



The NIHR Research Design Service  
for the East of England  
Applying for Research Funds from the  
National Institute for Health Research:  
A Programme of Two One-Day Workshops

9.30am – 4.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Venue: Sportspark, Norwich

In this set of two full-day interactive workshops we look at the most important aspects of putting together an application for research funding. Our work over these two days is focused on the various funding streams run by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), although the topics covered are also highly relevant for those planning to apply to other funding streams and agencies. The overall aim of these training days is for participants in the workshops to develop the skills they need to put together a high quality research bid with a genuine chance of success in a highly competitive field. Persons most likely to benefit are those new to writing bids for NIHR, and with limited or no experience of writing bids for other funders. The main themes dealt with during the two days are:-

➤ ***The research topic and methodology.***

- ♦ **Ensuring that the research question and the proposed methods fit together in terms of quality, practicality and feasibility.**
- ♦ **Describing research plans in adequate scientific terms**
- ♦ **Describing research plans for a non-technical audience**
- ♦ **Making methodology, personnel, timing and budgets fit together**

➤ ***Stakeholders, partners and supporters.***

- ♦ **Addressing the vital patient/community involvement agenda**
- ♦ **What is the relationship between clinical and academic partners?**
- ♦ **The peer review process and how bids are 'judged'.**

➤ ***Handling and managing an application for funds.***

- ♦ **The NIHR programmes and how they work**
- ♦ **'Hoops and hurdles' – what are the crucial steps and permissions that all research plans need to comply with?**
- ♦ **Using the NIHR extranet to manage the application**

*The Facilitator: - Charlie Davison is an independent healthcare research and training consultant based in Colchester, Essex. He is a Fellow of the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Essex. Charlie trained in the 1980's as a Medical Anthropologist and since then has gained wide experience in the UK and internationally in the field of social science research methodologies applied to the practical problems of primary care, public health and community involvement. He has been recently successful in applying for NIHR funding (Research for Patient Benefit Programme).*

**The cost of the workshop is £50.**

**To book a place please contact Dr Muhammad Waqar as soon as possible as places are limited;**

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