~ RESEARCH FUNDING UPDATE ~

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

New! 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! 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

**New! 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

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

**New! 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 £100,00 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

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

**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.

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

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.

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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