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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

Welcome to the bi-monthly bulletin from the NIHR Research Design Service for the East of England. In this Bulletin you will find regular updates for Researchers, R&D staff and Research Advisors alike. This issue includes:

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What can the RDS do for you?

Thinking of applying for research funding? If so, the RDS EoE can advise on all aspects of preparing grant applications and building collaborative research teams. In our last financial accounting year we supported over 100 bids that were submitted for funding. Over one-third of these were successful. If you have any questions, or indeed a research proposal that you would like to discuss, we can be contacted on 01206 874856. For further information, visit us at: www.RDS-eoe.nihr.ac.uk

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Training Opportunities & Workshops

- 9th May 2011 – Complex interventions in trials. Meeting of the Primary Health Care Study Group in association with the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research info
- 4th & 5th October 2011 – Clinical Trials Methodology Conference will be held at the Bristol Marriott, City Centre. More **info - link**

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Research Funding

NIHR FUNDING STREAMS

- **NIHR Dementia Themed Call for applied health research on Dementia**
<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/research/Pages/Dementia.aspx>
Call extends across translational pathway, covering fields of cause, cure and care, including prevention. Seven NIHR managed research programmes participating. Deadline 20 May 2011
- **NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme**
<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/RfPB/Pages/home.aspx>

National, response-mode programme established in 2006 to generate high quality research for benefit of users of NHS in England. Coordinated at national level, funds regionally-derived. Main purpose is to realise, through evidence, huge potential for improving, expanding and strengthening way that health and social care is delivered for patients, public and NHS. Funding for an individual research project is up to £250k for up to 36 months. RfPB particularly welcomes proposals that have benefited from interaction with patients and the public, which relate to patient and service user experience and/or have been drawn up in association with a relevant group of service users.

Competition 14

Submission outcome expected July 2011

Competition 15

Submission deadline 20th May 2011

Declaration and signatures 27th May 2011

Outcome expected November 2011

Competition 16

Submission deadline 23rd September

Declaration and signatures 30th September

Outcome expected Late March 2012

Public Health Research programme (researcher-led)

http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher_led.asp?src=NIHR_Mar11

PHR programme evaluates public health interventions re benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve health of public and reduce inequalities in health. Scope is multi-disciplinary. Researcher-led outline proposals by 15 August 2011. Those shortlisted considered on 19/20 October, decisions early November.

- **NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) – commissioned research**

http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/clinicaltrials/index.shtml?src=NIHR_Mar11

Outline proposals for evaluation studies, including feasibility, pilot studies, proposals for evidence synthesis and clinical trials. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis and considered 4 times/year.

- Inviting proposals concerning people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, 27 July deadline. NB: Proposals relating to smoking cessation welcome any time
- Inviting proposals addressing any health problem in areas not otherwise well covered in portfolio. Deadline 26 October 2011

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **ESRC changes to funding**

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/>

ESRC no longer have Small Grants, Postdoctoral Fellowships or Mid-Career Development Fellowships schemes but will announce a new Future Leaders scheme for early-career researchers in May 2011. Large Grants and Seminars will be announced May 2011. Increased lower threshold for Standard Grant proposals of £200,000 and an increased upper threshold of £2million

- **Nuffield Foundation (Open Door)**

http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/opendoor/page_115.html

Nuffield Foundation invites proposals that lie outside main programme areas but meet wider interest e.g. 'advancement of social well-being', especially projects that identify interventions which have practical implications for policy or practice.

- **Breast Cancer Campaign - Small Pilot Grants (Open Date Scheme)**

<http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/whatwedo/smallpilotgrants/>

Up to £20,000 for established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas.

- **Wellcome Trust - Biomedical Science Project Grants (Open Date Scheme)**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/research-support/wtd004411.htm>

Funding for high-quality, hypothesis-driven projects in basic and clinical sciences, which are relevant to human and animal health. Up to three years, £100,000 - £300,000 available.

- **Sir Halley Stewart Trust (Open Date Scheme)**

<http://www.sirhalleystewart.org.uk/socpriority.html>

Funding for social and educational research which seek to resolve conflict, promote reconciliation and re-connect family members; help people move beyond disadvantage and address needs of vulnerable or exploited. Grants are usually given in form of a salary.

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How to Obtain Help

The National Institute of Health Research, Research Design Service for the East of England (RDS EoE) is an active and dynamic network offering free research advice and support across the region. The RDS EoE will help turn innovative research ideas into strong research proposals to attract funding.

To access a RDS EoE Research Advisor relative to the expertise required, please complete our on-line [Client Enquiry Form](#) or contact the Central Co-ordinator on 01206 87485 or by e-mail at rdsc@essex.ac.uk or.

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