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Finding collaborators on your research proposal

When developing your research proposal there is often the need to have a team of researchers. This team will need to be multi-disciplined with a good track record in research having successful projects already completed.

It is often difficult to build up a team with the complete skill set needed for a project. However the NIHR RDS NW is able to help you build the 'dream team' needed as part of a successful funding bid. The NIHR RDS NW, amongst its advisers, has knowledge of many researchers in academia and the NHS who are experienced in research with a variety of skills who would welcome offers to collaborate on a bid. Our advisers can help put you in contact with these researchers and also help you decide which areas of expertise are needed on your research project.

The NIHR RDS NW are also able to help in many areas of research design. Please note, in order to be eligible for our advice service you must have the intention of submitting a proposal to an open competition, peer reviewed funding programme in applied people and patient focussed health and/or social care research.

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

Funding opportunities

i4i 3rd Call, early and late-stage product development
Closing date: 7 December 2011

This competition launches on 1st November 2011. i4i's mission is to advance the translation of healthcare technologies for increased patient benefit through the guided progression of innovative medical product prototypes.

[Further information...](#)

Programme Grants for Applied Research - comp 12
Closing date: 19 March 2012 – Stage 1

This competition launches on 5th December 2011. PGfAR is a national response mode programme that aims to provide evidence to improve health outcomes in England through promotion of health, prevention of ill health, and optimal disease management (including safety and quality), with particular emphasis on conditions causing significant disease burden.

[Further information...](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation programme
Closing date: 20 March 2012 – Researcher-led

Note there is also an earlier deadline of 15th November 2011. The EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting 'science driven' studies with an expectation of substantial health gain and aims to support excellent clinical science with an ultimate view to improving health or patient care.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR Clinical Lectureships
Closing date: 31 March 2012

NIHR Clinical Lectureships (CLs) are specialty training posts that incorporate academic training. NIHR Clinical Lecturers (CLs) spend 50% of their time undertaking specialist clinical training and 50% undertaking research or educationalist training.

[Further information...](#)

Events and training

Health Research: Easier, Better, Faster
24 November 2011 - London

This event is aimed at Clinical Research Network staff; Life-sciences Industry and NHS managers and decision-makers.

[Further information...](#)

The ethical issues arising from research involving adolescents

29 November 2011 - Liverpool

Learning Outcomes: To have a clearer understanding of the ethical issues raised in this research; to discuss current guidance and agenda regarding research with adolescents; to be familiar with examples of difficulties raised when doing research with adolescents; to have experience of hearing firsthand from adolescents involved in, or commenting upon research.

[Further information...](#)

The funding landscape for infectious disease researchers' workshop

09 December 2011 - London

This one-day workshop on what money is out there and how to get it with talks from the major contributors to UK infection research, including the Medical Research Council, Wellcome Foundation, the National Institute of Health Research, European Commission and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

[Further information...](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR PGfAR competition 11 stage 1 - 17 October 2011 - details.](#)
- [NIHR EME researcher-led - 15 November 2011 - details.](#)
- [NIHR HSR researcher-led - outline - 18 October 2011 - details.](#)
- [NIHR PGfAR competition 10 stage 2 - 24 October 2011 - details](#)