

## Research support for Health and Social Care Researchers

Would you like to write a bid for a healthcare or social care project but not quite sure how to start?

Don't know the application processes or where to get help?

Don't know whether your ideas and experience would fit the bill?

For health and social care researchers planning to submit bids in 2020, the NIHR Research Design Services East of England (RDS EoE) offers the following events to support you

### Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB)- A Virtual Information Event - 9 June

Did you know that you can apply for up to £150,000 from RfPB to fund an exploratory or developmental project?

This is called a tier 3 application. What kinds of projects do NIHR like to see for tier 3?

Following a major review of tier 3 proposals, Professor Tracey Sach, the RfPB panel chair for East of England, and Simon Goodwin, the RfPB programme manager will talk about what makes a proposal to tier 3 successful and what panels are looking for. Successful applicants will also present details of their projects.

All presentations will be pre-recorded and made available for viewing online prior to a Q&A session with the speakers on 9th June.

A series of pre-booked one-to-one sessions will also be offered to discuss specific research ideas with the RDS advisers from the East of England. In order to secure your place, please complete the [online booking form](#) or e-mail Dr Muhammad Waqar at [Muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk](mailto:Muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk).

### Pre-submission panels

These are for applicants whose proposals are close to completion and who wish to receive RDS feedback just prior to submission. This panel replicates the NIHR's funding panels and aims to provide feedback consisting of their view of any fixable and non-fixable faults 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](mailto: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.

#### NIHR Research Design Services (East of England) event dates

Event	Dates	Proposal due dates (if applicable)	Location (if applicable)
RfPB virtual information event	9 June 2020		
Virtual pre-submission panel	18 June 2020	10 June 2020	
Pre-submission panel	15 September 2020	7 September 2020	School of Clinical Medicine, Cambridge
Pre-submission panel	20 October or 22 October 2020 (date tbc)	Date tbc	School of Clinical Medicine, Cambridge (TBC)

For other NIHR regional events, please consult our website at: [www.rds-ee.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.rds-ee.nihr.ac.uk)



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