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# ***NIHR RESEARCH DESIGN SERVICE FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND***

## ***ELECTRONIC BULLETIN***

Welcome to the bulletin from the NIHR Research Design Service for the East of England. In the 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. 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](http://www.RDS-eoe.nihr.ac.uk)

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### ***Training Opportunities***

**18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011** – A 2-day workshop at the University of Essex, Colchester on the topic of 'Applying for NIHR Funds for Research in Healthcare'. Facilitator: Charlie Davison. The workshop is aimed at those considering applying for research funds in the near future. The cost of the workshop is £50. Places are still available; for further information or to book a place, please contact Dr Muhammad Waqar Tel 01582 743782 or e-mail [muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk](mailto:muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk)

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### ***Research Funding***

#### **NIHR FUNDING STREAMS**

Details of latest calls for proposals from this link <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/proposals/Pages/default.aspx>

- **NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme**

<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/RfPB/Pages/home.aspx>

Funds of up to £25 million each year will be available for the scheme, building up to that amount over the next three years as NHS R&D funding is transformed. Projects supported will normally be up to 36 months in duration with a total maximum cost of £250,000.

Contact the programme:- Tel: 020 8843 8057 Email: [rpb@nihr-ccf.org.uk](mailto:rpb@nihr-ccf.org.uk)

#### **RfPB Competition 17**

Application submission deadline 20 January 2012 by 17:00

Declaration and signatures deadline 27 January 2012 by 17:00

Preliminary scrutiny outcome Mid-March 2012

Submission outcome Late July 2012

Over 340 projects have received support since RfPB first launched in 2006  
<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/RfPB/about/Pages/FundedProjects1.aspx>

- **NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme - Rapid trials to inform clinical decision making in the NHS**

[http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/rapidtrials.shtml?src=rapidtrials\\_oct11](http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/rapidtrials.shtml?src=rapidtrials_oct11)

NIHR HTA invites research proposals to undertake randomised controlled trials in any speciality, disease area or clinical setting that will generate evidence in short to medium term to inform clinical decision making in NHS. Deadline 1pm on Friday 18 November 2011. Funding decisions on successful applications expected to be made within 6-months of closing date.

- **NIHR Clinical Research Facilities for Experimental Medicine competition**

<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/Pages/NIHRInfrastructureCompetitions.aspx>

Invites applications for one-stage open competition to renew and refresh NIHR Funding for CRFs for Experimental Medicine. Purpose of scheme is to provide NIHR funding to meet necessary recurrent NHS infrastructure costs of dedicated purpose-built clinical research facilities that are supporting world-class experimental medicine research. Will provide funding to NHS Trust, over period 1 September 2012 to 31 March 2017. Closing date for submission of applications by NHS Trusts in England is 14 December 2011 at 5:00pm

- **NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme – Researcher-led work-stream**

[http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher\\_led.asp?src=NIHR\\_Sep11](http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher_led.asp?src=NIHR_Sep11)

Proposed research should aim to evaluate public health interventions, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. Closing date 21 November 2011.

- **NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA)**

<http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/index.shtml>

Commissioned call for proposals – OPEN

Outline Proposals (Primary Research, Evidence Synthesis, Feasibility Studies)

\*Deadline for application Thursday 9 February 2012 by 1pm\*

Full Proposals (Evidence Synthesis, Feasibility Studies)

\*Deadline for application Thursday 12 January 2012 by 1pm\*

- **i4i Invention for Innovation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for i4i product development awards**

<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/i4i/Apply/Pages/calls.aspx>

Call opens 1 November 2011

Submission deadline (Outline forms) 7 December 2011, 5.00pm

Decision meeting for Outline to Full proposal invites, w/c 16 January 2012

Deadline for receipt of Full proposals, 24 February 2012, 5.00 pm

Deadline for receipt of the signed Declarations and Signatures page, 2 March 2012

Panel meeting (Full proposals) and applicant interviews, w/c 8 May 2012

- **Programme Grants for Applied Research Competition 12**

<http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/PGfAR/apply/Pages/default.aspx>

The twelfth competition of Programme Grants for Applied Research will launch on **5th December 2011**.

- **New Combined Funding Programme for NIHR**

From January 2012, the Service Delivery and Organisation (SDO) and Health Services Research (HSR) programmes will be brought together to form the new Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) programme. The new programme aims to fund studies that produce rigorous and relevant evidence on the quality, access, organisation and delivery of health services, including work on costs and outcomes in order to improve health and health services.

The planned budget for HS&DR is £16 million a year. Ambitious projects will be encouraged, including pragmatic trials of service delivery type questions or other large studies of national importance which may cost up to £2 million.

HS&DR will have two main workstreams. The first (which will be mainly researcher-led) will focus on health services research (HSR) with an emphasis on quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, equity

and patient experience. The other workstream (which will be largely commissioned) will be on healthcare delivery research (HDR), focusing on evaluating local models of service delivery and interventions with potential to improve service effectiveness, efficiency and productivity. Further details are available on the NETSCC website: <http://www.netscc.ac.uk/hsdr/>

## **RESEARCH TRAINING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

Full details of NIHR awards from this link

[http://www.nihr.ac.uk/Lists/Research%20Training%20Awards/awards\\_current.aspx](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/Lists/Research%20Training%20Awards/awards_current.aspx)

- **NIHR Clinical Lectureships: Current Round (2011)**

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/Lists/Research%20Training%20Awards/DispForm.aspx?ID=42&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Enihr%2Eac%2Euk%2FLists%2FResearch%2520Training%2520Awards%2Fawards%5Fcurrent%2Easpx>

NIHR Clinical Lectureship recruitment round now open and will end on 31st March 2012. Funds specialty training posts that incorporate academic training aimed at those who are advanced in their specialty training, have completed a research doctorate or equivalent and show outstanding potential for continuing a career in academic medicine. Maximum of 4 years or until CCT is reached, whichever is sooner. Prospective applicants should note that they must contact the relevant Deanery in the first instance for further information on post availability and the recruitment process. Take up of posts will start from 1st April 2011.

- **The NIHR Fellowships Round 5**

<http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/nihrfellow/>

NIHR research training fellowships support development of outstanding individuals to become health research leaders of future. Four levels of NIHR Fellowship award available.

- **Breast Cancer Campaign: Project Grants & Scientific Fellowships**

<http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/page.aspx?pid=396>

Closing Date 13/01/2012. Project Grants provide funding for outstanding breast cancer research. Funding of around £65,000pa for up to three years is available. Scientific Fellowship provide funding to take talented post-doctoral researchers to the next level of their careers. Funding of up to £550,000 for five years is available.

- **Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) professorial fellowships**

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3675/latest-opportunity-21.aspx>

Open Call (9<sup>th</sup> round). Applications must be submitted via Research Councils Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) System, no later than 16.00 on 6 December 2011. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview week commencing 14 May 2012. Anticipated that applicants will be notified of outcomes by end of July 2012. Fellowships may start from October 2012.

- **MRC (Medical Research Council) <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/>**

Funds a range of fellowship award schemes for clinical and non-clinical researchers – Fellowships Eligibility Checker

<http://formsd2.headoffice.mrc.ac.uk/AF3int/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=KxsjE6unXCh>

Full details of MRC training awards (see below) from this link

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/index.htm>

- Career development award. Up to 5 years support
- Clinical research training fellowship. Up to 3 years support
- Clinician scientist fellowship. To enable clinical researchers to make transition from postdoctoral research and training to independent investigation.
- Early career fellowship in economics of health.
- Jointly funded clinical research training fellowship.
- Methodology research fellowship.
- MRC Career development award in biostatistics.
- MRC People Exchange Programme - to stimulate collaborative research across industry and academia, develop skills and transfer knowledge.
- Policy internship scheme.
- Population health scientist fellowship.
- Senior clinical fellowship.
- Senior non-clinical fellowship.

- Special training fellowship in biomedical informatics

## **OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** (open calls unless otherwise stated)

- **Dunhill Medical Trust**

[http://www.dunhillmedical.org.uk/page\\_viewer.asp?page=what+do+we+fund%3F&pid=9](http://www.dunhillmedical.org.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=what+do+we+fund%3F&pid=9)

The Dunhill Medical Trust is a UK-based charitable company. Main focus for support is research into ageing and older people - four main areas of activity:

- development of new and innovative projects
- support for pilot research studies
- pump-priming projects
- developing research capacity

- **MRC (Medical Research Council)**

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/index.htm>

Mainly in response to proposals by scientists but also sets priority areas

- **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation's (RCLCF)**

<http://www.roycastle.org/research/research-grants/grant-funding-information.htm>

Applications for funding are invited in following areas:

- **Early Detection of Lung Cancer.** Applications are invited for research projects into high risk population stratification and molecular screening.
- **Patient Experience.** Applications invited from professional groups, such as nurses and Allied Health Professionals who are very involved in the patient experience of lung cancer.

**RCLCF pilot grants** are available to allow established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas in the field of lung cancer research in the areas of Early Detection and Patient Experience. **Pilot Grants** - will not exceed 12 months duration and a maximum of £20,000 may be applied for. Applicant must have a proven track record in their own scientific field and be employed in a UK or Ireland university or research institute.

**RCLCF's projects grants** are available to support innovative research in to lung cancer in the areas of Early Detection and Patient Experience. Awarded for up to two years and will not normally exceed £75,000.

- **Nuffield Foundation**

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/apply-for-funding>

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.

- **Wellcome Trust**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/index.htm>

Research funding supports biomedical research and medical humanities, with aim of improving human and animal health. Wide variety of funding schemes, including Investigator Awards, fellowships and Strategic Awards.

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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](mailto:rdsc@essex.ac.uk) or.

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