

salary for fixed periods, academic or clinical supervision, and collection and analysis of data. Applications are invited for smaller grants to go towards total or partial funding of projects, including some co-funded from other sources. All areas of music therapy research will be considered.

Deadline for proposals: 31 July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Movember Prostate Cancer UK Major Awards in Curative Treatments

The focus of this call is to support clinical (or translational) research to improve initial treatment with curative intent, either through greater precision of treatment modalities or through better informed treatment decisions which will result in the best outcomes for that individual. The call aims to support research into the treatment of localised disease as well as research aimed at curing locoregional disease (for example, T3/T4 disease and/or true N1 M0 disease). Research into the treatment of oligometastatic/metastatic disease, or biochemical recurrence, are not in the scope of this call.

This call supports:

Clinical trials in the research areas highlighted below.

Translational research that will lead to commencement of clinical work either towards the end of the project or as the immediate next step following completion of the grant (projects must be able to articulate a clear pathway to impact and have a good idea of the subsequent clinical trial).

Research using patient samples/data/images from existing clinical trials to address any of the research themes highlighted below.

Deadline for proposals: 02 August 2021

Find out more [here](#)

MS Society: Research Grant

The MS Society welcomes applications for projects that will increase understanding of the cause of MS, find new effective treatments for it, and improve care and services for people affected by MS.

For the 2021 Grant Round, the MS Society are prioritising funding for research projects relevant to their longer-term strategic aims set out in the 5-year Research Strategy 2018-2022. Including a COVID-19 element in your proposed research won't make the project out of scope, but you'll need to clearly demonstrate how the project fits with the strategy and the priorities of people affected by MS.

The following awards are available:

Catalyst awards: Provide support for a short-term, small-scale pilot or proof of concept research project. Previously these were called Innovative Awards in past Grant Rounds. **(Deadline: 25 May 2021)**

Project Awards: Provide support for research projects designed to answer a single question or a small group of related questions. Applications should be hypothesis driven. **(Deadline: 15 June 2021)**

Find out more [here](#)

Latest Fellowships

Alzheimer's Research UK: Research Fellowship | Clinical Research Fellowship

Alzheimer's Research UK funds biomedical research, from basic to clinical, to build an understanding of the causes of dementia and to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

Alzheimer's Research UK fellowships are designed for promising researchers who have delivered previous research projects with evidence of impactful outputs and have clear plans to establish their own research 'niche'.

Applications are invited for the following fellowships:

- **Research Fellowships:** Designed for promising PhD qualified non-clinical researchers. The purpose of Research Fellowships is to support excellent non-clinical researchers in the early stages of their career to begin an independent project in a well-supported environment, thereby supporting their eventual trajectory to independence.
- **Clinical Research Fellowships:** Designed for promising clinically qualified researchers. Clinical Research Fellowships are intended for clinically qualified researchers, including trainee Old Age/General Psychiatrists, Neurologists, Clinical Psychologists and similar specialists, who ideally already hold a PhD. The prospective Clinical Fellow should have delivered previous research project(s) with impactful outputs, such as publications and conference presentations, and demonstrate an upward trajectory.

Deadline for proposals: 07 July 2021

Wellcome Trust: Research Fellowships for Health Professionals

This scheme offers practising health professionals the opportunity to carry out humanities or social science research, in any area of health. You can apply for a Research Fellowship if you're a practising health professional with some research experience. The research you propose should aim to improve understanding of health and disease using humanities or social science methods.

Deadline for proposals: 16 June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust: The Sir Robert Boyd Fellowship

The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust (DCEPT) aims to supporting UK registered charities involved in the fields of medicine including care medical research, care of the elderly and those suffering personal hardship.

The Sir Robert Boyd Fellowship will be awarded to an excellent early career researcher working in bio-medicine/health research. DCEPT have a special interest in diseases of older people. By the terms of the Trust endowment they do not fund research exclusively focused on children. The primary aim of the Fellowship is to support junior researchers in the transition to independent scientist.

Deadline for proposals: 30 June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and Articles

The King's Fund: Report on the key trends in adult social care

This year's Social Care 360 report from the King's Fund uses the latest available data (2019/20) to describe the key trends in adult social care as the Covid-19 pandemic struck and to suggest what the impact of the pandemic might be. It paints quite a bleak picture of adult social care in England, with many key indicators already going in the wrong direction before the pandemic struck.

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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