

# NIHR ARC KSS Funding your Research



## ARC KSS Research Week

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# Funding your Research



- Finding funds for research skills development
- NIHR and other health funders' schemes
- Application key points
- Budgets
- Where to go for advice

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# Funding Schemes



NIHR

Wellcome Trust

Innovate UK

MRC (Medical Research Council)

Health Foundation

Health specific charities: e.g. Cancer Research UK,  
Alzheimer's Research UK



# NIHR: National Institute for Health and Care Research



Mission is to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/what-we-do/>

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/funding-opportunities/>

<https://arc-kss.nihr.ac.uk/learning-and-development/learning-and-development/learning-and-development-finder>



# NIHR Academy



<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/support/academy.htm>

Provides support for academic training, career development and research capacity development for NIHR Academy members.

## **NIHR Awards:**

- [NIHR Fellowship Programme](#)
- [NIHR Research Professorship](#)
- [HEE-NIHR Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Programme](#)
- [NIHR Infrastructure and NIHR Schools](#)
- [Integrated Academic Training \(IAT\)](#)
- [NIHR Local Authority Academic Fellowship Programme and Associated Opportunities](#)
- [NIHR Global Health Research Training Programmes](#)
- [Bridging funding and support](#)

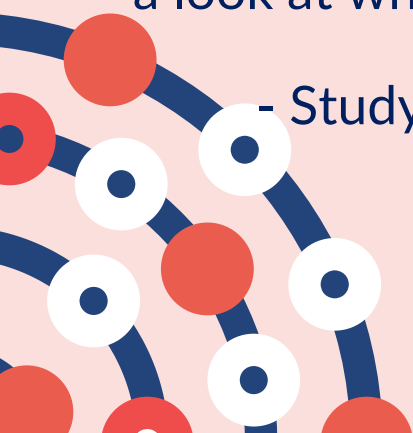
Members: those on an NIHR academic path  
– see website for details



# Applications; Where to start?



- Choose a funder / funding scheme that is suitable for the type of research development you want
- Read the funder guidelines and make sure you are eligible
- If you need to find a host institution, referee or mentor, do your homework
- If applicable, create an account on the submissions portal and take a look at what is required
- Study previously successful proposals



# Where to find advice



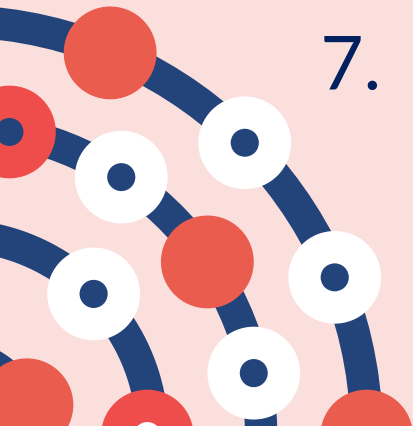
- R&D Teams and Mentors
- ARC KSS Web pages:  
<https://arc-kss.nihr.ac.uk/learning-and-development/learning-and-development/learning-and-development-finder>
- Funder pages
  - Search sites such as Research Professional and Research Connect



# Essential Elements...



1. Tell a story
2. Get the structure right
3. Format it clearly
4. Get advice with costings
5. Get feedback
6. Be known
7. Be prepared for rejection 😞



# Write for your Audience:



## **Panellists:**

- Not always specialist in your area
- Time poor
- Eminent
- Having to filter 100+ applications at a time



# Make It Easy for Them

- **Make it simple**

- Avoid jargon
- 'intelligent 14 yr old'
- Simple structure/  
format/language

- **Make it urgent**

- Why you, why now
- Back it up with  
evidence

- **Make it realistic**

- Programme and costs
- Concentrate on  
methodology
- What is achievable in  
timeframe

- **Your journey:**

- Where have you come  
from
- Where are you going

**.. Above all, make it convincing!**



# Costings



- Work with your R&D and finance support
- Include salary, on-costs
- Travel, equipment, software, PPIE,
- Check on restrictions – for e.g. international conferences, FTE, different host organisations
- Check the scheme dates work for what you have in mind
- Get advice on SoECAT cost attribution template
- Check if overheads are allowed



# Current development calls



- [Development and Skills Enhancement Award \(DSE\)](#)  
– NIHR, next deadline 22 Nov 2024
- [Application Development Award for Health and Care Professionals](#) – NIHR, next deadline 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- [Training Development Awards](#) – NIHR
- [Early Career Awards](#) – Wellcome
  - [Career Development Award](#) – MRC – next deadline Apr 2025
  - **Watch this space:** ICAP, Writing retreat 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Knowledge Mobilisation Fellows



# Questions?



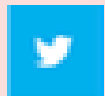
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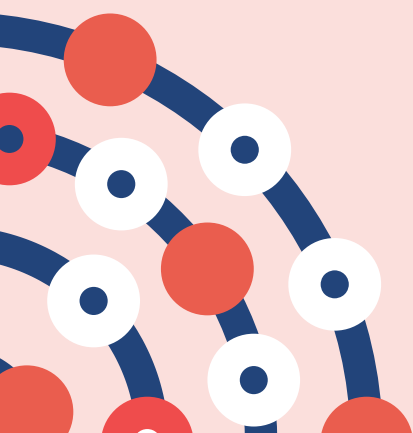
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