

# The Research Design Service



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# Research Design Service

Provides advice on research design to researchers to develop high quality research proposals for national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.



## Example of funders where we can advise

- National Institute for Health and Care Research.
- Medical Research Council.
- Economic and Social Research Council.
- Charities.



Funding needs to be national and peer reviewed.  
Research needs to be in applied health or social care.

## Our expertise

- Methodology including but not limited to:
  - quantitative, including statistical
  - qualitative
  - mixed methods
  - health economics
  - health psychology and behaviour change
  - specialist methodologies.
- Specific funding programme application advice.



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## We can also help with

- Identifying appropriate funding.
- Finding collaborators and building an appropriate team.
- Involving the public.
- Formulating the research question.
- “Grantsmanship.”
- Signposting to specialised support.
- Ethical and governance issues.
- Getting the narrative right.
- A critical read of your proposal.
- And much more.



# The RDS – 2021 to 2022



**325 million**



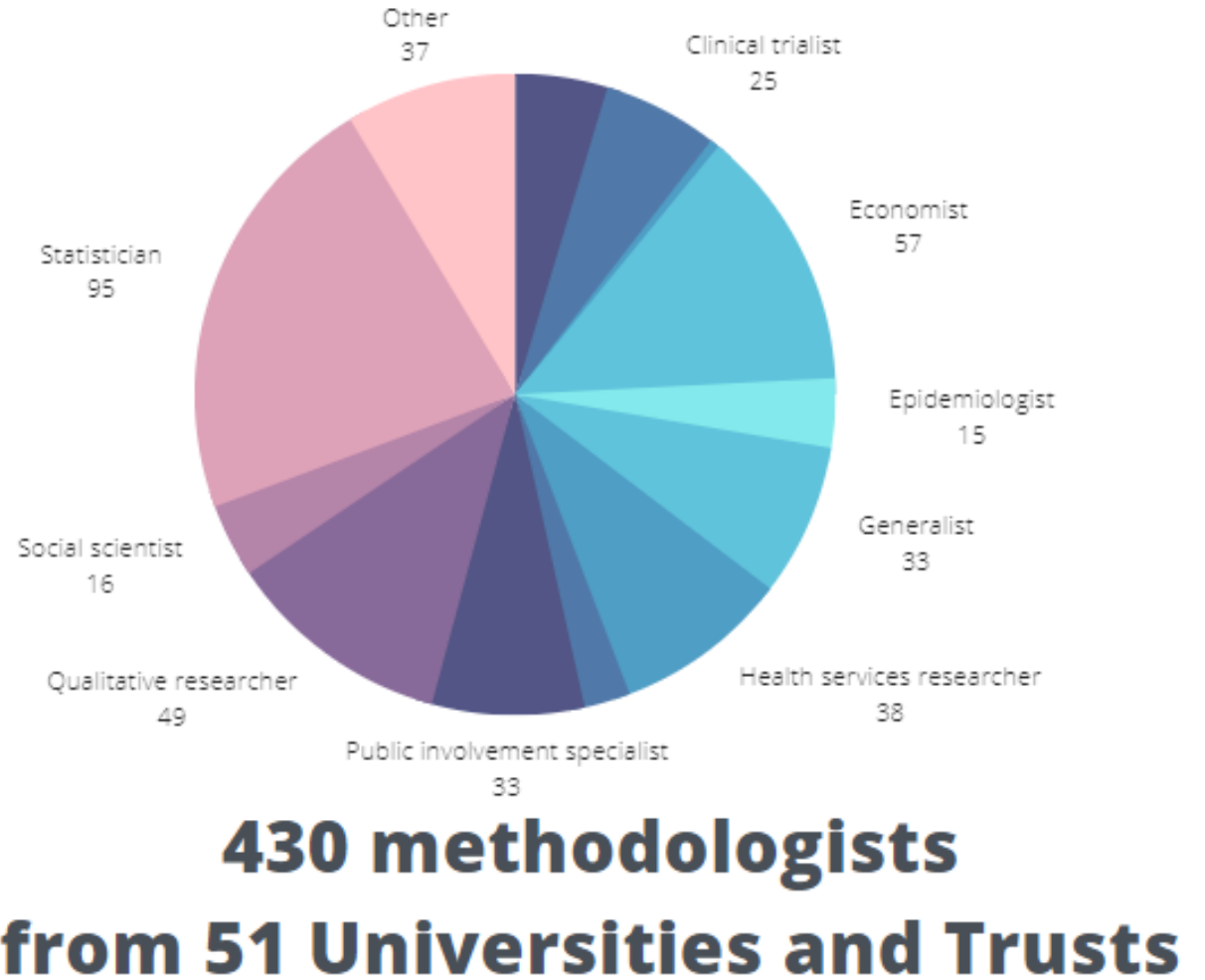
**4,611 teams**



**52% success rate**  
single and 2nd stage applications



**100 public contributors**



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