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Projects & Programmes
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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

NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme - Researcher-led proposals
Closing Date: 6 January 2014
Our researcher-led calls are open all year round, with three application cut-off dates. The next closing date for applications is 1pm on Monday 6 January 2014. Application forms and all associated documents for this call are available on the HTA Programme website. Proposals deemed within remit for the current call will be assessed for their importance to the NHS in March 2014 and May 2014. Applicants will be advised as to whether they have been short-listed by mid June 2014.
http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/hta-researcher-led

New! MRC & other funders
Closing Date: 07 January 2014
MRC, in partnership with the DH, Wellcome Trust, CRUK, BHF, ARUK and Research Councils are seeking expressions of interest from internationally recognised institutions with a proven track record in cutting-edge clinical research. Discussions are also on-going with devolved administrations about the potential for partnership funding.

The overall objectives of this initiative will be to support innovation in clinical research - funding the novel technologies and facilities, which will most effectively advance the UK’s ability to explore new areas in clinical research, and to enhance translational capability and partnerships with industry.
The call will be organised around three themes:
1. Innovative technologies for stratified and experimental medicine (including clinical sensing & imaging and ex vivo analysis).
2. Dementia research. As well as public sector funding for the UK Dementia Platform (Neurodegeneration Programme), partners will consider discrete proposals for other clinical research technology enhancements for dementia and neurodegeneration.
3. Single cell-level functional genomics
Expressions of interest from all UK Universities with medical schools are invited by 7 January 2014 with funding decisions made in July for spend in 2015/16. **Note:** Each University may submit a maximum of one EoI for each of the above areas. [http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/EnhancingUKsClinicalResearchCapabilitiesandTechnologiescallforExpressionsofinterest/MRC009535](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/EnhancingUKsClinicalResearchCapabilitiesandTechnologiescallforExpressionsofinterest/MRC009535)

**NIHR HS&DR and HTA Programmes - Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of integrated homeless health and care services call for proposals**

**Closing Date: 16 January 2014**

The NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programmes are seeking applications for funding that evaluate healthcare interventions and services for homeless people.

In 2010, it was estimated that 2000 people were street homeless with an additional 40,000 people living in temporary accommodation (Department for Communities and Local Government 2013). The health of this group tends to be worse than the general population and it can be difficult for health services to meet their needs as they use health services differently.

Policymakers and service leaders have therefore identified homeless people as a key disadvantaged group where action should be taken to redress health inequities (Cabinet Office 2010). The HS&DR Programme are looking for applications that assess new approaches to services providing healthcare to this vulnerable group. Whether the service models can be transferred to other hard to reach groups like travellers and asylum seekers should also be considered.

The deadline for applying is 1pm, 16 January 2014.

The HTA Programme is seeking applications to complement the HS&DR call for proposals. Applications are welcomed that will advance the existing knowledge on the clinical and cost effectiveness of therapeutic interventions amongst homeless people.

Information about the HTA invited proposals can be found here: [http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/hta-researcher-led](http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/hta-researcher-led)

The deadline for applying is 1pm, 6 January 2014. [http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/hsdr-commissioned](http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/hsdr-commissioned)

**NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme - call for proposals**

**Closing Date: 22 January 2014**

The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme invites research proposals which are related to the day-to-day practice of health service staff and is concerned with having an impact on the health or well-being of patients and users of the NHS. As a responsive rather than a commissioning programme, RfPB does not seek to name specific topic areas and welcomes applications on a wide range of issues and aims to fund high quality research that will be directed at achieving benefit for users of the NHS in England. The programme supports applications which are regionally derived and applications which have emerged from interaction with patients and the public, which relate to patient and service user experience, and which have been drawn up in association with a relevant group of service users.
Please note, in addition to usual commissioning arrangements, researchers can apply to the Preventing the development and spread of Antimicrobial Resistance call through this competition. The closing date for applications is 22 January 2014 at 13:00.

http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/RfPB/apply/Pages/calls.aspx

NIHR HS&DR Programme - Researcher-led and Themed Calls
Closing Date: 1 February 2014
The NIHR Health Services and Design Research (HS&DR) Programme has the following funding opportunities open for applications:
• Researcher-led call:
The HS&DR Programme is now accepting applications to its researcher-led workstream. The closing date for applications is 1pm on 30 January 2014.
• AMR Themed Call:
The HS&DR Programme is also currently running a themed call on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The closing date for this is 1pm on 30 January 2014.
Please see the link below for application form and guidance notes.
http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding#?tab=hsdr

NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme - commissioned calls open
Closing Date: 4 February 2014
The NIHR EME Programme is accepting applications to its commissioned workstream. Applicants are invited to submit proposals on the following research areas by 1pm on 3 February 2014:
• 13/118 Active implantable medical devices*
*Please note that there will be an event to support this call. For more information and to reserve your place, please visit: https://emeimplantdevices.eventbrite.co.uk/
• 13/119 Autism spectrum disorders
• 13/120 Non-respiratory sleep disorders
• 13/121 Mechanisms of action of bariatric surgery
• 13/122 Mechanisms of action of health intervention
In order to help you with your application, a webinar will run for each of the research topics. Dates for these webinars can be found on the EME website - http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/eme-commissioned
http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/eme-commissioned?src=mail_alert_October_2013_01

New! Efficacy and mechanism evaluation programme – researcher-led workstream
Closing Date: 27 February 2014
The National Institute for Health Research invites applications for the researcher-led workstream under its efficacy and mechanism evaluation programme. Applications should concern interventions based in or used by the NHS and its partners. The remit of the programme includes clinical trials and evaluative studies of novel and repurposed interventions. Intervention includes any method used to promote health, prevent and treat disease and improve rehabilitation or long-term care. Technologies are not confined to new
drugs but include procedures, devices, tests, settings of care, screening programmes and any intervention used in the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of disease. Support is given for studies in patients which seek to:

• evaluate clinical efficacy of interventions where there is already evidence to support the use of the intervention in humans;
• add significantly to our understanding of biological or behavioural processes;
• explore new scientific principles;
• include the development or testing of new methodologies.

Researchers at higher education institutions, research institutes and independent research organisations in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply. Proposals should demonstrate a multidisciplinary team with appropriate skills and experience, including an appropriately experienced statistician on the study team. Co-applicants may be based outside the UK, and if necessary research can be conducted overseas. Applications proposing joint funding arrangements or collaboration with other organisations are welcome.

http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/eme-research-led

**Medical Research Council (MRC) Funding Opportunities**

**New! Enhancing UK’s clinical research capabilities and technologies**

**Closing Date: 7 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council, in partnership with the Department of Health, the Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation, Arthritis Research UK and Research Councils UK, invites expressions of interest for enhancing the UK’s clinical research capabilities and technologies. The objectives of this initiative are to support innovation in clinical research and to enhance translational capability and partnerships with industry. The call is organised around three themes:

• innovative technologies for stratified and experimental medicine, where bids are not expected to exceed £20 million;
• dementia research, where bids are not expected to exceed £15m;
• single cell functional genomics, where bids are not expected to exceed £5m.

Expressions are invited from UK universities with medical schools. A total of more than £150 million is available, mostly as capital. Expressions of interest from all UK Universities with medical schools are invited by 7 January 2014 with funding decisions made in July for spend in 2015/16. **Note:** Each University may submit a maximum of one EoI for each of the above areas.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/EnhancingUKsClinicalResearchCapabilitiesandTechnologiescallforExpressionsofinterest/MRC009535
**New! Research grants - molecular and cellular medicine**

**Closing Date: 8 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its research grants in molecular and cellular medicine. These are suitable for focused research projects that may be short- or long-term in nature. In addition, they can be used to support method development and continuation of research facilities and may involve more than one research group or institution.

Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through is eligible to apply. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. Less experienced researchers should apply in collaboration with a more senior colleague.

Budgets do not typically exceed £1 million. Funding is usually given on the basis of 80 per cent of full economic costs of the research to the applicant’s institution. Grants can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Support can include:

- salary of the principal investigator and co-investigators;
- support for additional posts - research, technical or other consumables;
- equipment;
- travel costs;
- data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.

[http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm)

**Health systems research initiative call 1: providing evidence to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes**

**Closing Date: 14 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council, in cooperation with the Department for International Development, the Economic and Social Research Council and the Wellcome Trust, invites applications for the first call under its health systems research initiative. This aims to fund research that will: generate evidence on how to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries, inform the delivery of evidence-based interventions or structural changes, and provide evidence that is of direct relevance to decision-makers and users in the field. Projects should address ethical, economic, social, cultural and political aspects of the problem investigated. All projects should focus on impacts on the most vulnerable populations or those in poorly resourced settings.

Example questions within the scope of this call are:

- targeting underserved populations;
- improving the quality and effectiveness of health services;
- developing innovative approaches;
- multi-sectoral approaches.

Studies should be based in low- or middle-income countries. PIs must be based either in a low- or middle-income country or in the UK. If the PI is based in the UK, there must be a clear partnership with, and scientific leadership from, co-investigators based in the countries where the project will take place.
A total of £5 million is available for this call. Applications may be for development grants with a duration of one to two years and a total budget of around £100,000 each, or for full-scale research projects of up to five years duration with costs of around £100,000 to £200,000 annually.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/Healthsystemsresearchinitiativecall1Providingevidencetostrengthenhealthsystemsandimprovehealthoutcomes/MRC009456

**New! Research grants - infections and immunity**

**Closing Date: 15 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its research grants in infections and immunity. These are suitable for focused research projects that may be short- or long-term in nature. In addition, they can be used to support method development and continuation of research facilities and may involve more than one research group or institution.

Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through is eligible to apply. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. Less experienced researchers should apply in collaboration with a more senior colleague. Applications can include an industry partner.

Budgets do not typically exceed £1 million. Funding is usually given on the basis of 80 per cent of full economic costs of the research to the applicant’s institution. Grants can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Support can include:

- salary of the principal investigator and co-investigators;
- support for additional posts - research, technical or other consumables;
- equipment;
- travel costs;
- data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm

**New! Research grants - population and systems medicine**

**Closing Date: 21 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its research grants in population and systems medicine. These are suitable for focused research projects that may be short- or long-term in nature. In addition, they can be used to support method development and continuation of research facilities and may involve more than one research group or institution.

Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through is eligible to apply. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. Less experienced researchers should apply in collaboration with a more senior colleague. Applications can include an industry partner.

Budgets do not typically exceed £1 million. Funding is usually given on the basis of 80 per cent of full economic costs of the research to the applicant’s institution. Grants can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Support can include:
• salary of the principal investigator and co-investigators;
• support for additional posts - research, technical or other consumables;
• equipment;
• travel costs;
• data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm

**New! Stratified medicine – disease-focused partnerships to stratify disease for patient benefit**

**Closing Date: 22 January 2014**

The Medical Research Council invites proposals for disease-focused partnerships to stratify disease for patient benefit. This call sets out to develop UK-wide research consortia, each focused on a specific disease area, in order to stratify that disease and develop a deeper understanding of the mechanisms underpinning the stratification. Priority is given to proposals that focus on diseases with therapies, either in use or in development, that can be used as a tool for stratification. Successful consortia must also address a number of key challenges presented by stratification such as data handling and integration, methodology and study design, inclusion of potential new therapies, and application of clinical pharmacology.

This call follows standard Research Councils UK eligibility criteria and is open to UK-based researchers who can show they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through. Eligible institutions include UK higher education institutions, research council institutes and some independent research organisations. Research proposals led by commercial entities are not eligible, but applications are expected to include industrial partners.

Up to £15 million is available to fund consortia for up to five years.

**Note:** the MRC is aware of resource implications on institutions seeking to host multiple consortia. Call guidance states that: "There is no limit to the number of applications per higher education institution (HEI) or research institution but capacity to conduct the study will be considered during assessment."

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/StratifiedMedicineSecondCall/MRC009515

**New! Research grants - neurosciences and mental health**

**Closing Date: 4 February 2014**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its research grants in neurosciences and mental health. These are suitable for focused research projects that may be short- or long-term in nature. In addition, they can be used to support method development and continuation of research facilities and may involve more than one research group or institution.

Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through is eligible to apply. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. Less experienced researchers should apply in collaboration with a more senior colleague. Applications can include an industry partner.

Budgets do not typically exceed £1 million. Funding is usually given on the basis of 80 per cent of full economic costs of the research to the applicant’s institution. Grants can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Support can include:

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York  
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• salary of the principal investigator and co-investigators;
• support for additional posts - research, technical or other consumables;
• equipment;
• travel costs;
• data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm

**Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Funding Opportunities**

**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.

**Note:** Researchers who are interested in this call should familiarise themselves with policies on demand management for ESRC applications that their institution may have.

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

**Charity Funding Opportunities**

No funding opportunities.

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.

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