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Latest RDS Blog: A short introduction to the 'i4i Champions'

RDS NW has recently established the role of 'i4i Champions' to ensure we provide the best possible advice on NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) funding applications. Thomas Allen, one of our champions and an RDS adviser in Greater Manchester, has written the Research Design Service (RDS) January blog about his role. The blog provides useful hints and tips for i4i applicants, [read the full blog here](#). The next i4i funding call is for Product Development Awards (PDA). This is a researcher-led funding stream that supports innovations at any stage of the translational research and development pathway, including the clinical development of laboratory-validated technologies or interventions. You can watch a [short video on PDA here](#).

CRN NWC are recruiting for the Research Scholars Programme - Cohort 3

This programme from Clinical Research Network North West Coast (CRN NWC) is aimed at research-interested individuals who may or may not have NIHR clinical research experience already. They are encouraging applications from the whole cross section of clinical staffing roles.

This is an interactive developmental programme aimed at equipping tomorrow's clinical research leaders with the skills, knowledge and experience needed to become the Principal and Chief Investigators of the future. Successful candidates receive funding (half funded by the CRN award and the other half 'match' funded by the applicants employer) to cover one full day per week as dedicated time for research. For more information and to apply, please email rspadmin@nihr.ac.uk for an application form. Applications will be accepted until 27/01/20.

Details of the training programmes from Clinical Research Network Greater Manchester (CRN GM) [can be found here](#). National training information and details of [NIHR Learn can be found here](#).

New UK Standards for Public Involvement in Research

The UK Standards for Public Involvement are designed to improve the quality and consistency of public involvement in research.

Developed over three years by a UK-wide partnership, the standards are a description of what good public involvement looks like and encourage approaches and behaviours that are the hallmark of good public involvement such as flexibility, sharing and learning and respect for each other. Follow the [link to the website here](#) and find out more about the project, the standards and putting them into practice.

NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award

The DSE award is a post-doctoral level award aimed at supporting NIHR Academy Members to gain specific skills and experience to support the next phase of their research career. There are three awards each year, the next round opens in January and closes in March. [More details here](#).

Events and Webinars

[CLAHRC NWC: Dementia & Ageing Research Forum](#)
15 January - Liverpool

[RDS NW Developing funding proposals: First grants](#)
11 March 2020 - Liverpool

[Alzheimer's Society Annual Conference](#)
18 - 19 May 2020 - London

[NHS R&D NW 'Lets Talk Research' Conference](#)
25 June 2020 - Gorton, Manchester

More event and funding information on our [website here](#).

Approaching funding deadlines

[EME Programme 19/119 Mechanisms of action of health interventions](#)

Closing date - 5 March 2020

Funding opportunities

[Research for Patient Benefit Programme - Comp. 41](#)
Closing date - 18 March 2020

[19/134 Public Health Research Programme Researcher-led](#)

Closing date - 24 March 2020

Please always check with the event organiser or funder for up-to-date information