

Regional Support for Health Care Researchers

For health researchers planning to submit bids in 2019, the NIHR Research Design Services East of England (RDS EoE) has planned a programme of regional support. These regional events enable researchers to take advantage of our advice and feedback.

Our clients may apply for three kinds of regional support:

1. Bid development workshops

These are for bids at the first or second draft stage, where the objectives are clearly formulated. Participants should be the principal investigator and/or one other member of the team.

Applicants should send their drafts to their RDS key adviser by the date below. Applicants who have not previously used the RDS are also welcome to submit proposals for feedback from these workshops. Bids should be submitted for inclusion to Dr Muhammad Waqar at Muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk.

At the workshop, the participant/research team will be expected to present a summary of their research proposal to the RDS staff from which they will obtain general feedback. Research applicants will also have an opportunity to receive project specific feedback from specialists in areas such as health economics, statistics and public involvement.

Bid development workshop dates

Location	Proposal due dates	Workshop dates
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire	13 March 2019	21 March 2019
Norwich, Norfolk	March/April 2019 (date tbc)	March/April 2019 (date tbc)
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire	6 May 2019	14 May 2019
Norwich, Norfolk	June/July 2019	June/July 2019 (date tbc)
Norwich, Norfolk	October/November 2019 (date tbc)	October/November 2019 (date tbc)
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire	6 November 2019	14 November 2018

2. Pre-submission panels

These are for teams whose proposals are near completion and who wish to receive RDS comments just prior to submission. This panel replicates the NIHR's funding committee and aims to provide feedback consisting of the panel's view of any fixable and non-fixable faults of the proposal and readiness for submission.

Proposers do not need to attend, but should send their completed bids to their RDS key adviser by the dates below. Applicants who have not previously used the RDS are also welcome to submit proposals for feedback from the panel. Bids should be submitted for inclusion to Dr Muhammad Waqar at muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk.

Key advisers will give feedback to the proposers as soon as possible after the meeting. Any bid nearing completion and within a few weeks of submission will be considered; the number of places is unlimited.

Pre-submission Panel dates

Proposal due dates	Pre-submission Panel dates
3 January 2019	10 January 2019
6 February 2019	14 February 2019
28 February 2019	7 March 2019
June 2019 (date tbc)	June 2019 (date tbc)
4 September 2019	12 September 2019
9 October 2019	17 October 2019

3. Mock interviews for NIHR Fellowship

For the benefit of NIHR fellowship candidates *who have been invited to interview* RDS offers a mock exercise. Participants will present a summary of their research proposal followed by an interview with a panel of RDS research advisers and service users.

Mock interviews for the Doctoral Fellowship applicants:

21 May 2019 – submit proposals by 10 May 2019

Mock interviews for the Advanced Fellowship: 20 June 2019 – submit proposals by 10 June 2019

In order to secure your place at one of these events please e-mail [Muhammad Waqar](mailto:Muhammad.Waqar)

For other NIHR regional events, please consult our website at: www.rds-ee.nihr.ac.uk

