

External Projects Team



Enterprise and Commercial Development

Before making a funding application to an organisation it is worth getting to know the funder you are applying to. Grant providers always have targets for the types of projects they wish to support. The key to making successful bids is having a good understanding of what your grant provider wants to achieve and then making sure your funding application demonstrates how your project helps them achieve those targets

Quick Facts

Funding Body	NIHR
Overview of fund	The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is funded through the Department of Health to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.
How are they funded	Government, funded programme
Frequency of calls	There are a variety of calls, including open calls and calls with very specific research targets.
Application Procedure	The application process varies between each type of funding stream. There can be either one or two stages to the process.

More Details

Vision To improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.

Mission To provide a health research system in which the NHS supports outstanding individuals working in world-class facilities, conducting leading-edge research focused on the needs of patients and the public.

Aims

- Establish the NHS as an internationally recognised centre of research excellence
- Attract, develop and retain the best research professionals to conduct people-based research
- Commission research focused on improving health and social care
- Strengthen and streamline systems for research management and governance
- Increase the opportunities for patients and the public to participate in, and benefit from,

research

- Promote and protect the interests of patients and the public in health research
- Drive faster translation of scientific discoveries into tangible benefits for patients
- Maximise the research potential of the NHS to contribute to the economic growth of the country through the life sciences industry
- Act as sound custodians of public money for the public good.

Research Priorities

The NIHR are currently prioritising the following:

Dementia –they are looking to cover the fields of cause, cure and care, including prevention

Anti-microbial Resistance -public health measures, health care interventions to reduce antimicrobial resistance.

They will still fund other research areas as well.

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What they fund

The research programmes fund research using a wide range of study designs, including but not only, evidence synthesis, pilot and feasibility studies, randomised controlled trials and both quantitative and qualitative research.

Applicants should note that most NIHR programmes fund research that is later rather than earlier in the research innovation pathway.

The scale of funding ranges from a project - or an individual study - to a programme of linked studies that are funded together as a programme of research.

Types of funding streams

Training and career development

The NIHR has a research career pathway chart to identify which training or career development award may be right for you. See pages 18 and 19 of the [NIHR funding opportunities booklet](#).

Research

For most NIHR research programmes, the key issue is the whether the question is within the remit of the programme.

For a quick overview of each programme see page 12 of the [NIHR funding opportunities booklet](#).

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Useful Links

www.staffs.ac.uk/researchfunding

On this site you can:

Get the latest on funding and research

Request a search for funding

Download a factsheet on how to use research professional

Get other information on finding funds for your project.

www.researchprofessional.com

www.ukro.ac.uk

Health services and organisation

Research that improves patient safety and service organisation.

Clinical evaluation and translation

Evaluations into the efficacy, effectiveness, costs and broader impact of healthcare interventions.

Technology development

The R&D of any innovative medical technology including medical devices, active implantable devices and in vitro diagnostic devices, and their translation into the clinical environment.

Types of evidence

Evidence synthesis brings together different kinds of evidence, for instance into a systematic review or an economic model.

Evidence generation is producing new evidence - known as primary research.

Research Design Service

Our Research Design Service (RDS) provides design and methodological support to health and social care researchers across England to develop grant applications to the NIHR and other open national peer-reviewed funding programmes.

RDS advisers in bases across England offer a unique breadth of experience and a proven track record in improving research applications. Advice is confidential and free of charge. To find out more take a look at their [leaflet](#), or visit their [website](#).

Support

The NIHR are really keen to support people whilst they are developing their bids. They have a local support network to help with them. Our local contact is Roger Beech (see contact details below). Roger is based at Keele University, but supports on bids on behalf of the NIHR.

Public health

Research about the evaluation or delivery of interventions intended to improve the health of healthy populations or groups of patients.

Further Information

Website

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding>

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