~ RESEARCH FUNDING UPDATE ~
Projects & Programmes
13th September 2013

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Programme Development Grants
Closing Date: 15 October 2013
Applications are invited for Programme Development Grant funding. Programme Development Grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full Programme Grant by supporting the completion of the necessary preparatory work to suitably position the research team to submit a competitive Stage 2 Programme Grant application. Individual awards are for a maximum of £100k over a period of six to eighteen months. The amount of funding awarded is determined by the scale and nature of the research activity to be conducted. Successful applicants, on completion of their development work, proceed straight to a Stage 2 Programme Grant application.
The closing date for applications is 15 October 2013.
http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/PGfAR/PGD/Pages/default.aspx
NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research
Closing Date: 15 October 2013
The NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research programme invites Stage 1 research proposals to develop individual programmes. Research funded through a Programme Grant typically consists of an interrelated group of high quality projects focused on a coherent theme and hence require multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics, statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that research objectives can be met. Individual awards are for a maximum of £2 million over a period of three to five years. The amount of funding awarded is determined by the scale and nature of the research activity to be conducted.
The closing date for applications is 15 October 2013, 13:00.

New! Public Health Research Programme
Closing Date: 19 November 2013
We are pleased to announce that the PHR Programme is now accepting applications in response to the NIHR Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Themed Call. Please check the AMR Themed Call website for further information. The deadline for this call is 1pm, 19 November 2013
This call is for research into the evaluation of public health measures, health care interventions and health services to reduce the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance and consequent morbidity. Useful resources and information on how you can apply can be found at www.themedcalls.nihr.ac.uk/amr. To support this call the PHR Programme will also be holding a webinar on 2 October 2013, 10-11am. Please check the PHR website for information on how to join our webinar.
Expert Reviewers:
The Public Health Research Programme is also seeking people from a wide range of professional backgrounds to review proposals received in response to both this calls and other NIHR calls. If you could help our programmes in this way please see our expert reviewers page.
We would be grateful if you could alert colleagues who may be interested in the funding opportunities presented by the PHR Programme, and where possible post a link to this announcement on relevant websites and forums.
http://www.themedcalls.nihr.ac.uk/amr

New! Public Health Research Programme
Closing Date: 19 November 2013
The Public Health Research Programme is accepting applications to its researcher-led workstream. Applicants are invited to apply by 1pm, 19 November 2013. More information on how to apply can be found on the PHR website.
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http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher_led.asp?src=0813_RL6

NIHR Public Health Research Programme – Commissioned Research
Closing Date: 18 December 2013
The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme invites outline research proposals in:
- Novel psychoactive substances in the UK
Deadline for submissions is 1pm on 10 Sept 2013.
- Interventions to maintain or increase physical activity in adolescents
- Interventions to Prevent Elder Abuse
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing in Early Years
Deadline for submissions is 1pm on 18 Dec 2013.
Link to Page: NIHR Public Health Research Programme – Commissioned research calls
http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/commissioned.asp?src=0713_B8

NIHR Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Themed Call
Closing Date: 31 December 2013
We are pleased to announce that the NIHR Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Themed Call has now opened. The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME), Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programmes are now all accepting applications. Other participating NIHR research programmes* will follow over the coming months with application forms becoming available between July and December 2013. Please check the AMR Themed Call website for further information. This call is for research into the evaluation of public health measures, health care interventions and health services to reduce the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance and consequent morbidity.
* Invention for Innovation (i4i), Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR), Public Health Research (PHR), Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB), and the NIHR Fellowships Programmes
http://www.themedcalls.nihr.ac.uk/amr

Medical Research Council (MRC) Funding Opportunities

No funding opportunities
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Funding Opportunities

New! Secondary data analysis initiative – phase 2
Closing Date: 26 November 2013

The Economic and Social Research Council invites applications for its secondary data analysis initiative – phase 2. Funding will support innovative and creative projects that exploit pre-existing data resources to deliver research, knowledge exchange, and policy and practitioner impact. The call offers an opportunity to apply for self-managed clusters of several projects, providing a larger network of linked grants. Applicants may propose research in any area of the ESRC’s remit. Proposals using international datasets or an international comparative focus are encouraged.

Applications may be submitted by universities, colleges of higher education and independent research organisations in the UK approved by the ESRC. Proposals must include non-academic partners to ensure the co-production of knowledge and to directly address the wider impact aims of the initiative.

In this round, 20 to 25 projects, worth up to £200,000 at full economic cost with a duration of up to 18 months each, will be funded.


New! Alcohol misuse research
Closing Date: 29 November 2013

The Economic and Social Research Council invites proposals for its call on alcohol misuse research. This focuses on research aiming to define harms caused by alcohol and linking these to each of the various drinking behaviours prevalent in the UK.

Harm is defined broadly and it ranges from damage to the organs, to the health and mental wellbeing of the drinker, to social harms such as the impact on the psychological development of children in a family where there is a heavy drinker. The whole of the life-course can be considered, although research should focus on key stages where problems emerge. Social and biomedical research, and programmes that combine both, are encouraged.

It is suggested that proposals take a work-package approach, defined as a piece of work or research, pilot work, or development of methodology or infrastructure to address an overall objective of linking specific patterns of drinking to the harm they cause. A work package could support research on the following themes:

• the pathways people follow into harmful alcohol use;
• using datasets to link different drinking behaviours across the life-course with the harms they cause;
• quantifying the harms to non-drinkers;
• linking mental health and alcohol consumption;
• basic mechanisms underlying alcohol-induced end-organ damage;
• methodology necessary to underpin these research questions.

The principal investigator must be a UK-based researcher at an eligible university or research council establishment, although co-investigators can be international. The study should be based in the UK, but it
can make linkages to any pre-existing international dataset. Applications are encouraged from multidisciplinary consortia to enable work packages to take a cross-disciplinary approach. Proposals should include experts both in alcohol research and in other fields. The inclusion of researchers at an early-career stage, post-PhD, is especially encouraged.

The research funded under this call will be considered for co-funding by the MRC and Alcohol Research UK. Applications that can be considered more than 50 per cent within the remit of the MRC should be submitted to the MRC.

Applications should be costed at the usual full economic cost rates. The funding provided for each application will be up to five years and will incorporate a set of projects, which might best be delivered within two to four work packages. The total cost of the proposals funded will be between £750,000 to £1.5 million.


**Research Grants**

**Closing Date: Apply Anytime**

The Economic and Social Research Council invites applications for its research grants. These support individuals or teams at eligible institutions to conduct research projects, large-scale surveys and other infrastructure or methodological developments in any area within the council’s remit. The scheme is open to universities, higher education institutions and independent research institutes in the UK. ESRC welcomes the inclusion of international co-investigators on proposals.

Grants range from £200,000 to £2 million and cover 100 per cent of economic costs.

http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3717/standard-grants.aspx

**Charity Funding Opportunities**

**Cancer Research UK**

**Phase III clinical trial grants**

**Closing Date: 21 November 2013**

Cancer Research UK invites applications for its phase III clinical trial grants. These support studies for cancer treatment directed at the tumour, such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery, with the principal objective of improving survival. The clinical trials awards and advisory committee accepts investigator-led studies including:

- phase III/IV therapeutic trials;
- large-scale phase II trials that are over two years in duration or greater than £40,000 per year.

CTAAC will initially review applications for phase III and large phase II cancer trials as outline proposals. The exception to this will be finalised protocols of international studies and protocols submitted for peer review and endorsement by the committee.

Applicants must be from UK universities, clinical centres or clinical trials units. Grants are worth approximately £100,000 per year for a maximum of 10 years.
New! Wellcome Trust

Closing Date: 2 December 2013

The Wellcome Trust invites applications for its biomedical resource and technology development grants. These provide support for researchers wishing to establish a new resource or technology or to refine and maintain an existing resource or technology, including databases and collections, for the benefit of the wider scientific community. Applications should take into account the needs of the wider research community and be supported by evidence of need for the resource.

The scheme is open to applicants in the UK. Researchers in low- or middle-income countries may also be eligible to apply if they have a track record of Wellcome Trust funding or if they can demonstrate that they have established a strong track record of independent research.

Up to five years’ support is available for salaries, materials and consumables, the purchase and maintenance of animals, travel, and equipment purchase and running costs.

http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Strategic-awards-and-initiatives/WTDV031727.htm

Please note that funding opportunities sometimes change. The details provided in this update may therefore be incorrect. Always check the details on the funder web pages.

www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk  The NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire and Humber

The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for Yorkshire & the Humber (RDS YH) supports researchers to develop and design high quality research proposals for submission to the NIHR and other national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research. This support is provided free of charge.

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