

Research Funding Opportunities: August and September 2009



Included are the funding opportunities for August and September, further details which can be found at the weblinks supplied or via contacting Catherine Moore (c.a.moore.2@bham.ac.uk)

Individual Awards

Deadline

Academy of Medical Sciences

£30,000.00 01 September 2009

Starter grants for clinical lecturers

Specified Amount

The aim of this programme is to provide modest start up funds to enable research active clinical lecturers to pursue their research work, gather preliminary data and so further strengthen their applications for longer-term fellowships and funding. Grants are worth up to £30,000 over two years.

<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/p176.html>

Arthritis Research Campaign

07 September 2009

Educational research fellowships

Salary Based

These fund training in educational research methodology or medical education relevant to arthritis and musculoskeletal disease. Fellowships will last for two to three years and provide a salary in line with the applicant's current salary level.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/applicants/Educational.asp#ERFs>

Cancer Research UK

£25,000.00 04 September 2009

Research bursaries for clinicians and professions allied to medicine

Salary Based

Funding up to £25,000 is available per award to cover the applicant's salary or research expenses or a combination of the two. Grants usually last up to 12 months.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/personalfund/otherbursaries/research_bursaries_clinicians?version=3

Kidney Research UK

£75,000.00 18 September 2009

Fellowship

Specified Amount

Applications that will inform the evidence base for improving delivery of care in renal medicine are particularly welcome. A maximum total amount of £75,000 over a period of up to three years is available.

<http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/current-calls-for-applications.php>

Motor Neurone Disease Association

£1,000.00 01 September 2009

Alliance support grant

Specified Amount

Grants provide financial assistance to delegates of member associations to travel to, and attend, the annual meeting of the alliance, the allied professionals' forum and the international symposium in order to experience and share information, strategies and techniques about ALS/MND. The alliance will award up to five grants for travel, each of £1,000 in value.

http://www.alsmndalliance.org/support_grant.html

MRC

18 September 2009

Clinical research training fellowship

Unspecified

This is an award at predoctoral or entry level, or postdoctoral level for medically qualified applicants who obtained their PhD some time ago. The fellowship provides two to three years' support for clinically qualified and active professionals to undertake specialised or further research training in the biomedical sciences within the UK.

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

MRC 25 September 2009Senior non-clinical fellowship Salary Based

This award supports non-clinical researchers wishing to conduct independent research projects. The award has a duration of five years and provides funding for the fellow's personal salary, support staff costs, consumables expenses and capital equipment, travel costs, and other appropriate items under full economic costing principles.

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

MRC / NIHR 25 September 2009ESRC/MRC/NIHR early career postdoctoral fellowships in health economics Unspecified

These fellowships provide early-career support to help individuals to begin to establish a track record in the field and to undertake further training. The fellowship provides personal salary, consumable expenses, travel and other costs appropriate for the research work and training under full economic costs.

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

Royal College of Surgeons of England £1,000.00 07 September 2009Ethicon Foundation grants Specified Amount

The fund promotes international goodwill in surgery by providing financial assistance to fellows who are travelling abroad for research or training purposes. The fund will make a contribution of up to £1,000 towards travel expenses.

http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/surgical_awards_and_grants/travelawards/ethicon.html

Wellcome Trust 28 September 2009Intermediate clinical fellowships Salary Based

These enable medical, dental or veterinary graduates to continue their research interests at a postdoctoral level in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility in the UK or RoI. Fellowships provide support for research expenses and the fellow's salary for a period of four to five years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004402.htm>

Wellcome Trust 21 September 2009Research career development fellowships in basic biomedical science Unspecified

This scheme enables postdoctoral scientists to become independent research scientists. The proposed research should fall within the trust's science remit. Fellowships are tenable for up to five years and provide a basic salary, research expenses and costs for research assistance and travel.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004431.htm>

Wellcome Trust 14 September 2009Research training fellowships for medical, dental and veterinary or clinical psychology graduates Unspecified

The scheme encourages applications from individuals who wish to undertake substantial training through high-quality research in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility, towards a PhD or MD qualification. Fellowships normally last two to three years and provide the fellow's salary and support for research expenses.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004435.htm>

Wellcome Trust 18 September 2009Senior research fellowships in clinical science Unspecified

These help clinical investigators to further develop their research potential and establish themselves as leading investigators in clinical academic medicine. Fellowships are tenable for up to five years. Awards cover employment costs; costs of the research programme and a flexible funding allowance.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004445.htm>

Research Funding

Deadline

Action Medical Research £200,000.00 **01 September 2009**

Research training fellowships

Salary Based

The programme support research aimed at preventing disease and disability and alleviating existing physical disability, with an emphasis on clinical research or research at the clinical/basic interface. Fellowships will last for up to three years and will provide a maximum of £200,000 to cover consumables expenses related to the research training and salary.

http://www.action.org.uk/our_research/research_training_fellowships

Arthritis Research Campaign £20,000.00 **21 September 2009**

Allied health professionals educational travel award

Specified Amount

The following awards are available: grants of up to £500 and grants of up to £2,000.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/forms/AHPEducationalTravel.asp>

BBSRC **29 September 2009**

Bioinformatics and biological resources fund

Unspecified

The fund supports the establishment, maintenance and enhancement of resources required by researchers working in the biosciences in the UK. Grants are available for up to five years. A total budget of up to £6.5 million to fund 10-12 resources has been allocated to this call.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/bioinformatics_biological_resources_fund.html

BBSRC **30 September 2009**

Parliamentary fellowships

Unspecified

Fellowships provide the opportunity for BBSRC-funded PhD students to undertake a three month secondment to POST, with the aim of working on a policy topic of interest to the fellow and POST by producing a short briefing note (POSTnote) for Parliamentarians. Successful applicants will receive a three month extension to their PhD funding, as well as travel and accommodation costs, if required.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people_information/policy_placements.html

BBSRC **22 September 2009**

Short training courses at masters level in the biosciences

Unspecified

This initiative is part of BBSRC's modular training for industry scheme which aims to provide flexible, up to date, technical training to graduates employed in UK industry. Evidence of industrial demand is a key requirement of funding, and priority will be given to proposals within a subject area identified by industry.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/training/modular_training.html

BBSRC / Wellcome Trust **23 September 2009**

Insect pollinators initiative

Unspecified

The funders will commit up to £10 million over five years to support multidisciplinary research in this area under the auspices of the living with environmental change partnership. Projects may last up to five years. The normal project duration is expected to be three years. The average funding level will be 75 per cent of full economic costs.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/insect_pollinators_initiative.html

Breast Cancer Campaign £20,000.00 **18 September 2009**

Small pilot grants

Specified Amount

These allow established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas in the field of breast cancer research. Grants will be awarded for research aimed at testing hypotheses for up to a year to provide sufficient data for a full application to BCC. Awards are for up to £20,000.

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

British Academy 30 September 2009
British Academy/JSPP joint project awards Unspecified

These support collaborative research projects in the humanities and social sciences between UK and Japanese scholars. Up to £5,000 will be available per project per annum.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/japan.cfm>

British Academy 30 September 2009

Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science/BA postdoctoral fellowship for foreign researcher Unspecified

The scheme is intended to support research in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Awards last 12 to 24 months and provide: a round-trip air ticket; a monthly maintenance stipend of 364,000 yen; a settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen; a domestic research travel allowance of 58,500 yen per year; accident and sickness insurance cover.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/jspspdfnfa.cfm>

British Academy £2,500.00 30 September 2009

Joint projects with the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas Specified Amount

Grants support joint projects of up to two years duration between British and Spanish scholars, in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Up to £2,500 will be available.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/csicnfa.cfm>

British Academy £8,000.00 30 September 2009

Special joint projects: Australia Specified Amount

Visits in connection with joint projects may include jointly organised seminars, conferences or workshops as well as individual visits in either direction to undertake collaborative research. Up to £8,000 is available.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/AUSjp.cfm>

British Academy £3,000.00 30 September 2009

Special joint projects: central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union Specified Amount

Eligible activities may include attendance at joint seminars, conferences or workshops as well as visits to undertake collaborative research. The British Academy provides up to £3,000 per year to cover travel and maintenance expenses for up to three years.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/ceefsujp.cfm>

British Academy / ESRC 30 September 2009

British Academy/ESRC joint project grants with Chinese partner academies Unspecified

The scheme provides funding for visits by scholars of postdoctoral status in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Visits in connection with joint projects may include jointly organised seminars, conferences or workshops as well as individual visits in either direction to undertake collaborative research.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/chinajp.cfm>

British Heart Foundation 31 August 2009

Programme Grants Unspecified

These support research into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

http://www.bhf.org.uk/research_health_professionals/apply_for_research_grants/grant_types__guidelines/programme_grants.aspx

British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society 10 September 2009

Research grants Unspecified

Research grants are designed to fund high quality projects focused on the causes, potential treatments, and potential cure for retinitis pigmentosa.

<http://www.brps.org.uk/index.php?tl=research&pageid=16>

British Society of Immunology £800.00 01 August 2009

Travel Awards Specified Amount

These awards are for attendance at scientific meetings or visits to laboratories for specific short-term activities, such as collaborative research, or in order to learn new techniques. Maximum awards amount to £300 for travel within the UK, £500 for European travel and £800 for intercontinental travel.

<http://bsi.immunology.org/Page.aspx?pid=257&srcid=193>

British Thyroid Foundation £10,000.00 31 August 2009

One Year Award Unspecified

This award is designed to enable medical researchers to supplement existing projects, or for pump-priming existing research ideas. The maximum amount is £10,000 per award.

<http://www.btf-thyroid.org/>

Cancer Research UK £40,000.00 14 August 2009

Feasibility study project grants Specified Amount

Studies should be viewed as purpose-driven preparatory work for phase III trials, to assess the activity, or feasibility or toxicity of new treatment approaches, and be used to screen out inactive treatments. Applications are being requested for projects in the order of £25,000 per annum (up to a maximum of £40,000 in exceptional cases) for a period of up to two years.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/clinicaltrialsfund/feasibility_study_grants/

Cancer Research UK £100,000.00 14 August 2009

Phase III clinical trial grants Specified Amount

The clinical trials advisory and awards committee will initially review applications for cancer trials as outline proposals. The upper funding limit for each grant is £100,000 per annum.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/clinicaltrialsfund/clinical_trial_phase3/

Cancer Research UK 14 August 2009

Prospective sample collections Unspecified

This supports prospective sample collection of samples alone from a clinical trial that is about to commence or is ongoing. Funding of £15 per paraffin block and £7.50 per blood sample will be provided, although applicants are expected to negotiate lower costs wherever possible.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/clinicaltrialsfund/sample_collections/

Cancer Research UK 25 September 2009

Tobacco advisory group project grant Unspecified

Project grants provide support for a defined piece of work with objectives that can be achieved in the time specified, where there is a direct policy relevance to tobacco control. There is no set funding value, although grants are normally in the range of £10,000 to £30,000 and rarely exceed £50,000 per annum.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/public_health_policy_funding/project_grant_tag/

Cancer Research UK £6,000.00 04 September 2009
Collaborator bursaries Specified Amount

These provide funding for: applicants or their team members when visiting a collaborating research group in the UK or overseas; or the collaborating team's visit hosted by the applicant's research group. The maximum funding amount is worth £6,000.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/personalfund/otherbursaries/collaborator_bursaries?version=2

EPSRC 16 September 2009
Bridging the gaps Unspecified

For 2009, the cross-disciplinary interfaces programme would like to encourage applications that bridge the gap between engineering and physical sciences and other non-EPS research areas. A budget of up to £3.5 million will be available to support proposals under this call. Projects may have a maximum duration of 36 months.

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/btgcalls.htm>

ESRC 1,200,000.00 25 August 2009
Comparative cross-national research methods Specified Amount

Projects should: aim to generate expertise and knowledge relevant to methodological development in comparative cross-national research; generate methodological advancement or advance understanding of the implementation of best practice. The budget available for this Initiative is £1.2 million. Projects should last no longer than two years.

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/CCNRM.aspx

European Science Foundation 25 September 2009
Functional genomics science meetings programme Unspecified

Grants support the organisation of science meetings, including workshops, schools, conferences, with a clear connection to the programme.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/ffg/science-meetings/call-for-proposals.html>

European Science Foundation 25 September 2009
Functional genomics short visits and exchange grants Unspecified

Funding is available for scientists wishing to undertake work of high scientific quality in the area of functional genomics through short visit and exchange grants.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/ffg/grants/call-for-applications.html>

European Science Foundation 01 September 2009
Functional dynamics in complex chemical and biological systems exchange grants Unspecified

Applications should show how the visit will lead to increased insight in functional dynamics in complex chemical and biological systems. Exchange grants provide support plus travel expenses worth a maximum of 500 euros for up to four weeks.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/functional-dynamics-in-complex-chemical-and-biological-systems-funcdyn/grants/calls-for-proposals.html>

European Science Foundation 01 September 2009

Functional dynamics in complex chemical and biological systems short visits Unspecified

Applications should show how the visit will lead to increased insight in functional dynamics in complex chemical and biological systems. Visits may last for a maximum of 15 days and include support and travel expenses worth up to 500 euros.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/functional-dynamics-in-complex-chemical-and-biological-systems-funcdyn/grants/calls-for-proposals.html>

European Sciences Foundation 15 September 2009

Research conferences scheme framework Unspecified

Grants support high-level research conferences for between four and five days in ESF member organisation countries.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals/framework-call-for-proposals.html>

Heart Research UK £200,000.00 03 August 2009

Novel and emerging technologies grants Specified Amount

These fund research on new and emerging technologies and applications of bioengineering and molecular strategies for cardiovascular diseases. Awards are worth up to £200,000 each.

http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/emergin_tech_grants.htm

Joseph Rowntree Foundation £70,000.00 29 September 2009

Research on young people who do not drink or drink little Specified Amount

The aim of the programme is to fund one study focusing on why and how some young people do not drink to intoxication, and how this choice impacts on their lives. Up to £70,000 is available to fund one project of up to 18 months duration.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/young-people-no-drink>

Joseph Rowntree Foundation £150,000.00 29 September 2009

Research on young people, alcohol and locality Specified Amount

The aim of this programme is to support research focusing on the influence of locality on the drinking and drinking cultures of young people ages 15-24. Up to £150,000 is available to fund a project of up to 18 months duration.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/young-people-alcohol-locality>

Leverhulme Trust £125,000.00 01 September 2009

International networks Specified Amount

These collaborations enable a principal investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion is dependent on the participation of relevant overseas institutions. The value of a network award is normally up to £125,000, and a grant can last for up to three years.

http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/

Leverhulme Trust £250,000.00 01 September 2009

Research project grants Specified Amount

These are primarily intended to provide the salary costs of one or more researchers working on a specific and discrete project proposed by the applicant. The great majority of awards involve a spend of up to £250,000 over a duration of two to three years. PLEASE NOTE: The Leverhulme Trust will only fund sociological, philosophical, economic, legal or psychological aspects of medicine.

http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_project_grants/

MRC

09 September 2009

Developmental Clinical Studies - Infections and Immunity

Unspecified

The Medical Research Council invites proposals for its Developmental Clinical Studies funding stream. Projects are for early stage clinical studies which are on the development pathway for a new therapeutic/ diagnostic/ device/ public health intervention (or a new indication for an existing intervention). Studies should be aimed at proof of concept. Interventions may include drug or cell-based treatments, vaccines, devices and instruments, diagnostics, surgical, dietary, psychological interventions, and novel applications of existing therapeutics.

Projects should be milestone based, lasting up to 2-3 years. There is no limit to the amount of funding for each project.

For further information and assistance in preparing proposals please contact Dr Lindsay Smith, email: l.s.smith.2@bham.ac.uk or tel: 46976.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/DCS/index.htm#P107_10449

MRC

02 September 2009

Developmental Clinical Studies - Molecular and Cellular Medicine

Unspecified

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MRC

23 September 2009

Developmental Clinical Studies - Neurosciences and Mental Health

Unspecified

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MRC

16 September 2009

Developmental Clinical Studies - Populations and Systems Medicine

Unspecified

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MRC

14 August 2009

Digital economy research in the wild

Unspecified

This call aims to allow researchers in the digital economy to expose and test their research ideas with potential beneficiaries – eg, the individual, business or society – in order to get closer to achieving a viable proposition with potential for transformational impact. Projects are limited to up to 18 months in duration.

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/RiTW.htm>

MRC

£600,000.00 09 September 2009

New investigator research grants - Infections and Immunity

Specified Amount

These assist clinical and non-clinical researchers to establish themselves as independent principal investigators. Awards will have a duration of three years. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is £600,000 full economic costs.

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

MRC

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New investigator research grants - Molecular and Cellular Medicine

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

MRC

£600,000.00 23 September 2009

New investigator research grants -Neurosciences and Mental Health

Specified Amount

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

MRC

£600,000.00 16 September 2009

New investigator research grants -Populations and Systems Medicine

Specified Amount

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

MRC 09 September 2009
Research grants - Infections and Immunity Unspecified

These support basic, clinical and translational research applied to infectious human disease and to disorders of the human immune system. Funding will last up to five years and may cover a salary, consumables, equipment, travel and other expenses.

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

MRC 02 September 2009
Research grants - Molecular and Cellular Medicine Unspecified

These support short- and long-term focused projects and also broader-based programmes. Grants may last up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Funding at a rate of 80 per cent of full economic costs will be provided to cover a salary, consumables, equipment, travel and data costs.

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

MRC 23 September 2009
Research grants -Neurosciences and Mental Health Unspecified

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

MRC 25 September 2009
Special training fellowship in bioinformatics, neuroinformatics, health informatics and computational biology Unspecified

Fellowships usually last for three years or occasionally up to four years when there is special justification. Funding is provided for the fellow's personal salary, research training support costs, travel and all other relevant expenses under full economic costing regime.

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

MRC 26 August 2009
Translational stem cell research programme - response mode funding Unspecified

Translational stem cell research programme - response mode funding

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

MRC 3,000,000.00 01 September 2009
UKCRC translational infection research initiative (Phase 2) Specified Amount

For the second phase, applications are invited for consortium grants. A total budget of up to £8 million is available to fund one or two consortia. The expected scale of awards is in the range of £3m -£4m for five years.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/Translationalinfectionresearchphase2/index.htm>

Parkinsons Disease Society		04 September 2009
Project grant scheme		Unspecified
This scheme is designed to answer a single question or a small group of related questions about Parkinson's. Applications are invited for project grants for up to three years.		
http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/research/research_grants/project_grants.aspx		
Parkinson's Disease Society	£35,000.00	14 August 2009
Innovation grants		Specified Amount
These grants support exceptionally innovative research focussed on the causes, treatment and cure for Parkinson's. Grants are worth up to £35,000 for up to 12 months.		
http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/research/research_grants/innovation_grants.aspx		
Royal College of Surgeons of England		01 August 2009
Grants for clinical projects		Unspecified
These aim to promote the advancement of the speciality of oral and maxillofacial surgery.		
http://www.baoms.org.uk/page.asp?id=87		
Royal College of Surgeons of England	£10,000.00	01 August 2009
Grants for Research Projects		Specified Amount
These fund research projects undertaken by fellows, associate fellows, fellows in training and members. Applications requesting over £10,000 of funding need to include an independent peer review.		
http://www.baoms.org.uk/page.asp?id=87		
Society of Endocrinology	£750.00	15 August 2009
Conference Grants		Specified Amount
These grants fund attendance at: the SFE British Endocrine Society meeting; overseas endocrine meetings. Awards of up to £500, or up to £750 for overseas meetings, are available.		
http://www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_sfeoverseas.html		
Tuberous Sclerosis Association		01 August 2009
Project grants for research into tuberous sclerosis		Unspecified
This scheme provides funds for research into the rare genetic condition, tuberous sclerosis. Grants are awarded for one year in the first instance and cover direct costs.		
http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/research/grant-applications		
University of Birmingham	£20,000.00	01 August 2009
Knowledge Transfer Development and Proof of Concept Funding		Specified Amount
Knowledge Transfer Development Fund. Funded by HEFCE as part of the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF4), this funding is to support the University with the development of knowledge transfer activities.		
Proof of Concept Funding. The aim of this funding is to demonstrate proof of concept for potential commercialisation projects which are not suitable for funding by Research Council or other conventional funding routes. It is envisaged that this stream will be used to fund a broad range of projects including: laboratory studies, process development, prototyping, consumables, contract service development and CPD. Funding up to £20k will be awarded for projects lasting up to 12 months.		
Applications should be made in collaboration with the College's Research and Knowledge Transfer Office. Please contact Lindsay Smith (L.S.Smith.2@bham.ac.uk) for more information.		
http://www.industry.bham.ac.uk/FundingKT.shtml		

Wellbeing of Women £300,000.00 07 September 2009
Research Grants Specified Amount

Proposals are welcome in the following areas: research into the causes or prevention of stillbirth in collaboration with Sands; research into gynaecological cancer; projects in basic science, clinical or translational research in the areas of pregnancy and childbirth and quality of life issues. Up to £300,000 is available.

<http://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/research/research-grants/?menu=1c>

Wellcome Trust 21 September 2009

Research career re-entry fellowships in biomedical science Unspecified

These are intended to give postdoctoral scientists the opportunity to return to research after a break of at least two years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004380.htm>

Wellcome Trust 14 August 2009

Translation Awards Unspecified

Translation awards are response-mode grants designed to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Translation-Awards/>

Studentships/Scholarships **Deadline**

Arthritis Research Campaign 10 August 2009

PhD Studentship Unspecified

These are designed to encourage young science graduates to embark on a research career in any discipline relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases. Awards consist of a tax-free incremental stipend (linked to the academic 1B scale), UK tuition fees and limited running costs for three years.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/forms/arcPhDstudentships.asp>

Cancer Research UK 28 August 2009

Population research fellowships Unspecified

These enable researchers in population or behavioural cancer research to carry out research leading to a PhD or to develop their postdoctoral career. Fellowships are awarded for three years and provide a personal salary, running expenses, equipment funding and fees where appropriate.

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/personalfund/fellowships/population_research_fellowships

Diabetes UK £15,500.00 11 September 2009

AHP, nurse and midwife research training fellowship Specified Amount

Fellowships are for allied health professionals, nurses and midwives who wish to undertake training in clinical or basic research in the field of diabetes at a UK higher education institution leading to a PhD. Salary for the applicant may be requested. Fees for the PhD will be provided. Up to £14,000 per year is available for materials and consumables and up to £1,500 is available for training.

http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/Definition-of-the-Allied-Health-Professional-Nurse-and-Midwife--Research-Training-Fellowship/

Diabetes UK 30 September 2009

Studentships Unspecified

These are for three years and allow students to undertake research work for a PhD. The awards cover fees, maintenance grant (currently £15,000 in London and £13,000 outside London per annum for the first year) and research expenses (currently £10,000 per annum).

http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/PhD-studentship-/

Fight for Sight £93,000.00 07 September 2009

PhD Studentship Specified Amount

The studentships are designed to encourage new and highly qualified graduates into a career in ophthalmological research. Each studentship will provide a grant of up to £93,000 to support the training of graduate students, including optometrists, over three years.

<http://www.fightforsight.org.uk/funding-types/articles/fight-for-sight-phd-studentships>

Parkinson's Disease Society 28 August 2009

PhD studentships Unspecified

These provide funding over a three year period to students undertaking a PhD relevant to Parkinson's. Studentships provide: a stipend of up to £16,000 per year; full PhD tuition fees at the UK/EU rate; a contribution of up to £10,000 per year towards research costs.

http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/research/research_grants/phd_studentships.aspx

Wellcome Trust 25 September 2009

Research training fellowships for medical, dental and veterinary or clinical psychology graduates Unspecified

The Wellcome Trust invites applications for its research training fellowships for medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology graduates who have little or no research training but who wish to develop a long-term career in academic medicine. The scheme encourages applications from individuals who wish to undertake substantial training through high-quality research in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility, towards a PhD or MD qualification.

Candidates should normally be no more than 10 years from the date of their first medical, dental or veterinary qualification and should have completed general professional training. Fellowships last two to three years, or exceptionally four years for those individuals also undertaking relevant masters training or a diploma course. Grants provide the fellow's salary and support for research expenses.

The awards are open to individuals with a relevant connection to the EEA for fellowships to be held in a UK or RoI institution.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004435.htm>

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Programme Grants for Applied Research are prestigious awards of up to £2m over a period of three to five years, directed towards leading researchers who can demonstrate an impressive track-record of achievement in applied health research. Each programme funds a series of related projects, which form a coherent theme in an area of priority or need for the NHS. <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/programmegrants/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Competition launch	Outline 1 submission deadline	Notification of outcome outline application	Full application deadline	Notification of outcome of full application
Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 7	3-5 yrs	1 st June 2009	5 th October 2009, 5pm	Early December 2009	22 nd March 2010, 5pm	July 2010
Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 8	3-5 yrs	7 th December 2009	15 th March 2010, 5pm	Mid May 2010	11 th October 2010, 5pm	Late March 2011

Programme Development Grants

NIHR Programme Development Grants are awards of up to enable a research team to undertake preparatory work that will position them to submit a successful Programme Grant application in a subsequent funding competition. <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/developmentgrants/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Competition launch	Grant submission deadline	Review of Grant Application	Notification of outcome of application	
Programme Development Grants – Competition 2	6-18 months	13 th July 2009	27 th November 2009, 5pm	February 2010	March 2010	
Programme Development Grants – Competition 3	6-18 months	7 th December 2009	22 nd March 2010, 5pm	June 2010	July 2010	

Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme

The RfPB programme is national response-mode programme for high quality investigator-led research projects that address issues of importance to the NHS. It funds research into everyday practice in the health service. Proposals are identified by health service staff, and developed by them with appropriate academic input. All proposals must show evidence from systematic reviews to ensure patient safety and value for money.

Funds are available on a population basis. Applications are assessed and processed by a regional committee. Committees covering each of the ten Government Office regions have been established. Professor Celia Davies, National Programme Director oversees the Programme.

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Applications are accepted at any time and will be considered at the next available Regional Committee. All researchers in England are eligible to apply. Joint applications from NHS researchers with academic partners are welcome although funding will normally be awarded to the NHS partner.

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/rfpb/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Intend to submit Deadline	Submission Deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome	Start Date
Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Competition 10	3 years	14 th August 2009 5pm	25 th September 2009 5pm	2 nd October 2009 5pm	Mid February 2010	
Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Competition 11	3 years	11 th December 2009, 5pm	22 January 2010, 5pm	29 th January 2010, 5pm	Not stated	

The Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme brings together the work of several previous programmes, including the New and Emerging Applications of Technology (NEAT) and the Health Technology Devices (HTD) programmes, with a new investment stream. The programme will help accelerate the take-up and use of proven new treatments and devices by the NHS. The i4i programme has three response-mode funding streams:

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/i4i/default.cfm>

Future Product Development – Stream 1 (FPD1)

The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite project proposals of up to 12 months to investigate first whether a piece of prior basic research or an innovative use of an existing technology could provide a solution to an existing or emerging healthcare need.

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/i4i/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Call opens	Submission deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome	
Invention for Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development Stream 1 (FPD1) 4th Call	Max 12 months	23 rd September 2009	6 th November 2009, 5pm	13 th November 2009, 5pm	Mid-late February 2010	

Future Product Development – Stream 2 (FPD2)

The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite FPD2 outline project proposals of up to 3 years which should build upon the results of a completed assessment of the feasibility to produce a medical device or product through further technological improvements or developments. This will provide further evidence of its capacity to deliver improved healthcare outcomes and commercial opportunities. Funding of the order of £150K - £250K per year is available.

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Call	Duration	Call opens	Submission deadline for outline proposals	Applicants notified and Full proposals invited	Submission deadline for full proposals	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome
Invention for Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development Stream 2 (FPD2) 1st Call	3 years	18 th February 2009	3 rd April 2009, 5pm	Mid July 2009	28 th August 2009	4 th September 2009	Mid December 2009
Future Product Development – Stream 3a (FPD3a) The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite FPD3a project proposals lasting up to 1 year and is a collaboration between at least one industry and one research (academic or clinical) partner to determine the commercial viability of a proposed device or technology, with the development of a robust route to market and a strong, appropriate consortium being the main deliverables. Costs can be no more than £100k in total and a maximum of 75% funding is available.							
Call	Duration	Call opens	Submission deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome		
Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development 3rd call - Stream 3a (FPD3a) 2nd Call	3 years	3 rd August 2009	18 th September 2009	25 th September 2009	November 2009		
Future Product Development – Stream 3b (FPD3b) The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite FPD3b outline project proposals of up to 3 years which should build upon the results of a completed assessment of feasibility and is a collaboration between at least one industry and one academic research partner (academic or clinical). This will provide further evidence of the capability to deliver improved healthcare outcomes and commercial and intellectual property exploitation. Funding to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs, and £100k-£300k per year is available. Please note that FPD3b is a two stage process and that applicants successful at the outline stage will be invited to submit a full proposal. Deadlines for submission of full proposals and notification dates will be made known in due course.							
Call	Duration	Call opens for outline proposal	Submission deadline for outline proposals	Outcome for Outline proposals			
Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development 4th call - Stream 3b (FPD3b) 2nd Call	1 year	3 rd August 2009	18 th September 2009	November 2009			

NIHR Funding

HTA-

Standard call for proposals - Primary research submissions are first made in outline, with shortlisted research teams invited to submit full proposals for consideration by the Board. For evidence synthesis, full proposals are usually invited from the start.

All submissions must reach the HTA offices **before 1pm on Friday 2 October 2009**. Please note that applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Primary Research (Outline proposals)

09/70 Interventions to reduce the fear of falling in the elderly

09/71 Family based interventions for young people who misuse alcohol and/or other substances

09/72 Home safety programmes for people with visual impairment

09/73 Which patients with hereditary haemochromatosis are at greatest risk of developing clinical disease

09/74 The whispered voice test for triage of hearing impairment

09/75 The microbiological diagnosis of infection due to a diabetic foot ulcer

09/76 Case finding for depression in vulnerable adolescents

09/77 Ankle and foot orthoses for older people with balance problems

09/80 Physical activity programmes for individuals with dementia

09/81 Self-managed therapy packages for obsessive-compulsive disorder

09/82 Sustained-release naltrexone for opioid dependence

Evidence Synthesis (full proposals)

09/78 Allergen immunotherapy

09/79 Ablative therapies for liver metastases

The relevant commissioning briefs can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/topics.shtml> and further call details at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/index.shtml>

Themed calls for proposals –

Obesity: The HTA programme will be inviting research proposals in the area of obesity on **10 November 2009**. More details can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/themedcalls/obesity.shtml>

Clinical Evaluation and Trials

HTA Clinical Trials has expanded its remit to become the HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials funding stream and grants are now available for evaluation studies falling within the remit of the HTA programme, as well as normal clinical trials. Outline proposals for the HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials workstream to assess the effectiveness of treatments and tests within the NHS are accepted on an ongoing basis.

The next cut off-deadline is Wednesday 21 October 2009 - 1pm

Further information can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/clinicaltrials/index.shtml>

- Wednesday 21 October - 1pm
- Thursday 28 January - 1pm
- Tuesday 13 April – 1 pm with a topic focus on palliative care.

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The DH Policy Research Programme (PRP)

The Policy Research Programme (PRP) is commissioned and funded by the Department of Health (DH) to provide the evidence base for policy development on public health and social care issues. The programme provides information to policy makers and Ministers in the DH.

HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR ALL – EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRES

Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs) are partnerships that bring together a small number of health and academic partners to focus on the integration of world-class research, teaching, and patient care. The key aim is to help speed up the process of translating developments in research into benefits for patients and the local community and to promote the uptake of discoveries within the NHS and across the world. Five AHSCs were designated in March 2009 by the Secretary of State for Health, following recommendations by an international panel of experts.

To help us understand how effectively these partnerships are working and to inform future designation policy, the Department of Health is inviting research proposals for a single evaluation project in two parts:

- an evaluation of the progress of each of the AHSCs as they work to deliver on the vision they set out to the international designation panel;
- a comparative study of the AHSCs, including an evaluation of the designation policy itself.

This is part of an overall programme of *High Quality Care for All* evaluation projects to be undertaken within the period April 2009 - March 2012. The deadline for receipt of full applications is 5.00pm on **Monday 21 September 2009**.

To see a copy of the research specification, please go to: https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp_ahsc/Evaluation%20of%20AHSCs%20-%20Final%20research%20brief.pdf

Public Health Research (PHR) Programme –

Researcher-led calls the next round cut off date to submit outline proposals is **23rd September 2009**. Funds both primary research projects and Evidence synthesis projects. For further details please see: http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher_led.asp

Commissioned research calls

Outline proposals are invited in response to the two specific research questions prioritised by the Programme Advisory Board. Call details can be found at: <http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/commissioned.asp>. The cut-off date to submit outline proposals to both commissioned calls is **Wednesday 9 September 2009 by 1pm**.

09/3003 - What types of injecting and non-injecting equipment can effectively and cost effectively reduce the harm associated with injecting drug use? For the commissioning brief please see: http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/pdfs/09_3003_NewCommbrief.pdf

09/3004 - What is the relative effectiveness and cost effectiveness of home based support programmes in improving the mental well being of older people living in their own homes? For the commissioning brief please see: http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/pdfs/09_3004_Commbrief.pdf

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Obesity themed call

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Public Health Research (PHR) programmes will be advertising a joint themed call for obesity in the autumn of 2009 with a closing date for applications in January 2010. For more information please see: http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/obesity_themed.asp

Health Services Research (HSR) Programme

The ultimate aim of the NIHR Health Services Research (HSR) programme is to lead to an increase in service quality and patient safety through better ways of planning and providing health services. The HSR programme will fund both primary research and evidence syntheses, depending on the availability of existing research and the most appropriate way of responding to important knowledge gaps. The HSR programme will fund all types of study proposals expected to enhance knowledge and understanding in the field of HSR. The types of projects that the HSR programme may fund include:

- Cultural and organisational issues around patient safety;
- Applied methodology research (that falls outside the MRC-NIHR Methodology Research Programme remit) such as development of patient-reported health status measures and specific risk adjustment models for existing databases;
- Making better use of existing research knowledge through modeling;
- Knowledge exchange/transfer within organisations;
- Measurement of quality improvement;

First call for expressions of interest in submitting research proposals, expression of interest are made online. If EoI are made will receive feedback for outline proposal. Will fund both primary research projects and Evidence synthesis projects. 5 year programme. Details can be found at: <http://www.netscc.ac.uk/hsr/>

The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme

The EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting 'science driven' studies with an expectation of substantial health gain. The clinical studies are likely to be mostly randomised controlled trials but other forms of evaluation appropriate for the intervention under study will also be supported.

The EME programme aims to support excellent clinical science with an ultimate view to improving health or patient care. Its remit includes clinical trials and evaluative studies - in patients - which:

- evaluate clinical efficacy of interventions (where proof of concept in humans has already been achieved);
- add significantly to our understanding of biological or behavioral mechanisms and processes;
- explore new scientific or clinical principles;
- include the development or testing of new methodologies.

All are welcome to submit a preliminary application at any time, however there will be three submission deadlines each year.

The submission deadline for consideration in the next round is **1pm, Tuesday 24th November 2009**.

Further details can be found at: <http://www.eme.ac.uk/funding/index.htm>

PLEASE NOTE: Full proposals may only be submitted by invitation from the EME Board, after a preliminary application has been considered.

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NHS Physical Environment Research Programme

The NHS Physical Environment Research Programme aims to improve the patient environment by encouraging the exploration of topics related to the physical environment within the primary and secondary healthcare sectors.

New proposals are currently encouraged in the following areas with an overarching emphasis on economic and sustainable issues:

Infection control, Decontamination, Sustainability, Older people, Mental health and learning disabilities, Space and design, Strategy for the physical environment
Other topics will be considered for funding but they must relate directly to the built environment or address issues of practical concern.

Further details can be found at: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/research/Pages/NHS_physical_environment.aspx

Closing date: **Advisory Panel Meetings:**

18 September 2009

January 2010

18 December 2009

April 2010

Research Capacity Development Programme

Further details can be found at: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/>

- **NIHR Integrated Academic Training** (ACF's and CL's). The second round of the ACF recruitment is now open, please contact your deanery . For more details please see: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/intetacatrain/2009acfsecondround>
- **Fellowship scheme** - Round 3 available later in the year (no dates currently). Available; Doctoral Research Fellowship (NIHR-DRF), Post-Doctoral Fellowship (NIHR-PDF), Career Development Fellowship (NIHR-CDF), Senior Research Fellowship (NIHR-SRF)
- **NIHR Clinician Scientist Award Round 9** – Details about round 10 will be published in **early 2010**. Further details about the scheme can be found at: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/natclinsciencescheme/>
- **NIHR Clinical Academic Training Pathway for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professions:**
 - Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship. Next anticipated call for applications is likely to be in **January 2010**.
 - Clinical lectureship awards: Another Clinical Lectureship award will open next year, **2010**.
- **ESRC/MRC NIHR Early Career fellowship in economics of health:** The ESRC/MRC NIHR fellowship is a personal award aiming to provide an opportunity for successful applicants to pursue a career in health economics. The fellowship provides early career support to help individuals begin to establish a track record in the field and to undertake further training. Deadline for submission of applications is **25th September 2009**. Further details can be found at: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Earlycareerpostdoctoral/index.htm>

Research for Innovation, Speculation and Creativity (RISC) Programme

The RISC programme provides small, discrete grants for new speculative and radical health research proposals that could lead to a step change in the care and management of patients. RISC awards are intended particularly for speculative, novel proposals that are unlikely to gain support during traditional peer review processes. **RISC competition 3** has now launched. Further details can be found at: <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/risc/default.cfm>

Submission Deadline: **4th August 2009, 4:00pm**

Declarations and signatures deadline:

11th August 2009, 4:00pm

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Methodology Research Programme (MRP) with MRC

Investigator lead research - A research grant can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Further information can be found at: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Initiatives/MRP/index.htm>

Deadline dates:

Submissions by 4pm on	Peer-review	Panel meeting
14 October 2009	November – February	March 2010
17 th February 2010	March – June	July 2010

Needs-led commissions - there are currently three open commissions

1. Methods to specify the targeted differences in randomised controlled trials
2. Methods for the recruitment and retention of under-represented groups into public health and health services research studies
3. Methods to assess the impacts of user involvement in health and social care research

Deadline for commissioned proposals: **14th October 2009**. Further details for all three commissions see: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Initiatives/MRP/index.htm>

Service Delivery and Organisation programme (SDO)

Priority Areas Panel

The Priority Areas Panel will help meet the challenge of commissioning high quality research relevant to NHS needs. The Priority Areas Panel considers the need for research in a number of broad thematic areas, identified through the programme's research needs assessment and prioritisation processes. The Priority Areas Panel's remit includes assisting with the development of commissioning briefs, as well as assessing areas of importance and need to the NHS within the SDO remit.

Research proposals are now sought on the following topic.

KM259 Research utilisation and knowledge mobilisation by healthcare managers (details to follow)

Further details and the SDO outline proposal web form can found on: <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/km259.html>

All submissions for the above topic must reach the SDO offices **before 1pm on Thursday 20 August 2009**. A signed paper copy of your form is required to be submitted to the address below within 1 week of the closing date.

Proposals will be considered by the Priority Areas Panel in September 2009. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of this meeting during October 2009 and those who are successful at this stage will be invited to submit full applications for consideration by our Commissioning Board in January 2010. The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to applicants by March 2010.

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MF261: SDO Management Fellowships - Evaluation of a Knowledge Mobilisation and Capacity Building Initiative

Further details and the SDO outline proposal web form can found on: <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/mf261.html>

All submissions for the above topic must reach the SDO offices **before 1pm on Thursday 8 October 2009**. Please note that applications received after these deadlines will not be considered. Proposals will be considered by the Commissioning Board in January 2010. The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to applicants by March 2010

The SDO Studies Panel

The SDO Studies Panel will help meet the challenge of commissioning high quality research relevant to NHS needs by assessing proposals originating in a researcher-led or responsive workstream. This Panel gives the academic community the opportunity to respond to an open call for proposals and to identify research questions aimed at addressing those gaps in knowledge.

Research proposals are now sought on the following topic. SDO1001 Responsive funding in the NIHR SDO programme. Specific call details can be found at: <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/files/adhoc/sa-sdo1001-commissioning-brief.pdf>

The SDO outline proposal web form will be available on this website, <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/callforproposalsstudiespanel.html> along with associated guidance notes, from **Monday 6 July 2009**. Please return to this web page on or after 6 July to submit your application.

All submissions for the above topic must reach the SDO offices before **1pm on Thursday 20 August 2009**. A signed paper copy of your form is required to be submitted to the address below within 1 week of the closing date. Please note that applications received after these deadlines will not be considered. Proposals will be considered by the SDO Studies Panel in September 2009. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of this meeting during October 2009 and those who are successful at this stage will be invited to submit full applications for consideration by our Commissioning Board in January 2010. The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to applicants by March 2010.

NIHR School for Social Care Research

The NIHR has established a new School for Social Care Research. The aim of the School is to increase the evidence-base for adult social care practice. The SSCR will undertake high-quality primary research and provide a focus for applied research in social care within the NIHR. The location of the School within the NIHR is recognition of the significant contribution that social care makes to the nation's health. Further information about the NIHR SSCR can be viewed at <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/NIHRSSCR>.

Call for Proposals - Research Brief for Stage 1 proposals

The NIHR School for Social Care Research (NIHR SSCR) invites Stage 1 (outline) proposals for research projects within its five core research programme areas. The NIHR SSCR is seeking proposals with a clear element of originality, which demonstrate relevance – and potential improvements - for adult social care practice in England. The deadline for these applications is **Tuesday 25th August 2009**.

Below are brief details on the 5 programme areas, more details can be found at: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/NIHRSSCR/research.htm>

Programme A: Prevention and Promotion

Core question: How can we best prevent or reduce the development or exacerbation of circumstances that lead to the need for social care?

Programme B: Empowerment and Safeguarding

Core question: How can we best empower and safeguard people who use social care services?

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Programme C: Care and Work

Core questions: How can we best equip and support people – practitioners, volunteers, informal carers – to provide optimum social care? How can we ensure that people who use social care and their carers are enabled and supported in paid work and other types of meaningful activity?

Programme D: Service Interventions, Commissioning and Change

Core question: What interventions, commissioning and delivery arrangements best achieve social care outcomes?

Programme E: Resources and Interfaces

Core question: How can social care and other public resources best be deployed and combined to achieve social care outcomes?