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Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 13

The NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research programme (PGfAR) invites research proposals to develop individual programmes 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. Proposals are sought for interrelated group of high quality projects that are focused on a coherent theme with multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics, statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that research objectives can be met. Individual awards are for a maximum of £2 million over a period of three to five years.

The amount of funding awarded is determined by the scale and nature of the research activity to be conducted.

Stage 1 applications must be received by **1:00 pm on 16th October 2012**. For more information visit the [funding programme website here](#).

To apply for RDS NW advice on your PGfAR application, download the [RDS NW advice request form here](#).

Funding opportunities

DH Policy Research Programme

Closing date: 1 August 2012

The Department of Health's Policy Research Programme (PRP) invites research proposals in the following areas:

- Research Initiative to Support the Implementation of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy
- Research to Develop an Evidence-Based Model for Estimating Requirements for Specialist Alcohol Treatment Capacity in England.

[Further information...](#)

Research for Patient Benefit - Competition 19

Closing date: 21 September 2012

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.

It funds regionally-derived applied research projects in health services and social care. Its main purpose is to realise, through evidence, the huge potential for improving, expanding and strengthening the way that healthcare is delivered for patients, the public and the NHS.

[Further information...](#)

Programme Development Grants

Closing date: 09 October 2012

The NIHR Programme Development Grants invites applications from leading research groups to undertake preparatory work that will position them to submit a successful Programme Grant for Applied Research application in a subsequent funding competition. Individual awards are for a maximum of £100k over a period of six to eighteen months. The amount of funding awarded is determined by the scale and nature of the research activity to be conducted. Successful applicants, on completion of their development work, proceed straight to a Stage 2 Programme Grant application.

[Further information...](#)

HTA – Clinical Evaluation and Trials

Closing date: 03 September 2012

The HTA programme produces independent research about the effectiveness of different healthcare treatments and tests for those who use, manage and provide care in the NHS. It identifies the most important questions that the NHS needs the answers to by consulting widely with these groups, and commissions the research it thinks is most important through different funding routes

[Further information...](#)

Events and training

What do trialists do, and how might things be changing?

23 July 2012 - Liverpool

Two presentations will be given at this event:

- A Random Walk Through Randomised Trials - Prof. Mike Clarke,
- Regulations, risk and monitoring in clinical trials - Dr. Carrol Gamble & Catrin Tudur Smith.

[Further information...](#)

Disability Studies Conference

11 to 13 September 2012 - Lancaster

The Lancaster disability studies conferences have brought together researchers, practitioners, policy makers and activists from around the world, to share and debate research, ideas and developments in disability studies.

[Further information...](#)

Developing proposals for National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme: a support programme for applicants - RDS NW organised 13 September 2012, 10 October 2012 and 26th November 2012 - Manchester

For those planning to submit a NIHR RfPB proposal in the 20th funding round (final submission deadline January 2013) we will provide a facilitated support programme for applicants involving three half-day meetings, individual 1:1 advice and referral to experts where needed. The aim is to maximise your chances of success in securing NIHR RfPB funding and to ensure your project is robust, well designed and properly supported.

Please note you must attend all three meetings.

[Further information...](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR EME](#) - researcher-led, stage 1 - **17 July 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR HS&DR](#) - researcher-led, stage 1 - **19 July 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR i4i](#) - challenge awards, stage 2 - **20 July 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR PHR](#) – researcher-led, stage 1 - **30 July 2012** - [details](#).