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Need to know

Worktribe online help launched

Worktribe is now the system the JRMO uses to cost all both our Queen Mary and Barts Health research (pre-award) and to manage Queen Mary accounts (post-award).

Worktribe research management was launched across Queen Mary in 2017, beginning with pre-award, costing and contracting, processes and extending into post-award account management in 2018.



It is additionally used by the JRMO to manage Barts Health pre-award costing and contracting processes.

The JRMO is now in the process of developing a suite of information to help our Worktribe users. The following information and support can already be found online:

- [Costing and contracting information](#)
- [Our e-costing tool \(the online Pre-Costing Questionnaire - 'PCQ'\)](#)
- [Research account management](#)
- [JRMO Helpdesk](#)
- ['How-to' guides](#)

Additional pages are in development and are likely to cover training, further guides and support material, reporting, and our Worktribe Operations Board.

You can [access and log into Wortribe here](#).

New Barts Health policy on NHS research data agreed

Barts Health has reasserted its commitment to improving patient care through the careful use of patient data collected for research purposes by publishing a new policy.

This new policy defines those organisations with which the Trust is prepared to share the patient identifiable, pseudo-anonymised and

anonymised datasets that it controls, for research purposes. It also defines the type of data the Trust is prepared to share and how we share that data. A key principle of the policy is that the Trust will not share or disclose such data on an exclusive basis and will not enter into arrangements that grant commercial or non-commercial third parties exclusive access to the raw data that we hold.

The Trust already shares patient data with a range of external organisations and partners, including perhaps most significantly Queen Mary, and internally amongst different parts of the organisation.

The policy can be found in a revised set of the Joint Research Policies [on the JRMO website here](#). The new Policy is number 16.

Patient Research Experience Survey launched

Barts Health has launched its Patient Research Experience Survey 2019, which will run to 20 December 2019.

Every year, thousands of the patients take part in healthcare research within Barts Health hospitals and the NIHR Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES), provides an opportunity to gather their feedback and learn what works best for them, so we can make helpful changes in the way we do research – to give patients the best research participant experience possible.



Through taking part in PRES last year, the Trust learned that 85% of respondents said they had a good experience of taking part in research at Barts Health and that 79% said they would consider taking part in research again. The research teams who took part in PRES last year are busy reviewing their local results and developing action plans, outlining some of the changes they will be making in response to their patients' feedback.

PRES at Barts Health is being coordinated by the Research Engagement and Diffusion team. For more information, and to register your team to take part, please contact Neeta or Olivia at patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net

If you'd like to learn more about the PRES 2018-19 results, and some of the changes we are making to improve our patients' experience of research, please [click here](#).

Queen Mary's Centre for European Research becomes prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

The Centre for European Research (CER), led by Dr Sarah Wolff from Queen Mary's School of Politics and International Relations, has been awarded a prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence award.

The three-year Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence program NEXTEUK will fund research, teaching and public engagement activities related to the future of the European Union (EU)-United Kingdom (UK) relations.

Dr Sarah Wolff said: "This prestigious award is recognition of the quality and excellence of the work of CER so far and will support promising and ambitious research, teaching and outreach activities on the future of the EU-UK relationship, which is so needed at this crucial time as the UK heads towards a possible no-deal exit from the EU."



Professor Adrian Smith, Deputy Vice-Principal (Research Excellence) said: "This is an outstanding achievement for Sarah Wolff, Director of the Centre for European Research, as it will enable research at Queen Mary to contribute further to understanding one of the most critical issues of our time, namely the relationship between the UK and continental Europe and the European Union.

"At a time of real challenge to long-standing established relationships, it is critical more than ever that informed expert analysis is used to understand the deep-seated political, economic and social connections between the UK and its neighbours."

NEXTEUK will offer a structured space for academic and policy reflection on the future of the EU-UK relationship. Specifically, the project will assess the historical achievements of the EU-UK relationship so far and identify best practice. It will analyse the roots of Brexit and its implications for European integration and British politics while offering forward-looking analysis on the future of the EU-UK relationship and formulate policy-relevant recommendations.

Read more about Queen Mary's [Centre for European Research](#). Follow Queen Mary's [Brexit blog](#).

State-of-the-art Clinical Research Centre opens at The Royal London Hospital

Staff and patients at The Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel are celebrating the opening of a state-of-the-art clinical research centre.

The purpose-built Centre, funded by Barts Charity, replaces a disused gym and includes outpatient treatment facilities, a laboratory and much-improved investigation facilities.

More than 18,000 patients took part in clinical research studies last year at Barts Health and the new centre will enable even more people to benefit from research.

Angela Hancock, a former patient and chair of the diabetes lay research panel at The Royal London, said: "I came up here as a patient initially when I was involved with diabetes research and at the time the facility was quite small. Now we have people regularly coming to talk about research here at The Royal London Hospital – it's truly amazing to have

something as fabulous as this on our doorstep.”



Fiona Miller Smith, Chief Executive at Barts Charity adds: "At Barts Charity, we're passionate about funding medical research, especially where patient impact is felt quickly. We're proud to fund this new facility which will help researchers translate treatments from bench to bedside with greater ease and speed."

Barts Health first for commercially sponsored research

Barts Health has, for the sixth year in a row, topped the table nationally for the number of commercial studies, supporting 153 studies in 2018/19. Along with UCLH, it is amongst the top 10 most research-active NHS Trusts in England, according to new figures released by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

University College London Hospitals NHS Trust and Barts Health NHS Trust were placed ninth and tenth respectively in the NIHR Research Activity League Table, which ranks NHS trusts across England by the number of studies they support and the number of research participants they recruit. The NIHR is England's largest funder of health and social care research.

Dr Alistair Chesser, Group Chief Medical Officer at Barts Health, said: "This announcement from the NIHR is terrific news for our patients and a real boost to researchers here. Our clinical research is pushing boundaries and expanding treatment options for patients in all aspects of clinical care and we have a particular focus on life

sciences through our [Life Sciences Initiative](#). This is an exciting time for clinical research at Barts Health and I am looking forward to seeing how our research continues to progress our mission to transform the face of healthcare in East London."

For full details see the NIHR website here. www.nihr.ac.uk/nihrleaguetable

Additionally, in the last year, we can report that 17,900 Barts Health patients benefitted from taking part in research and the Trust exceeded its internal income target by 9%. In spite of all the gloom and doom around it has, it appears been a good year for research at Barts Health.

£135m collaborative research fund launched

The NHS is joining forces with some of the country's best universities, leading innovators and local authorities to solve some of the biggest issues facing health and social care over the next five years.

Fifteen partnerships across England, including NIHR ARC North Thames, have been awarded funding through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) for ground-breaking new research that will address the increasing demands on the NHS, public health and social care, improve outcomes and services and reduce inequalities.

NIHR ARC North Thames is a partnership of six leading universities including Queen Mary, University College London and City University plus all the NHS Trusts and councils across Central and East London, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. It will be focussing on five Themes:

- Mental health
- Multimorbidity
- Population health and social care (for which it is the national lead)
- Innovation and implementation
- Health economics and data.

In addition to planned research, the ARC will work closely with our partners to design and deliver new research that is likely to have substantial beneficial impacts on health and services. For more information on the ARC's plans and work-areas [click here](#).

Help review the CRN North Thames study set-up processes



CRN North Thames wants your feedback on its harmonisation process.

Harmonisation is where CRN North Thames, as opposed to the R&D offices at NHS trusts, undertakes central study set-up reviews for pharmacy, medical exposure and costing & contracts for all sites running the specific study in the North Thames region. When the reviews are complete, the contract agreement and/or Statement of Activity is signed, and confirmation of capacity and capability is issued on behalf of the local research site/s. Some of our NHS partner trusts are harmonised and some aren't, but even if yours isn't, we'd still like your feedback.

Please help by [completing the survey online](#). The deadline for completion is September 20.

Research Transparency

All clinical trials need now to be registered and reported on the EUDRACT website within one year of publication. For all other interventional clinical trials, NHS Ethics Committees only give a favourable opinion on the condition that the trial is registered on a public database such as Clinicaltrials.gov.

You may have heard about the "All Trials" campaign and the website showing the percentage of CTIMPs that have been correctly reported for individual sponsors. The [Health Research Authority](#), the [House of Commons Science and Technology Committee](#) and the [International Committee of](#)

[Medical Journal Editors](#) have all emphasised the need to meet this requirement and there are penalties for not doing so.

The JRMO governance team has worked hard with researchers over the last year to improve our compliance (see [Queen Mary](#) and [Barts Health](#) pages of the All Trials website). We expect the regulations to be extended soon to cover all types of clinical trials, not just CTIMPs, so the JRMO is also conducting an important exercise ensuring all Barts Health and Queen Mary sponsored project are complying with possible future requirements. Researchers can take proactive action too by inserting the existing or updated transparency wording from HRA into their patient information sheets.

The recommended wording for data transparency has been updated following consultation with various stakeholders and public involvement and feedback on the initial published wording to provide a clearer, more layered approach. Some of the changes include summary information to be included in patient information sheets and wording for generic information to be provided alongside the patient information sheets PIS. The new text for both is [available here on the HRA website](#).

New JRMO SOPs online

Since the last Research News Bulletin the JRMO has released the following new or revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and associated documents:

- SOP 10 - Conformation Capacity and Capability plus associated documents
- SOP 12a - Barts Health-Queen Mary Sponsorship interventional studies (Researchers) plus associated documents
- SOP 12b - Barts Health-Queen Mary Sponsorship interventional studies (JRMO) plus associated documents
- SOP 13a - Barts Health-Queen Mary Sponsorship of research studies (Researchers) plus associated documents

- SOP 13b - Barts Health-Queen Mary Sponsorship of research studies (JRMO) plus associated documents
- SOP 17b - Amendments to hosted studies
- SOP 18b - Study closure for hosted studies (Process for researchers) plus associated documents
- SOP 18c associated documents end of study notification forms
- SOP 18d - Study closure (Process for JRMO staff)
- SOP 41 - JRMO Oversight CTGs and study SOPs plus associated document.

These and all other current JRMO SOPs are [available to download from the JRMO website.](#)

Local research

AI livestock farming solution nominated for £1m science prize fund

A research project led by Queen Mary University of London and Guangxi Veterinary Research Institute, China, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve livestock farming, has been nominated for the £1m Newton Prize fund.



'Farm AI: Community Smart Farming from IoT to AI' aims to take the results of a project named LIVEQuest, which developed a wearable Internet-of-Things (IoT) platform for the automated data collection on animal welfare and barn environment, to a Chinese farm.

This will support the sustainable intensification of food production and animal health by community farm holders via the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) along the old and new silk routes.

It has been shortlisted for the Chair's Award which offers up to £500,000 for a project that demonstrates the best knowledge exchange, partnership development and research impact.

This project would position the UK as a world leader and pathfinder for the deployment of AI-empowered cost-effective and IoT systems to support smart farming in developing countries. Building on their work in China, where they achieved a 5 per cent reduction in feed cost and mortality in poultry farming, the researchers hope that early warning detections could lead to a further decrease as well as detecting potential animal diseases. Farm-AI strongly advocates the UK Government's Official Development Assistance to contribute to realising the ambitions of the UK aid strategy, thereby making progress on the global effort to address the United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Dr Yue Gao, Farm AI project lead from Queen Mary's School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, said: "We're delighted Farm AI has been nominated for the Newton Prize Chair's Award. We strongly believe our solution could have a huge impact on the future of livestock farming, delivering socioeconomic and environmental benefits as well as being vital for long-term natural resource sustainability."

The Newton Prize celebrates outstanding international research partnerships and the £1 million will be divided between four winning research projects from 20 nominees. Three prizes of up to £200,000 each will be awarded to three projects that demonstrate high-quality research and impact and an additional prize (the Chair's Award) of up to £500,000 will also be presented.

[For more information on this and the Newton Fund shortlist, click here.](#)

MS Barts work supported by the Horne Family Charitable Foundation

Prof Gavin Giovannoni at the Barts and The London's Centre for Neuroscience and Trauma had received a generous grant from the Horne Family Charitable Foundation in 2016. The grant arose as a result of a direct approach to Prof Giovannoni by Rachel Horne, Trustee of the Foundation, after she had followed his research blog on Multiple Sclerosis (MS).



As a result of Ms Horne's generosity and influence, the Foundation has become a major donor to Queen Mary, supporting Prof Giovannoni and his team on their work on Multiple Sclerosis.

Three gifts have been awarded so far: the first was to support the team's #ThinkHand Campaign; this has been a major success and won a QM public engagement award.

The second donation was provided as funding for a study to examine the potential role of famciclovir, an anti-viral medication against Epstein Barr virus, which has been implicated in the development of multiple sclerosis.

The most recent gift is for a PhD studentship project, to study the role of patient engagement and social capital in MS.

The team are extremely grateful to Rachel Horne, and the Horne Family Charitable Foundation for their ongoing support of the innovative work of our clinical research teams and students in their endeavours to improve the quality of life for people living with MS.

Led by Professor Giovannoni, the Barts MS Team engages in all areas of MS research and service development including research to

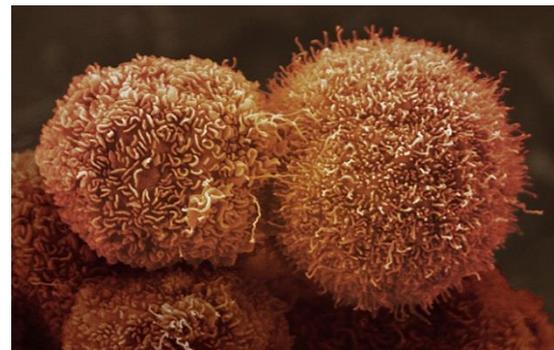
develop more effective therapies, developing award-winning initiatives that improve the quality of life for people with MS and engaging with patients, their families and the community.

[You can find out more about their work, including research, how to get involved and the ongoing blog that started this all off here.](#)

Promising antibody therapy extends survival in mice with pancreatic cancer

Scientists at Queen Mary have found a way to target and knock out a single protein that they have discovered is widely involved in pancreatic cancer cell growth, survival and invasion.

Called avb6, the protein is present on the surface of more than 80 per cent of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) – the most common form of pancreatic cancer – and is vital to increase the successful growth and spread of the tumour cells.



In the new study, published in the [Journal of Pathology](#), the team of researchers at Barts Cancer Institute led by [Prof John Marshall](#) was able to confirm the prevalence of avb6 not only in primary cancer but also in tumours that had spread from the pancreas to other organs in the body.

The team says that their results confirm that avb6 should be a focus for research into new antibody therapies for pancreatic cancer.

The study, funded by the national charity [Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund](#), relied on the University of Nebraska's Rapid Autopsy Programme, which allows researchers to access tissue samples from metastasised tumours as well as from primary tumours. Using those samples the team was able to confirm the avb6 protein is retained when cancer spreads and so confirms its importance.

New blood test for prostate cancer is highly-accurate and avoids invasive biopsies

A new and simple blood test has been found to efficiently and accurately detect the presence of aggressive prostate cancer, according to research at Queen Mary. In combination with the current prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, the new test could help men avoid unnecessary and invasive biopsies, over-diagnosis and over-treatment.



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in Western men, with 1.3 million new cases being diagnosed each year worldwide. It is currently detected using a blood test that measures PSA levels. Although it provides early diagnosis, the PSA blood test has a low specificity (high false positives) with about 75% of all PSA positive results ending up with negative biopsies that do not find cancer.

The new prostate cancer test (the Parsortix[®] system from [ANGLE plc](#)) detects early cancer cells or circulating tumour cells (CTCs), that have left the original tumour and entered the bloodstream before spreading around the body. By measuring intact living cancer cells in the patient's blood, rather than the PSA protein which may be present in the blood for reasons other than cancer, it potentially provides a more accurate test for prostate cancer.

The study, published in the [Journal of Urology](#), looked at the use of the CTC test in 98 pre-biopsy patients and 155 newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients enrolled at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. The research team led by [Prof Yong-Jie Lu](#) from Queen Mary's [Barts Cancer Institute](#) found that the presence of CTCs in pre-biopsy blood samples were indicative of the presence of aggressive prostate cancer, and efficiently and non-invasively predicted the later outcome of

biopsy results. When the CTC tests were used in combination with the current PSA test, it was able to predict the presence of aggressive prostate cancer in subsequent biopsies with over 90 per cent accuracy, better than any previously reported biomarkers.

Queen Mary's People's Palace research nominated for the Times Higher Education Award

The research project, Xingu Encounter, explores new ways for researchers to work with indigenous people in Brazil to preserve and protect their knowledge and culture. The work has been nominated in the category of 'International Collaboration of the Year'.

Research that supports social justice is a key priority for Queen Mary and Prof Paul Heritage, Director of People's Palace Projects. Since 2017 he has worked with Kuikuro community association AIKAX, of Brazil's Upper Xingu, to create new models for equitable exchanges that put Kuikuro culture in dialogue with international artists, researchers, indigenous activists and publics in the UK, Brazil and Europe, while respecting the fragility of the Kuikuro culture and environment.

Last year researchers from Queen Mary's People's Palace Projects teamed up with filmmaker Takumã Kuikuro, and other indigenous researchers, to bring an immersive experience about a village in the Xingu territories of Brazil to the Horniman Museum and Gardens in south London.



The installation brought alive both the day-to-day existence and the urgent issues of a community of 800 people, whose lives are held in a delicate balance between first-millennium cultural practices and the technologies of our contemporary world.

Professor Paul Heritage said: "From the Xingu, we learn how arts and cultural practices are essential to the preservation of life and the protection of the global environment.

"This unique international partnership shows how immersive technologies create new connections between objects and people, revealing the stories we need to tell and to hear about the world around us."

[The Times Higher Education Awards](#) ceremony is the biggest night of celebration in the UK Higher Education calendar and will take place in London on 28 November 2019.

[Read more about the Xingu Village research project here.](#)

Events

JRMO audit review presentation

The JRMO's Clinical Research Auditor, Amy Schou, will be leading a presentation in October regarding the JRMO audits conducted over the last year.

The session is aimed at researchers who want to find out more about how audits are conducted, and common pitfalls observed during audits. The session will be run at Whitechapel (Room 1.21, Garrod Building) at 11am-12pm on Wednesday 2 October, and again at Barts Hospital (Paterson Ross Lecture Theatre, Robin Brook Centre) at 3-4pm on Thursday 10 October.

There is no need to book, just turn up, but for more information please contact Amy at a.schou@qmul.ac.uk.

Breakthroughs in Quantum Field Theory: an Afternoon with Bern, Dixon and Kosower

You are invited to join a mini-workshop, which will take place on Thursday 7 November from 14.00 – 17.45 in PP1. The event, organised by the [SAGEX Innovative Training Network](#), will feature seminars from three distinguished speakers - Professors Zvi Bern (UCLA and CERN), Lance Dixon (SLAC/Stanford) and David Kosower (CEA-Saclay) – who are all world-leaders in the area of scattering amplitudes and quantum field theory.

For their joint work, David, Lance and Zvi were awarded the 2014 [Sakurai Prize](#) for "path-breaking contributions to the calculation of perturbative scattering amplitudes, which led to both a deeper understanding of quantum field theory and more powerful tools for computing QCD processes." Further information on the speakers can be

found here: [Zvi Bern](#); [Lance Dixon](#), [David Kosower](#).

To ensure we can accommodate all guests we would appreciate it if you could let us know that you intend to come, by completing this [short registration form](#). If you have any questions about this event, please get in touch with the SAGEX project manager Jenna Lane: jenna.lane@qmul.ac.uk.

Science and Engineering Faculty Industry-Research Engagement Day

The Faculty of Science and Engineering is in the process of shortlisting speakers for short-talks at the [Faculty industry research engagement day \(FIRED\)](#) on the 6 November.



There are 4 parallel sessions (listed below). Speakers who are interested in presenting their work (for 5-10min), should send a short title and a 3-4 line abstract highlighting industry research impact or applications related to their work. A wide range of industry research sponsors and experts are being invited to the event and this will be a great opportunity to publicise your achievements and emerging interests.

Sessions will cover the following:

- Artificial Intelligence and data science: expertise in big data, machine learning and AI, complex structure and ethics
- Life Science Innovation: drug delivery, digital health, robotics, biomaterials, and biomechanics and mechanobiology
- Intelligent infrastructure: materials engineering/ physics, mechanical engineering, robotics and design, intelligent sensing and Internet of Things (IoT)
- Sustainable energy and environments: sustainable energy and energy storage, animal and network ecology and river communities.

[For more information, and to book your place, please click here.](#)

William Harvey Day 2019 - Bookings Now Open

William Harvey Day is the annual research day for Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, part of Queen Mary University of London.



First started in 1990, it is an opportunity to celebrate innovation and expertise in research. This comes from both within our community, the students and staff working here, and it is also a chance to hear from eminent guest speakers.

This year it is taking place on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at the Robin Brook Centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Keynote lectures will be given by Prof Sir Nilesh Samani, Medical Director for the British Heart Foundation and BHF Chair of Cardiology at the University of Leicester; Timandra Harkness, a presenter, writer and comedian, who has brought the world of Big Data to millions through her radio shows and

documentaries, publishing in 2016 her book *Big Data: Does Size Matter?*; and Prof Sir Greg Winter, a Nobel Prize-winning biochemist and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

As well as the lecture series, posters of work carried out within the School will be shown on the day and there is a competition for internal contributions. Poster presentations are organised within the three broad themes of Discovery Science, Translational Medicine and Population Health.

[More information including registration can be found here.](#)

NIHR Social care funding roadshow



The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB) has funded £2.5 million of new research into social care, bolstering NIHR's commitment to improving social care through high-quality evidence and building capacity for research in this field.

The Research Design Service is running a series of regional events, the London one of which will take place on 14 October 2-5 pm at NCVO, London N1 9RL

[For more information and to register to attend please click here.](#)

JRMO drop-in sessions

The JRMO runs monthly research advice drop-in sessions on the second Wednesday of every month. There is no need to book - please just turn up.

We will be happy to assist with any research support topics including:

- Project Set-up
- Research Governance
- Finance
- Costing and contracts
- Patient and public involvement

All sessions take place from 10 am to 12 noon. The next planned dates are 9 October, 13 November and 11 December 2019. [Venue: JRMO meeting room, Whitechapel](#) More details can be found [on the JRMO website.](#)

Training

New JRMO training courses

The JRMO's new season training timetable has been launched. The JRMO runs [a wide range of in-house courses](#) on research best practice. There is also a list of other courses we endorse [available on our website](#).

The RGF course has evolved into GCP008A Good Clinical Practice for Non-CTIMP (previously Interventional or Research Studies) and GCP for lab staff has returned - GCP001 Good Clinical Practice (GCP) for Lab staff.

Please note that it is the policy of both Queen Mary and Barts Health that all researchers at our sites must attend appropriate training. It is mandated that all researchers of MHRA regulated trials must complete a GCP course and refresh it every 2 years. The same is advised as the best practice for all other researchers.

For Chief Investigators and their team leads our substantive and refresher courses are mandatory; for all other sponsored research the please see the sponsor's criteria for what training is necessary, and for site delivery staff the NIHR training programme is generally suitable.

For more information on all JRMO training, including how to book, please [see the Training page on the JRMO website](#).

WFC training

WFC recognises that each group's needs are unique and an off-the-shelf solution is rarely sufficient. As such, they offer a selection of training, education and workforce development courses on a hosted basis only.

Hosted courses are capped at 15 delegates to ensure that an entire team can attend and are delivered upon the request of a client; the client provides the training venue and the course is scheduled according to their needs. The content of the course is developed to be fully bespoke to the client.

[Contact WFC](#) to discuss your bespoke needs for 2019.

Recent courses that have been delivered

include:

- Understanding and applying AcoRD principles (Including a module covering the use of the SoECAT and NHS England ETC process)
- Informed consent for research
- Clinical protocol development
- Principles of clinical research involving human subjects
- Regulatory compliance in clinical research
- Effective sponsorship of research

NFP WORKSHOPS

Affordable training courses for charities, schools, not for profits and public sector organisations

Bid Writing: The Basics. Do you know the most common reasons for rejection? Are you gathering the right evidence? Are you making the right arguments? Are you using the right terminology? Are your numbers right? Are you learning from rejections? This course is aimed at staff members, volunteers, trustees or board members of charities, schools, not for profits or public sector organisations who intend to submit grant funding applications to charitable grant-making trusts and foundations. People who provide advice to these organisations are also welcome.

Bid Writing: Advanced. Are you applying to the right trusts? Are you applying to enough trusts? Are you asking for the right amount of money? Are you applying in the right ways? Are your projects the most fundable projects? Are you carrying out trust fundraising in a professional way? Are you delegating enough work? Around half of all attendees do both Basics and Advanced Workshops on the same day but there is no discount for doing so.

If you have a question please e-mail questions@nfpmail1902.co.uk

Please click on the following links for London-based session:

4 Nov 2019 [Basics](#) [Advanced](#)
11 Nov 2019 [Basics](#) [Advanced](#)

RDS London drop-in clinics

RDS London holds regular next drop-in clinics for researchers preparing applications to NIHR Applied Health Streams (RfPB, EME, HTA, Programme Grants, Programme Development Grants and Fellowships) or medical charities. Drop-ins take place in East London on the last Friday of the month. RDS London can support researchers at all stages of preparing grant applications. Advice and guidance can be

provided on study design, identifying a research team and targeting an appropriate funding stream.

The next East London clinic will be held on Fridays 27 September, 25 October and 29 November 2019, 12–2 pm. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day: Room G15, Yvonne Carter Building, 58 Turner Street, London, E1 2AD (reception: 020 7882 5882). [For more information please click here.](#)

Research funding

UK-Canada Globalink Doctoral Exchange Scheme

As part of UKRI's memorandum of understanding with the National Research Council of Canada, UKRI and Canadian doctoral students can participate in a UK-Canada research exchange scheme. The £2.5M programme is being delivered by Mitacs, a national, not-for-profit organization that has designed and delivered research and training programs in Canada for 20 years. The programme will enable up to 200 UK doctoral candidates to participate in 12-week research placements in Canadian Universities and develop into global citizens, with international competencies. A similar number of Canadian Students will be able to visit UK universities.

The UK-Canada Globalink Doctoral Exchange Scheme will support travel, living and research costs for the students in their chosen field of study. Following a competitive application process, the first exchanges will take place from April 2020. More information about Mitacs can be found [here](#), including details and testimonies from those who have taken part previously.

The scheme will be open to UKRI-funded and Canadian doctoral students working in all areas. For UKRI students, Globalink Research Placements are currently available at over 45 universities across Canada in a variety of academic disciplines from science, engineering and mathematics to the humanities and social sciences.

[For more information on the scheme, including how to apply, click here.](#)

Public Engagement Large Project Grants



The Centre for Public Engagement's Large Grants are funded from Higher Education Innovation Funds allocated to the University by Research England to support and develop knowledge-exchange interactions between higher education and the wider world.

Because of this, the scheme is designed to support activity that engages well-defined public audiences with the research, teaching or core business of Queen Mary and demonstrates two-way engagement that provides a mutual benefit. As these projects are for larger sums of money than the Small Grants, projects are expected to be of a larger scope, scale, or legacy and contribute to meeting Queen Mary's strategic priorities.

Deadline for applications: 25 September.

[For more information please click here.](#)

NIHR funding deadlines

- [Research for Patient Benefit - Emergency Response and Preparedness Call](#)
Closes: 23 October 2019
The Research for Patient Benefit Programme is accepting Expression of Interest applications for research proposals that will provide health and health services related learning from recent emergencies and Mass Casualty Incidents.
- [Programme Grants for Applied Research - Emergency Response and Preparedness Call](#)
Closes: 23 October 2019
The Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) Programme is accepting Expression of Interest applications for research proposals that will provide health and health services related learning from recent emergencies and Mass Casualty Incidents.
- [19/97 PHR Emergency Response and Preparedness call](#)
Closes: 23 October 2019
The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme is accepting expressions of interest to their researcher-led workstream for research which provides health and health services related learning from recent emergencies and Mass Casualty Incidents that will demonstrate a clear pathway to influence and impact.
- [19/52 The impact of highway infrastructure and its management on the safety \(or perceived safety\) of pedestrians and cyclists, and the uptake of active transport](#)
Closes: 12 November 2019
The Public Health Research Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this topic.
- [19/50 Understanding the potential of place to impact health and health inequalities](#)
Closes: 12 November 2019
The Public Health Research Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this topic.
- [19/90 Continuing priority research topics of interest to the PHR Programme](#)
Closes: 19 November 2019

The Public Health Research Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this topic.

- [19/89 Public Health Research Programme: Researcher-led](#)
Closes: 19 November 2019
The Public Health Research Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream (including brain tumours highlight notice).
- [Research for Patient Benefit Programme - Competition 40](#)
Closes: 20 November 2019
Applications are invited for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff, and which have the potential to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of the NHS.
- [19/94 Perinatal mental health](#)
Closes: 27 November 2019
The EME, HS&DR, HTA and PHR Programmes are all accepting applications for this funding opportunity.
- [19/95 Solid-organ replacement, transplant and donation](#)
Closes: 27 November 2019
The EME, HS&DR, HTA and PHR Programmes are all accepting applications for this funding opportunity.

For further information on these and other grants available from the NIHR please see the NIHR website:
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/funding-opportunities/>

To subscribe to the NIHR's themed call mailing list please [click here](#).

British Academy Knowledge Frontiers – International Interdisciplinary Research

The British Academy is inviting proposals from UK-based researchers in the humanities and social sciences wishing to develop international interdisciplinary projects in collaboration with colleagues from the natural, engineering and/or medical sciences, with a focus on hazard and risk, cultures of forecasting, and the meaning of resilience.

The purpose of each project will be to develop new international research ideas. Projects will need to also demonstrate an innovative and interdisciplinary partnership. The Academy is looking to fund applications that break new ground in the collaborations – international and interdisciplinary - they support and the research they aim to undertake. The Academy particularly encourages applications led by scholars in the humanities.

Projects must relate to one or more of the following themes: hazard and risk; cultures of forecasting; or meaning of resilience.

The Academy offers awards of up to £200,000 for 24 months in duration with Full Economic Costing at 100%. Projects must begin on 1 April 2020 and finish on 31 March 2022.

[Full details about the programme, including how to apply, are available here.](#)

British Academy: Education and Learning in Crises

The British Academy is inviting proposals from researchers in the humanities and social sciences wishing to develop interdisciplinary projects with a focus on the challenges of education and learning in contexts of conflict and protracted crises. In recent years, there has been a heightened focus on the development challenges faced in contexts of protracted crises; however, there is a lack of evidence on how to effectively translate this renewed policy interest into practice. In the field of education research, this is further compounded by the comparative lack of research capacity on education in crises. This programme aims to address this gap.



Principal Investigators must be based in the UK, however, equitable international collaboration is strongly expected to be detailed in any application. We particularly encourage the involvement of Co-Applicants from the Global South and expect to see applications which demonstrate fully how researchers from the Global South will be involved as equal partners in the research proposed.

The Principal Investigator and any Co-Applicants must be of postdoctoral or above status, or have equivalent research experience, and hold an established role that will last at least the duration of the grant funded by the British Academy.

All projects must be ODA-eligible. Only proposals which aim to support the economic development and welfare of developing countries will be supported under this call.

Projects must be 21 months in duration, with a maximum value of £360,000 (and will be offered on a 100% full economic cost basis). All projects must begin on 20 March 2020.

[Full details about the programme, including how to apply, are available here.](#)

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