

Horizon Scanning – Research Professional – Department of Health including NIHR funding opportunities closing dates between 01 October and 31 December 2014.

Programme Grants for Applied Research

Department of Health including NIHR

This call aims to improve health outcomes in England through promotion of health, prevention of ill health, and optimal disease management, with emphasis on conditions causing significant disease burden. All NHS bodies and other providers of NHS services in England may apply in collaboration with one or several academic partners, provided they are capable of fulfilling the role of research sponsor as set out in the research governance framework for health and care. The award amount and funding period depends on the nature of the proposed work. There is no fixed upper limit, although funding in excess of £2.5 million is unusual.

Closing date: 07 Oct 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/256073/>

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – Commissioned Call for Proposals: 14/142

Department of Health including NIHR

This supports translational research into the underlying mechanisms of action of clinical and public health interventions. Studies should utilise patients or samples from current or completed NIHR-funded or NIHR-managed studies in any setting. Proposals will be accepted across a wide range of interventions including behavioural, pharmaceutical, psychological, surgical and public health. The research should be relevant to the intervention and outcomes proposed by the original study and add significantly to the scientific understanding of the mechanisms of action of the intervention. The proposed research may involve the analysis or reanalysis of previously stored specimens or data, or the collection of new specimens or new data for additional analysis, provided it is obtained from study participants.

Closing date: 07 Oct 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1401776/>

Efficacy and mechanism evaluation programme - commissioned calls for proposals: 14/144, 14/145, 14/146, 14/147

Department of Health including NIHR

Proposals are sought for the following briefs:

- 14/144 bowel control and faecal incontinence in adults;
- 14/145 pituitary or adrenal disorders and related diseases;
- 14/146 renal failure resulting from intrinsic renal diseases;
- 14/147 wound healing.

Applications to this call should be in the form of collaboration. All applications should include significant contributions from at least two partners from industry, academia, and the NHS. The collaboration with SMEs is particularly encouraged. The involvement of charities is also welcome. The involvement of an accredited Clinical Trials Unit is strongly encouraged in the design of clinical trials.

Closing date: 07 Oct 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1445179/>

Programme Development Grants for Applied Research – Including Long-Term Conditions in Children and Young People Themed Call

Department of Health including NIHR

These aim to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full programme grant by supporting the completion of the necessary preparatory work involved in a competitive stage-2 grant application.

Development grants can support activities such as:

- evidence synthesis that might include modelling;
- selection or development of interventions or measures of outcome;
- pilot or feasibility studies to determine recruitment and participant retention rates, inform sample sizes calculations or optimise delivery of the intervention;

- demonstration of practical ability to undertake elements of the future programme, such as when complex data linkage is required;
- strengthening of existing collaborations with methodological experts necessary to deliver the proposed research programme.

Applications for the long-term conditions in children and young people themed call are accepted through this competition.

Closing date: 14 Oct 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/620390/>

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – Researcher-Led Workstream

Department of Health including NIHR

This supports research into interventions based in or used by the NHS and its partners. The remit of the programme includes clinical trials and evaluative studies of novel and repurposed interventions. Intervention includes any method used to promote health, prevent and treat disease and improve rehabilitation or long-term care. Technologies are not confined to new drugs but include procedures, devices, tests, settings of care, screening programmes and any intervention used in the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of disease.

Closing date: 30 Oct 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/258390/>

Scholarships

Department of Health including NIHR

These are one-year opportunities for qualified health and social care professionals to find out about the inner workings of NICE and undertake supported improvement projects, related to NICE guidance, within their local organisations. Support is available in the form of a series of workshops, access to an experienced senior mentor and contact with the expert teams at NICE. Scholars are expected to devote approximately 7.5 hours per week to their scholarship project. In addition to their project-based activities, scholars are expected to act as local ambassadors for clinical and public health and social care excellence, and to promote the principles and recommendations of NICE guidance.

The scholarships are typically awarded to specialist registrars, senior nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals, service improvement leads, public health and social care specialists and health service managers.

Closing date: 01 Nov 14 (Forecast)

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1120830/>

Fellowships

Department of Health including NIHR

These are awarded to senior health and social care leaders so that they may act as ambassadors for the institute at regional and national levels and among their professional groups and peers.

Closing date: 01 Nov 14 (Forecast)

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1384106/>

Methodology Research Programme – Investigator-Led Research

Medical Research Council

The MRC, in partnership with the Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research, invites proposals for investigator-led research under its methodology research programme. The programme supports research on methods development to underpin the biomedical sciences including:

- research methods in behavioural and social sciences, experimental medicine, randomised trials, cohorts, and other research designs investigating healthcare, health services and health policy for evaluative and non-evaluative research;
- developing and evaluating theory and models relevant to health sciences;
- methods for effective regulation, including indices for decision making, approval, adaptation and reporting of new interventions including behaviour;

- research methods for valid measures of health, for example health outcomes, exposure and risk (including behaviour, cognition and emotion, and wellbeing).

Grants may be awarded for up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof-of-principle or pilot work only. All proposals anticipating an MRC expenditure greater than £1.2 million should be discussed with the programme manager for MRP before submission.

Closing date: 19 Nov 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/257581/>

Health Technology Assessment - Commissioned Calls: 14/157, 14/160, 14/161, 14/166, 14/168

Department of Health including NIHR

The Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research invites outline proposals and evidence syntheses under the commissioned funding stream of its health technology programme. Proposals are sought on the following topics:

- improving the mental health of children and young people with long term conditions;
- treatment of first-time traumatic shoulder dislocation;
- fibre for uncomplicated symptomatic diverticular disease of the large bowel;
- prevention of parastomal hernia formation;
- minimally invasive autopsy for fetuses and children based on combination of post-mortem MRI and endoscopic autopsy examination.

Closing date: 18 Dec 14

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1455479/>