

Funding update

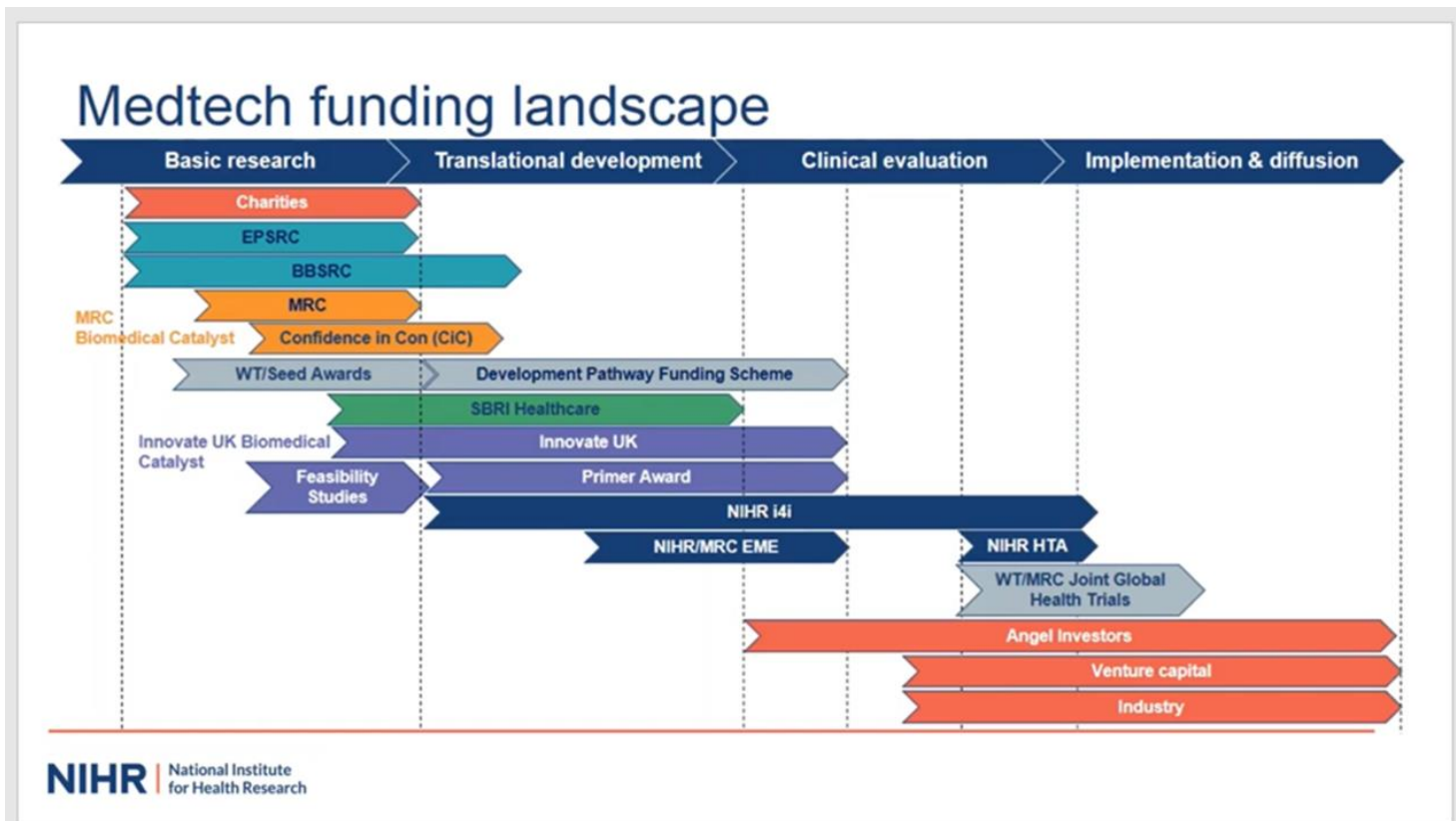
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Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency. They work with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy and fund opportunities. They are currently developing their five-point plan for the years ahead: Innovate UK [five-point plan](#).

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SBRI Competition - Assays for SARS-CoV-2 cellular immune responses <small>NEW</small>	The competition is part of the COVID-19 National Core Studies (NCS) programme. The programmes' objective is to address key research questions in support of the UK government's response to COVID-19. The aim of this competition is to develop effective assay system approaches to measuring human cellular immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 natural infection or vaccines, to improve clinical management and vaccine deployment.	£700,000	26/05/2021
Knowledge transfer partnerships (KTP): 2021 to 2022, round 2 <small>NEW</small>	The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme allows a UK registered business or not-for-profit organisation (which we will refer to collectively as the 'business partner' from now on) to partner with a UK higher education (HE) or further education (FE) institution, RTO or Catapult (which we will refer to as the 'knowledge base partner'). This new partnership brings new skills and the latest academic thinking into the business partner to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project. The knowledge base partner will recruit 1 or 2 graduates (known as 'associates') to work on the project.	£75,000	30/06/2021
Innovate UK Smart Grants January 2021	Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, is investing up to £25 million in the best game-changing and commercially viable innovative or disruptive ideas. All proposals must be business focused.	£500,000	26/05/2021

NIHR is the nation's largest funder of health and care research and provide the people, facilities, and technology that enable research to thrive. They provide significant funding opportunities especially to help with the evaluation of the innovation and research studies associated with it.



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NIHR- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme	The EME Programme primarily supports clinical trials, and other robustly designed studies that test the efficacy of interventions. The interventions should have the potential to improve patient care or benefit the public. The programme will only support studies where there is sufficient evidence that the intervention might work in man, i.e. that there is 'proof of concept'. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, Novel strategies to reduce overtreatment, Paediatric Care among others.	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme	The Evidence Synthesis Programme is funded by the NIHR. They support the production of evidence synthesis through three funding streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology Assessment Review teams are funded by NIHR to provide NICE with independent research to inform their guidance committees• The NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme Grant Scheme aims to produce high quality systematic reviews that are of direct benefit to users of the NHS in England. This call runs annually and is not currently open.• The NIHR Incentive Awards are available to Cochrane Review Groups and Campbell Collaboration Coordinating Groups to facilitate, and possibly accelerate review activity that is already planned or under way.	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme	The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme funds research to produce evidence to impact on the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services. This includes evaluations of how the NHS and social care might improve delivery of services. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, self neglect in the community. Please refer their calls for more information	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Health Technology Assessment	The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services. They have a number of themed calls, please refer their website for more information	Discretionary	None specified

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i4i Product Development Awards <small>NEW</small>	i4i Product Development Awards (PDA) support translational research and development of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and high-impact patient-focused digital health technologies for ultimate NHS use. The research proposals may address any disease or health area, provided there is a clear unmet clinical need. There is no upper funding limit for Product Development Awards, but costs must be fully justified.	Discretionary	09/06/2021
i4i Challenge Awards <small>NEW</small>	i4i Challenge Awards support market-ready innovations by addressing the translational gap between the clinical evaluation of technologies and their adoption, by funding the assessment of MedTech innovations in real-world healthcare settings. The expected output is a disruptive medical device or in vitro diagnostic test that can offer improved outcomes for NHS patients. There is no upper funding limit for the Challenge Awards, but costs must be fully justified.	Discretionary	10/06/2021
i4i Connect	i4i Connect is aimed at small-to-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in need of a funding boost to reach the next stage in the development pathway. Eligible SMEs may comprise developers of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and digital health technologies with direct patient benefits, looking to ultimately integrate into the NHS. The funding stream aims to help SMEs get to a point where they can apply for further funding, in particular for an i4i Product Development Award. It also aims to de-risk projects at any stage of the translational research and development pathway to support follow-on investment.	£150,000	Not yet launched
NIHR Programme Development Grants	NIHR Programme Development Grants (PDG) are designed to enable a research team to carry out targeted preparatory work to develop a competitive Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) funding application. They can also be used to further develop an existing or ongoing PGfAR-funded programme of research.	£150,000	None specified
The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme	The programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions, specifically, we provide new knowledge on the benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.	Discretionary	None specified

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Research for Social Care	RfSC will fund research which generates evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way adult social care is delivered for users of care services, carers, and the public. For full details, please see the call specification. Individual projects will be funded up to £350,000.	£350,000	None specified
Artificial Intelligence for Multiple Long-Term Conditions (Multimorbidity) call (AIM)	The AIM call will fund programmes of research which will use AI and data science methods, combined with expertise in clinical practice, applied health and care research and social science, to systematically identify or explore clusters of disease. In addition to the identification and mapping of new clusters of disease, the call seeks research to better understand the trajectories of patients with MLTC-M over time and throughout the life course, including the influence of wider determinants such as environmental, behavioral and psychosocial factors.	£5,000,000	None specified
Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award - Phases 1-4	The Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award supports innovators and technologies across the spectrum of development of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, from concept through to initial NHS adoption and testing of the technology within clinical pathways.	Discretionary	None specified
Artificial Intelligence and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care call	The AI and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care call funds research projects focused on enabling AI and data-driven technologies to deliver better health outcomes for minority ethnic communities.	£500,000	21/04/2021

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NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR)- Health and social care workforce funding call	<p>The Health Service and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is interested in receiving applications for research in the following areas; identifying and evaluating interventions to support the health and social care workforce to develop inclusive leadership practices and embed learning and development needed to deliver transformational changes across the health and social care sector; identifying optimal approaches to skill mix and flexible working; supporting well-being of staff.</p>	Discretionary	03/06/2021
NIHR Artificial Intelligence and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care call	<p>The Artificial Intelligence and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care call will supports research to advance AI and data-driven technologies in health in ways that better meet the needs of minority ethnic populations. The call, which is part of the NHSX's NHS AI Lab AI Ethics Initiative, will fund two categories of research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding and enabling the opportunities to use AI to address inequalities Funded by The Health Foundation 2. Optimising datasets, and improving AI development, testing and deployment Funded by the NHSX's NHS AI Lab 	£175,000-£500,000	21/04/2021
NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians Programme: Competition to develop e-learning resources	<p>The NIHR e-Learning for Clinicians competition can award up to £120,000 per Royal College or standard setting body to develop bespoke online learning resources specifically targeted to develop research capacity in their professional communities. It is expected the e-learning resources will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to research methods • aid in the development of a new community of local clinical research champions, local principal investigators and networked clinical researchers • support research to improve patient care where it is most needed 	£120,000	30/04/2021
NIHR 21/04 Children and young people's mental health	<p>The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is collaborating with What Works for Children's Social Care (WWCSC), and looking to receive applications for high-quality, evaluative research to improve the quality of care, support and access to services for children and young people (CYP) with mental health conditions, including children who have, or have had a social worker.</p>	Discretionary	03/06/2021

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Programme Development Grants - Competition 30	<p>Applications are invited for Programme Development Grant funding. Programme Development Grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full Programme Grant by supporting the completion of the necessary preparatory work to suitably position the research team to submit a competitive Programme Grant application. Individual awards are for a maximum of £150k over a period of 12 - 24 months. PDG is currently participating in the following highlight notices: 1. Brain Tumours and 2. Dementia</p>	£150,000	12/05/2021
21/16 Improving support for adult and/or older carers	<p>The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme wishes to fund high quality, theory-led work on effective approaches to supporting carers. New research of all kinds is needed, but specific priorities have been identified by carers, voluntary groups and others. Some examples of priorities identified include: 1. overviews of what works to reduce social isolation for carers 2. evaluations of models of 'centres' to support carers 3. better ways of identifying and assessing carer support needs, particularly older individuals, and those in marginalised communities.</p>	Discretionary	05/08/2021
Public Health Research Programme Rapid Funding Scheme	<p>The Rapid Funding Scheme (RFS) offers researchers the opportunity to apply for funds to conduct rapid baseline data collection, as well as other feasibility work, prior to intervention implementation, for unique, time-limited opportunities such as a natural experiment or similar evaluations of a new public health intervention. The RFS has been set up to provide the public health research community with an accelerated route to funding for small-scale, short and time sensitive proposals that demonstrate a need for a rapid commissioning process to be followed. Funding will be offered, subject to appropriate scientific scrutiny, on the understanding that a full application to support completion of the evaluation will be forthcoming at an appropriate time point.</p>	Discretionary	31/12/2021

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
21/50 National Evaluation of NHS @Home <small>NEW</small>	NHS @home is a nationally-led programme of work aimed at providing better connected, more personalised care in people's homes including care homes. The Health Services and delivery Research programme is interested in receiving applications for high quality and timely research to evaluate the effectiveness and implementation of NHS @home as an approach to providing care in people's own homes and increasing self-monitoring and management for people. It aims to ensure people have faster access to more appropriate, targeted, and personalised care, without necessarily having to attend emergency care or GP appointments. A principal focus of the evaluation is the proactive care programme for different long-term conditions with potential for future @home activities to come on stream.	Discretionary	03/07/2021
Doctoral Fellowship Round 6 <small>NEW</small>	The NIHR Doctoral Fellowship funds individuals from a range of health and social care professions to undertake a PhD in an area of NIHR research. The Fellowship funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• full salary support, including protected time to concentrate on research• PhD fees and research costs• a bespoke training and development programme to meet individual needs	Discretionary	15/07/2021
21/501 Health and social care outcomes and cost-effectiveness of assistive technologies <small>NEW</small>	The HTA Programme is interested in proposals for the evaluation of assistive technologies provided by relevant local authorities to residents who live at home, on the basis of disability- or age-related needs, with the aim of promoting and maintaining independence. This could be 'low-tech' solutions, e.g. non-electronic devices and home adaptations that might be in use already without evidence regarding their effectiveness, as well as 'high-tech' systems, such as smart devices that facilitate telecare, which are market-ready, but not necessarily widely adopted.	Discretionary	01/09/2021

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21/502 Osteoarthritis in older or frail people with multiple long-term conditions <small>NEW</small>	We are interested in proposals for the evaluation of the clinical and cost-effectiveness of interventions to improve the treatment of older or frail adults with osteoarthritis and comorbidities.	Discretionary	01/09/2021
21/48 - Dementia research call - Public Health Research (PHR) <small>NEW</small>	We need to continue building the evidence base, to improve the lives of people affected by dementia. We need more research focused on meeting the needs of underserved populations. Applications are welcomed which include populations with a high disease burden and which have been historically under-served by NIHR research activity (see appendix below), and which address equality, diversity and inclusion..	Discretionary	12/08/2021
Dementia research call - Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) <small>NEW</small>	The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme is accepting stage one applications to this funding opportunity. Dementia is a growing challenge that has become one of the most important health and social care issues facing the world. We need to continue building the evidence base, to improve the lives of people affected by dementia.	Discretionary	10/09/2021
Dementia research call - Health Services and Delivery Research Programme (HS&DR) <small>NEW</small>	The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is accepting stage one applications to this funding opportunity. Dementia is a growing challenge that has become one of the most important health and social care issues facing the world. We need to continue building the evidence base, to improve the lives of people affected by dementia.	Discretionary	07/10/2021
Dementia research call - Health Technology Assessment (HTA) <small>NEW</small>	The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is accepting stage one applications to this funding opportunity. Dementia is a growing challenge that has become one of the most important health and social care issues facing the world. We need to continue building the evidence base, to improve the lives of people affected by dementia.	Discretionary	15/09/2021
21/43 Mechanisms of action of interventions for COVID-19 <small>NEW</small>	The EME programme invites applications to investigate the underlying mechanisms of action of health and social care interventions for COVID-19. Studies must utilise patients or samples from identifiable cohorts from current or completed NIHR-funded projects from the following programmes: i4i, EME (including the MRC/NIHR transferred portfolio), HS&DR, HTA, PHR, RfPB and PGfAR or equivalent funding from the Devolved Administrations.	Discretionary	10/08/2021

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21/36 Application Development Award - Mental health and wellbeing among young women <small>NEW</small>	The aim of this Application Development Award scheme is to provide funding for underpinning development work that will add to the current knowledge base and will ultimately support and inform applications to a pending commissioned call on interventions to promote mental health and wellbeing among young women that will launch late 2021/early 2022.	£50,000	12/08/2021
Long COVID in non-hospitalised individuals research call 2021 <small>NEW</small>	The NIHR has launched a UK-wide call to fund research that will help and support non-hospitalised adults and children with Long COVID. Research proposals are invited on four topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Therapies and Interventions• Management and Evaluation of Services• Diagnostics• Other topics to help and support individuals with Long COVID	Discretionary	12/05/2021
Research for Patient Benefit - Competition 45 <small>NEW</small>	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. As a response mode researcher-led programme, Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) does not specify topics for research, but encourages proposals for projects which address a wide range of health service issues and challenges. RfPB competition 45 is accepting applications on the topics of the following highlight notices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease• Dementia	Discretionary	14/07/2021
21/16 Improving support for adult and/or older carers <small>NEW</small>	The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme wishes to fund high quality, theory-led work on effective approaches to supporting carers. New research of all kinds is needed, but specific priorities have been identified by carers, voluntary groups and others. Some examples of priorities identified include overviews of what works to reduce social isolation for carers, evaluations of models of 'centres' to support carers, and better ways of identifying and assessing carer support needs, particularly older individuals, and those in marginalised communities.	Discretionary	05/08/2021

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MRC infections and immunity programme grant: May 2021	<p>Programme grants provide large, long-term and renewable programme funding for researchers working in the area of infections and immunity research. They aim to help the medical science community to ‘think bigger’. We award programme grants to UK-based research organisations. Programme grants are usually based within an academic institution which has the variety of expertise and disciplines to undertake the programme. Any UK-based researcher with an employment contract at an eligible research organisation can apply for a programme grant. You will need to show that you will direct the proposed research yourself and be actively involved in the work.</p>	<p>£1,000,000+</p>	<p>12/05/2021</p>
MRC infections and immunity research grant: May 2021	<p>Funding is available from MRC’s Infections and Immunity Board to support focused research projects on infections and immunity. We award research grants to UK-based research organisations. Research grants may involve more than one research group or institution. Any UK-based researcher(with a PhD ideally) with an employment contract at an eligible research organisation can apply.</p>	<p>£1,000,000+</p>	<p>12/05/2021</p>
EPSRC programme grant	<p>Programme grants provide flexible funding to world-leading UK research groups addressing significant research challenges. Programme grants are open to UK higher education institutions, research council institutes, UKRI-approved independent research organisations and NHS bodies with research capacity.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Healthcare technologies investigator-led grant	<p>Healthcare technologies investigator-led research grants are for researchers at UK higher education institutions, research council institutes, UKRI-approved independent research organisations and NHS bodies. We strongly encourage collaboration with relevant healthcare professionals, other researchers, industry, the public sector and other relevant partners.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>

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NERC urgency funding	The NERC Urgency Grant scheme exists to provide funding for unexpected and transient scientific opportunities created by unpredictable natural events. NERC welcome Urgency proposals related to the current Coronavirus outbreak. Research must fall predominantly within the NERC remit. Proposals will need to be sensitive to social distancing and other restrictions being brought in as a result of the current situation.	£52,000	None specified
SBRI Competition - Assays for SARS-CoV-2 cellular immune responses ^{NEW}	The competition is part of the COVID-19 National Core Studies (NCS) programme. The programmes' objective is to address key research questions in support of the UK government's response to COVID-19. The aim of this competition is to develop effective assay system approaches to measuring human cellular immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 natural infection or vaccines, to improve clinical management and vaccine deployment.	£700,000	26/05/2021
IndieBio Coronavirus Initiative	We are seeking up to 8 startups to receive a minimum of \$250,000 each to pursue the development of diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, disinfection, and other solutions addressing the worldwide problem of emerging infectious diseases. Companies who focus on detection may include those that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve diagnostic capabilities in speed, cost, or scaling. • Predict negative post-infection sequelae for COVID-19 patients. • Enhance serological testing kits. 	Discretionary	None specified
Global Innovation Fund- COVID-19 response	GIF was set up to confront global development challenges by funding innovations with the potential to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. For those living in developing countries, COVID-19 is yet another of these challenges. In a crisis, the most vulnerable are the ones most at risk. In this pandemic, and the recovery that follows it, GIF will be there to support the innovators and entrepreneurs with the vision to deliver solutions for the world's poorest people.	Discretionary	None specified
21/43 Mechanisms of action of interventions for COVID-19 ^{NEW}	The EME programme invites applications to investigate the underlying mechanisms of action of health and social care interventions for COVID-19. Studies must utilise patients or samples from identifiable cohorts from current or completed NIHR-funded projects from the following programmes: i4i, EME (including the MRC/NIHR transferred portfolio), HS&DR, HTA, PHR, RfPB and PGfAR or equivalent funding from the Devolved Administrations.	Discretionary	10/08/2021

Covid 19 Research Specific grants

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UKRI: Emergency route for time-critical COVID-19 research	AHRC, BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, MRC, NERC and STFC invite expressions of interest for their emergency route for time-critical COVID-19 research call. This supports short-term time-sensitive collection of data or samples or rapid turn-around research or analysis to either inform urgent policy or national decision making or secure data for future research use.	£80,000	None specified
Google: COVID-19 research grants	Google, in partnership with Harvard Global Health Institute, invites applications for its COVID-19 research grants. These support researchers working on urgent public health challenges associated with COVID-19. Projects focusing on potential treatments, techniques and datasets are eligible. Preference will be given to projects that plan to make their datasets publicly available and referenceable.	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR: COVID-19 urgent public health research	<p>COVID-19 urgent public health research is being prioritised to gather the necessary clinical and epidemiological evidence that will inform national policy and enable new diagnostic tests, treatments and vaccines to be developed and tested for COVID-19.</p> <p>Government support is available to prioritise, coordinate and deliver these studies, regardless of sponsorship and funding source. This support includes expedited identification of sites to ensure appropriate geographical distribution of urgent public health research to maximise recruitment and minimise over-commitment of resource.</p>	Discretionary	None specified
Long COVID in non-hospitalised individuals research call 2021 ^{NEW}	<p>The NIHR has launched a UK-wide call to fund research that will help and support non-hospitalised adults and children with Long COVID.</p> <p>Research proposals are invited on four topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapies and Interventions • Management and Evaluation of Services • Diagnostics • Other topics to help and support individuals with Long COVID 	Discretionary	12/05/2021

Other Funding streams

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
Nesta Impact Investment	Nesta Impact Investments is a £17.6m fund investing in life-changing innovations that help tackle the major challenges faced by older people, children and communities in the UK.	£1,000,000	None specified
Global Innovation Fund	The Global Innovation Fund is a non-profit innovation fund headquartered in London with an office in Washington D.C. that invests in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. Through our grants and risk capital, we help breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, researchers, and government agencies to maximise their impact and affect meaningful change.	Discretionary	None specified
Accelerator Award	The Accelerator Award is awarded by Cancer Research UK and it enables translational research by funding cross-institutional teams to produce tools, platforms and resources which will transform the research landscape.	£ 5,000,000	Paused
MedTech Navigator Innovation Grants	Key stakeholders need to be involved with medical product development, such as the beneficiary (patient), user (clinician) and buyer (NHS organisation), who often have different interests and requirements. The MedTech NAVIGATOR Innovation Grants are designed to facilitate such bespoke interactions between SMEs and eligible Knowledge Providers, such as an NHS Trust, or a University, during the product development process.	£7,500	09/04/2021

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
Novartis grants and sponsorships	Novartis can provide reasonable financial support for the general purpose of supporting healthcare initiatives like: improving medical infrastructure, independent educational activities, support for healthcare professional societies, health and medical policy research, and patient group activities. Novartis has a number of medical educational goods and services (MEGS) which are available on request.	Discretionary	None specified
Open Research Fund	This funding supports researchers to develop and test innovative ways of making health research open, accessible and reusable. One can apply to the Open Research Fund if they want to develop, pilot and evaluate innovative approaches that aim to make health research more open.	£50,000	21/05/2021
Innovator Awards	These awards support researchers who are transforming great ideas into healthcare innovations that could have a significant impact on human health. The work that you propose must be essential for developing your healthcare innovation.	£750,000	24/05/2021
2020 TUF smaller research projects fund	TUF will fund projects for patient benefit that seek to improve services and treatments and communications with patients and carers. The outcomes of the study must be measured and evaluated and demonstrate improved care and well-being of patients. They should be Nurse-led and/or clinician-led projects	£10,000	31/05/2021
Major Research Grant	Our Major Research Grants support work on the subject of healthcare- associated infections and infection prevention and control. This grant would be suitable to support a PhD studentship, MD or other research worker and related consumables/equipment, with a preference towards translational research rather than pure science topics. Grants will be subject to satisfactory biannual progress reports.	£99,000	01/09/2021

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Research and Development Challenge Fund 'Fast Track' (Penelope and Eugene Rosenberg Awards)	<p>The fund is also able to support smaller grants, through a new rapid assessment process. This 'Fast track' Research and Development Challenge Fund Scheme provides smaller scale awards of between £5K-£10K per project with rapid turn-around time (c. 2-3 weeks for assessment) to allow projects who have immediate needs outside of core R&D Challenge Fund deadlines to access funding. The same criteria will be used as that used by the main fund but without external review.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
The Pathway Transformation Fund	<p>The AHSN network is supporting the NHS Accelerated Access Collaborative to help NHS organisations overcome practical obstacles and increase adoption of rapid uptake products (RUPs). The Pathway Transformation Fund (PTF) is available to provide financial support to integrate these products into everyday practice and address issues such as pathway redesign, training staff on how to use new equipment or establishing new data collection methods.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>30/04/2021</p>
New Anglia Small Grants Scheme	<p>This offers grants from £1,000 to £25,000 to help you grow your business. These normally cover up to 20% of your total project costs – but can cover up to 30% in some areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.</p>	<p>£25,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
East Sussex Invest 7	<p>East Sussex Invest 7 fund is an East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Regional Growth Fund (RGF) programme to support the local economy and create jobs. It is delivered by the County Council in partnership with Locate East Sussex (LES).</p>	<p>£25,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
North East Business Support Fund	<p>The North East Business Support Fund is tailored to small businesses in County Durham, Northumberland, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>

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SoLSTICE (Leics)	Through the SoLSTICE programme, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, we offer support to SME's to innovate products, services and processes. There are a number of funds offered: 1. Innovation Support Grants- to procure external suppliers 2. MedTech Trial Grants- to support clinical trials and evaluation of products	£50,000	None specified

There are various other grants that might align with your business needs which are mostly regional, to be found in the Government website [here](#) under the '*Finance and support for your business*' section. Please tick on the '*GRANTS*' checkbox for better results.

Accelerators and Incubators

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
Health Technology Accelerator Programme	The Health Technology Accelerator Programme (HTAP) is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support small to medium businesses in the West of England region develop new products or services for the health and life science sector. It provides mentoring and business support, sector specific expertise and networking/ industry collaboration opportunities.	Discretionary	None specified
The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund	The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund has been created to support the private sector businesses operating in one of the LEP's priority sectors and to add value to other existing funding streams. £2,925,000 of grant funding is available to both Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and larger businesses within the Greater Lincolnshire area who can deliver transformational projects which align with the wider ambitions of the Strategic Economic Plan.	£500,000	None specified
Coventry and Warwickshire business support programme	The Coventry and Warwickshire Business Support Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund with further support from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council. It is delivered by the Coventry & Warwickshire LEP Growth Hub, County Council, City Council and a wide range of specialist delivery partners. The Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.	Discretionary	None specified
Coast to Capital Growth Hub	The Coast to Capital Growth Hub provides free and impartial government funded business support in Greater Brighton, West Sussex and East Surrey area which can help your ambitious and innovative business achieve growth.	Discretionary	None specified
DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme	DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme aims to speed up the adoption of technology in London's NHS, relieving high pressure on services and empowering patients to manage their health.	Discretionary	Applications not opened for 2021

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Accelerate Cambridge	Accelerate Cambridge offers a structured approach of three-month programmes that combine entrepreneurship training, regular coaching and mentoring, as well as access to shared workspace. We help teams of entrepreneurs turn an idea into a business, launch, and then keep going. Accelerate Cambridge is part of an ecosystem of support for entrepreneurs in Cambridge and will help you to navigate your way through it and find the resources you need.	National	Spring 2021
Accelerate@Babraham	A new bio-incubator and life science accelerator capability has been launched at the Babraham Research Campus. Accelerate@Babraham is designed to support the earliest stages of new life-science ventures, by providing easy-access laboratory and office space, (the 'bio-incubator') together with supporting programmes of business, science, finance and entrepreneurial mentoring (the 'accelerator') provided by strategic partners.	Regional (Cambridge)	None specified
IMAGINE IF! Accelerator	IMAGINE IF! provides early-stage science startups with extensive opportunities to take your venture to the next level: tailored mentorship, the potential to secure non-dilutive capital, free advice from leading professional service companies and rapid networking across the Innovation Forum's platform.	National	None specified
Biocity Business Accelerator Programme	The BioCity Business Accelerator Programme is an intensive eight-week programme specifically designed to help scientific entrepreneurs launch and grow businesses from their science. You will learn how to 'Lean Start-up', using a set of highly effective tools to identify gaps in your business, evaluate risks and create a business model that stands-up to the scrutiny of potential investors, partners and customers.	Regional	None specified
MedTech Accelerator	The Medtech Accelerator has been set up to facilitate the early stage development of innovations in the broad area of medical technology (devices, diagnostics, software and eHealth) that meet unmet clinical needs within the NHS.	Regional	None specified

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Healthbox	Healthbox helps organizations drive innovation from the inside and out. Healthbox helps move beyond the hype to develop successful, impact-driven programs. The Healthbox Foundry is a change agent that empowers staff to come forward with ideas to improve the organization and healthcare globally by turning projects into products and employees into innovators. The program retains and maximizes the value of current and future Intellectual Property and builds an organizational identity and culture of entrepreneurial innovation. Healthbox provides a transparent, rigorous, and market-tested approach towards the evaluation and selection of innovative employee-led ideas for mentoring and resourcing.	London	None specified
FFWD Accelerator	FastForward, the UK's Pre-Accelerator Programme (FFWD for short) is an initiative backed by The Accelerator Network and Capital Enterprise to prepare startup teams for first funding and successful application and entry to leading accelerators. Delivered in one-day sprints, over a 6-week period, this interactive, hands-on programme is designed to cover key topics such as Tech, Marketing, Finance, and much more, using a blend of expert speakers and professional industry mentors. FFWD is one of the few pre-accelerators delivered in London for early stage UK tech entrepreneurs. Made up of one-day dynamic sprints over 6 weeks, it combines Lean Startup methodology, practical application of Design Thinking and expert mentor coaching. FFWD helps entrepreneurs validate their MVP, raise pre-seed funding and access London's top accelerators.	National	None specified
Techstars accelerator	Techstars accelerators have one goal: to help entrepreneurs succeed. During each three-month program, we surround companies with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. We provide funding and fundraising opportunities, workshops and curated resources, not to mention countless moments where you can learn from your peers. It's a proven model that's helped build thousands of successful companies, all over the world.	National	None specified
Knowledge Transfer Partnerships	The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses in the UK to innovate and grow. It does this by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate. A KTP enables a business to bring in new skills and the latest academic thinking to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project through a knowledge-based partnership.	Discretionary	None specified

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Innovate UK Scale Up Programme ^{NEW}	Innovate UK EDGE's highly regarded Scaleup Programme provides one-to-one, bespoke and fully funded support centred around innovative scaleups' specific needs. It is available to those companies achieving, or with the potential for, 50% compound annual growth rates (CAGR) and over. The Scaleup Programme helps the highest potential businesses realise their ambitions. Delivering growth at scale is at the heart of Innovate UK's emerging strategy for business innovation in the UK. Innovate UK EDGE is a key enabler of this strategic priority and through the Scaleup Programme, helps the highest potential businesses realise their ambitions.	National	None specified

Innovate UK EDGE is a key part of the UK innovation agency's investment in the innovative businesses that drive economic growth. It complements Innovate UK project funding with intensive, specialist-led support for such ambitious businesses. Innovate UK EDGE brings a range of services to help ambitious, innovative SMEs scale and grow. They help businesses:

- Exploit innovation
- Enter new markets
- Source funding

Their specialists can draw on resources such as their programmes, events, innovation & international networks and their domain expert colleagues.

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The St. John's Innovation Centre(SJIC) Projects Team are based at St John's Innovation Centre and work with innovative businesses across the East of England (**Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk**). They work with Innovate UK EDGE to provide a range of bespoke support to ambitious and innovative businesses looking to grow and thrive internationally.

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Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses, set up in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.

If you are looking for business funding, support or guidance, please contact your local [Growth Hub](#). If you wish to engage with LEPs or have a product or service which may be of interest to them, please use the list of LEPs below to be taken to each LEP's home page where you will find their contact details.

<https://www.lepnetwork.net/about-leps/location-map/>

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Procurement for the provision of Endoscopy Services to Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (the Commissioner) seeks to commission a Community Endoscopy service for patients registered with a GP in Oxfordshire. The successful provider will deliver a safe and clinically effective service that will provide rapid local access to diagnostic endoscopy for patients that will include gastroscopy, colonoscopy and flexible sigmoidoscopy. The aim is to provide access to endoscopic diagnostics in the community. The Provider will work closely through regular contact and feedback with primary care, secondary care and the commissioner to support the management of patients within the primary/community care setting. The initial contract term will be for 3 years from 6th January 2022, with an optional extension of any period(s) up to a maximum of a further 2 years, as defined and at the discretion of the commissioners. The financial envelope is £3.1 million per annum.	19/04/2021
Application for a Care Home Contract	NHS Kernow and the Cornwall Council are pleased to invite care home providers to join the new joint contract for care home services from the 1st April 2021. The aim of care home service is to ensure people have access to good quality care, support and accommodation that can enable them to meet their health and social care needs and outcomes twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.	Not specified
NHS Leeds CCG Domiciliary Care for Continuing Healthcare	<p>NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups are inviting interested providers to apply to be part of the Approved Provider DPS for the provision of domiciliary care for people eligible for Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and including Fast Track / End of Life Care in Leeds. The purpose of domiciliary care services is to support adults (aged 18 and over) assessed as eligible for Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and registered with a Leeds GP, or resident within the boundaries of NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The domiciliary care service is to enable CHC eligible service users to remain in their own home, living as safely and independently as possible and will involve the provision of some or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Care• Health Care (where the Provider has been approved to offer health care level services)• Rehabilitation/Maintenance of independent living skills• Domestic tasks including shopping, laundry and meal preparation• Carer support, including night sitting and respite care• Support for service users at the end of life (these are usually identified as Fast Track funded)	31/05/2022

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HPFT - 03/21 - Provision of Enablement at Home Floating Support Services <small>NEW</small>	<p>Hertfordshire Partnership NHS University Foundation Trust is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Enablement at Home Floating Support Services. The organisations who they are seeking bids from :-:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are committed to delivering enabling, risk positive, outcome-focused services • Will work in a 'Connected Lives' way – helping people to connect to technology, networks, communities and other sources of support • Consider how sharing/pooling hours can reduce the level of 1:1 hours a service user would otherwise have in a different setting, provided that it still meets the individual needs and preferences of each person. • Will proactively manage demand and deliver innovative approaches • Are progressive and forward looking, wanting to expand and grow • Will work in partnership with HPFT and community organisations • Will commit to becoming a member of Herts Care Providers Association <p>The aim of this tender is to put in place a Framework Agreement for Enablement at Home services that will enable the commissioning of those services as effectively as possible.</p>	07/05/2021
Provision of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) Services on behalf of NHS Derby & Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) <small>NEW</small>	<p>NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit services (PICU) to meet the Derbyshire population needs.</p>	14/05/2021
NHS Wakefield CCG: Domiciliary Care AQP Window 3 <small>NEW</small>	<p>The overarching aim for the service is for every service user to achieve their maximum possible level of independence at home and to improve well-being. This represents a shift in thinking and approach away from traditional models of domiciliary care which have tended to focus on maintenance, rather than enablement, promoting independence and a person's individual well-being.</p>	10/05/2021
Children and Young Peoples' Neurodevelopmental Conditions - Early support for Families <small>NEW</small>	<p>NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) wishes to invite suitably qualified and experienced providers to submit expressions of interest for the provision services for early support for families for children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions.</p>	26/04/2021

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Domiciliary Care Services for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group <small>NEW</small>	<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG is inviting suitably qualified Providers of Domiciliary Care services to submit an indicative tender to be included in a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the management and service provision of Patients newly requiring NHS Continuing Healthcare. It is the intention of the commissioner that the service be split into the following lots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fast Track (End of Life) - Learning Disability - Mental Health - Dementia - Physical Disability - General Care - Brain Injury 	05/04/2025
Care Homes Services for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group <small>NEW</small>	<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG is inviting suitably qualified Providers of Care Home services to submit an indicative tender to be included in a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the management and service provision of Patients newly requiring NHS Continuing Healthcare. It is the intention of the commissioner that the service be split into the following lots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fast Track (End of Life) - Learning Disability - Mental Health - Dementia - Physical Disability - General Care - Brain Injury - General Nursing Care - Younger Persons - Funded Nursing Care 	05/04/2025
0-19 Public Health Nursing & Healthy Child Programme <small>NEW</small>	<p>North Somerset Council is looking to recommission it's 0-19 public health nursing services for service delivery from 1st April 2022. The national Healthy Child Programme (HCP) 0-19 was set out in 2009 and is an evidence-based universal programme available to all children and aims to ensure that every child gets the good start they need to lay the foundations of a healthy life.</p>	29/04/2021
NHS Doncaster CCG - Consultant Led Tele-Dermatology Community Service <small>NEW</small>	<p>The aim of this procurement is to deliver the diagnostic skills of Consultant Dermatologists directly to GP Practices through a tele-dermatology app. Once advice is deemed necessary by the Primary Care Clinician, every skin related referral can be sent through this channel using practice Healthcare Assistants and administration staff to upload the patients present history and photographs. Where a patient is unable to attend a face to face consultation with the referrer, the provider will ensure that a remote access platform can be utilised.</p>	10/05/2021

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