

# Research Design Service East of England E- Bulletin

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The Research Design Service for the East of England (RDS EoE) is an active and dynamic network. Supporting research teams to develop and submit high quality applied health and social care grant applications to the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and other national peer-reviewed funding programmes.

We offer specialist advice on all aspects of an application including:

- designing a research study
- research methods (qualitative and quantitative)
- identifying suitable sources of funding
- involving patients and public in research design
- identifying potential academic, clinical and lay collaborators.

If you have any questions or indeed a research proposal that you would like to discuss, please [contact us](#).

Our advice is confidential and free of charge.



## What can the Research Design Service (RDS) do for you?

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Much of our work is done through one to one meetings with individual researchers but we also encourage clients to attend our workshops. If you are aiming to submit a bid to NIHR or the Department of Health this year you may wish to note the dates below in your diaries. We have a planned programme of regional support which hopefully will help with planning the milestones to be accomplished before you submit and will enable you be in a position to take advantage of feedback we offer.

### Pre-submission panel

This is like a 'dry run' of submitting to NIHR. Feedback will consist of the panel's view of any fixable and non-fixable faults of the proposal and readiness for submission. The proposers are not required to attend, but should send their completed bids to their RDS key Adviser. The panel comprises of all Advisers and methodological specialists in the region in the same way that bids are considered by NIHR committees. Any bid received will be considered that is *complete* and aiming for submission within a few weeks. Remaining dates for 2013: **11 September**. Contact Dr Muhammad Waqar, [muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk](mailto:muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk) or on, 01582 743782 for further details.

### NIHR two-day workshops

Designed for novice bidders who have not applied to NIHR before. Currently all future dates for the NIHR workshops are now fully booked, but more information will be distributed as future dates are released.

### Bid Development Workshops

This is for bids at the first or second draft stage and nearing completion, with advisers available for the participating research teams to consult on different aspects of their bid. The next available date is **9 August 2013**, for more information please contact Andrew Sharpe, [Andrew.Sharpe@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](mailto:Andrew.Sharpe@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk).

## Funding - current calls

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Only the latest announcements are included, full descriptions can be found on the NIHR website ([www.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.nihr.ac.uk))

- ◆ [Public Health Research \(PHR\) Commissioned call](#) Preventing smokeless tobacco use in UK communities. Particularly interested in proposals for research on: interventions with South Asian communities, awareness interventions, health information interventions, social marketing interventions and interventions preventing uptake in young people. **Closing date 6 August 2013**
- ◆ [The Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) programme Commissioned call](#) invites research proposals in the following area: Multiparametric MRI in planning epilepsy surgery. **Closing date 29 August 2013**
- ◆ Also [HTA Primary care research Commissioned calls](#) are invited in the following areas; immunisation of children and young people looked after by the state, feasibility of psychosocial interventions for preventing blood borne virus infection in people who inject drugs, peer support for breastfeeding maintenance, a prognostic tool to aid clinical management decisions in acute ankle sprain, prognostic models for people with advanced cancer, suspected acute pulmonary embolism in pregnancy, mechanical insufflation-exsufflation devices for assisted cough in neuromuscular disease, early pulmonary rehabilitation after an exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), interventions to enhance engagement in exercise referral schemes, non-neuroleptic mood stabilising medication for challenging behaviour in adults with intellectual disability. **Closing date 29 August 2013**
- ◆ [NIHR Public Health Research Programme Commissioned Research](#) invites research in; smoking prevention in further education, new media interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking among children and young people. **Closing date 3 September 2013**
- ◆ [Primary Care Interventions](#) Research proposals for Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) should arise from daily practice in the NHS and must demonstrate a trajectory to patient benefit in the short to medium term. **Closing date 25 September 2013**
- ◆ [Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme - Commissioned call](#) invites research in, diseases of the skin. **Closing date 1 October 2013**



## Previous announcements, approaching deadlines

[EME researcher led work stream](#)

**Closing date 10 July 2013**

[i4i sixth call Product Development Awards](#) Outline submission

**Closing date 10 July 2013**

[Policy Research Programme \(PRP\) Health Reform Evaluation programme](#) Stage two

**Closing date 23 July 2013**

[PRP Evaluation of Physiotherapist & Podiatrist Independent Prescribing](#)

**Closing date 23 July 2013**

[PHR researcher- led call](#)

**Closing date 30 July 2013**

## JULY 2013

Approaching NIHR research programme deadlines

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 EME i4i	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 PRP	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 PHR	31				

## Research training awards and fellowships

Please look on the [NIHR website](#) where full descriptions can be found under Research Training Opportunities.

The [NIHR Clinician Scientist](#) scheme offers up to five years funding to undertake focussed training and development in order to develop specific skills that will enable a transition from basic research into clinical research or from clinical research into translational and applied research.

**Closing date 10 July 2013**

[NIHR/HEE Clinical Academic Training \(CAT\)](#) Programme for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals, Round four of the [Clinical Lectureship \(CL\)](#) scheme and the [Senior Clinical Lectureship \(SCL\)](#) scheme has been launched.

**Closing date 31 July 2013**

[NIHR and Health Education England \(HEE\) Healthcare Science Research Fellowship Programme](#)

Round four is now open, three award levels of fellowship are available,

Doctoral: funding for individual doctoral level research and to undertake a PhD

Post-Doctoral: funding for individual postdoctoral research projects

Senior Clinical Lectureship: Funding for independent researchers with the potential to become research leaders. Applications are invited from individuals working in England from one of the three main healthcare scientist areas: Biology, Physiology, Physics and Engineering.

**Closing date 7 August 2013**

[The NIHR Clinical Lectureships \(CLs\)](#) The 2013 recruitment round is now open for specialty-training posts that incorporate academic training. Open to doctors and dentists who already hold a PhD and or equivalent and show outstanding potential for continuing a career in academic medicine. Alongside clinical training, CLs are able to develop their academic skills and are encouraged to apply for funding to support further postdoctoral or educational training.

**Closing date 31 March 2014**



## Organisations with research funding opportunities

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These funding opportunities are open calls unless otherwise stated.

### [Alzheimer's Research Trust](#)

Alzheimer's Research UK has a new [Research Strategy](#) with four core components, Responsive and targeted funding, New drug discovery, Strategic projects and Partnerships.

### [Alcohol Education and Research Council \(AERC\)](#)

>Small Grants - Up to £5,000. runs throughout the year, dependent on available funds.  
>Research Grants - Expects to fund around £50,000. usually invited in September.

### [Dunhill Medical Trust](#)

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 within the medical, clinical and scientific community. Please note that a third round is planned for autumn 2013 for [Research Training Fellowships](#).

### [Medical Research Council \(MRC\)](#)

Most of the research funded is in response to proposals by scientists, however from time to time they also publish calls for proposals.

### [National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative \(NAEDI\) Research Call 3](#)

formally launched in 2008 as a partnership between the Department of Health, National Cancer Action Team and Cancer Research UK. They will accept applications on any topic within the field of early cancer diagnosis, including the following key questions: investigating reasons for late presentation (to primary care of A&E) and low uptake of screening; developing effective interventions to prompt change at both individual and systemic levels to reduce late presentation and low uptake of screening; investigating reasons for delays occurring within primary care and onward referral.

**Deadline 13 September 2013**

### [Nuffield Foundation](#)

Programmes aim to improve social well-being in one of two ways: By funding research and innovation in education and social policy. By increasing the proliferation and quality of research and professional skills, both in science and social sciences, through capacity building programmes.

### [Parkinson's UK](#)

>Project grants > PhD Studentships  
>Innovation Grants: Explore bold new ideas that could lead to exciting breakthroughs in the causes, treatment and cure of Parkinson's.

#### **Next Deadlines:**

[Translational research grants](#) **7 October 2013**

[Career development awards](#) **2 December 2013**

### [Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation's \(RCLCF\)](#)

Require established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas in lung cancer research particularly Early Detection and Patient Experience. Pilot grants, maximum of £20,000. 12 months duration. Project grants, will not normally exceed £75,000. Two years duration.

### [Wellcome Trust](#)

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.



## Training and other events

Please look on the [NIHR website](#) for further event details.

### NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Conference 2013,

The NIHR HTA Programme is celebrating 20 years of funding research into the effectiveness, costs, and broader impact of health technologies, and the contribution it has made to the NIHR's mission to improve the health and wealth of the nation. The [programme](#) for this two day event will focus on clinical effectiveness research and the impact of HTA research nationally and internationally. To be held on **9-10 October 2013** in London.

### The i4i Life Sciences Accelerator programme

Designed specifically to help health and medtech researchers maximise their chances of success when applying for funding and investment. The [programme](#) has been developed by i4i, along with experienced medtech industry experts, to equip researchers in industry, academia and the NHS with the skills and knowledge required to put together robust business plans and strong funding applications that will satisfy funding panels, investors and external experts. Remaining Programme dates: **Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 October and Monday 11 to Tuesday 12 November 2013**. For further information and to book a place on the next session, please contact the programme director, Ed Cooper; [ed.cooper@vitalsix.co.uk](mailto:ed.cooper@vitalsix.co.uk) or Telephone: 01189 357115

A conference entitled “**New Developments in Public Involvement in Research**” and organised by the [PenCLAHRC Patient and Public Involvement Team](#), will take place in Exeter, on **13 -15 November 2013**.

### 360° of Health Data Harnessing Big Data for Better Health conference

The [programme](#) will highlight data needs and the opportunities to improve R&D productivity, Drive forward health research excellence through partnership working for patient benefit, and to provide a forum for discussion for further progress, to take place in London **Thursday 21 November 2013**.



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## How to obtain help

To access a RDS EoE Research Adviser relative to the expertise required, please complete our on-line [Client Enquiry Form](#). Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who has an interest in health research in the East of England.

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