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## NIHR RDS NW Patient and Public Involvement bursaries

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for the North West (NIHR RDS NW) encourages patient and public involvement (PPI) at all stages of research and encourages researchers to budget for PPI in research funding applications.

We recognise that until research has been funded, researchers may find it difficult to pay for PPI involvement. For this reason, we recently launched a PPI bursary scheme. The scheme aims to support the costs of involving patients and the public in the early stages of research since doing so helps researchers to present a more compelling case for their study when submitting an application to research funding bodies; and could lead to higher quality research design.

Researchers across the North West who are developing proposals for national, peer-reviewed open call funding competitions for applied health or social care research and are in receipt of advice about their proposal from NIHR RDS NW are eligible to apply to the scheme. For further information please email [rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk).

**To access the NIHR RDS NW advice service, download the [NIHR RDS NW advice request form here](#).**

### Funding announcements

#### NIHR Research Professorships

**Closing date: 21 September 2011**

Nominations are invited from Universities and NHS organisations in England for a limited number of prestigious NIHR Research Professorships. The objective of these awards is to fund leaders in the early part of their careers to lead research, to promote effective translation of research ('bench to bedside' [T1] and 'campus to clinic' [T2]) and strengthen research leadership at the highest academic levels. Up to five NIHR Research Professorships will be available in this first round.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Research for Patient Benefit - competition 16

**Closing date: 23 September 2011**

Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) is a national, response-mode programme established in 2006 to generate high quality research for the benefit of users of the NHS in England.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR HTA Programme: commissioned research

**Closing date: 06 October 2011**

The HTA programme commissions evidence synthesis and primary research projects, which can range from systematic reviews taking a year or so, up to large-scale clinical trials taking several years.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Health Service Research programme

**Closing date: 18 October 2011**

The HSR programme funds research to improve the quality, effectiveness and accessibility of the NHS, and is now accepting applications to its researcher-led workstream.

[Further information...](#)

### Events and training

#### Health activism in Europe today

**14 - 16 September 2011 - Lancaster**

The conference is part of the 'European Patient Organisations in Knowledge Society' project (EPOKS) funded by the European Commission's FP7 'Science in Society Initiative'.

[Further information...](#)

#### Clinical Discovery Annual Conference

**04 October 2011 - London**

This conference will bring together stakeholders within the NHS and Industry to discuss pivotal issues such as; factors impacting the UKs competitiveness compared to other countries, how value based pricing may impact clinical R&D and the chief executive's perspective on where R&D fits into their agendas.

[Further information...](#)

#### Transferring knowledge; Transforming care

**13 - 14 October 2011 - Wigan**

This two-day conference brings together leading representatives from the health service, higher education, innovation, research, government and the private sector to discuss, share and develop ideas, identify barriers, and implement solutions.

[Further information...](#)

### Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR PHR - 22 August 2011 - details](#).
- [NIHR SDO - 15 September 2011 - details](#).
- [NIHR RfPB - 23 September 2011 - details](#).
- [NIHR HSR: researcher-lead - 18 October 2011 - details](#).