

## NIHR Research Design Service East of England REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCHERS

For health researchers planning to submit bids in 2017, the NIHR Research Design Services East of England (RDS EoE) has planned a programme of regional support with the aim of assisting our clients to achieve the milestones to be accomplished before the submission of an application. These regional events enable researchers to take advantage of the advice and feedback that we offer.

Our clients may apply for three kinds of regional support:

### 1. NIHR workshops

These are designed for novice bidders who have not applied to NIHR before. The workshops provide an outline of the particular characteristics and remits of NIHR bids, and an overview of what is involved. There are 20 places per workshop, total cost £25 for one day workshop and £50 for 2-day workshop. Please apply directly to Dr Muhammad Waqar at [muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk](mailto:muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk) or on 01582 743782.

**NIHR one-day workshop:** 15 March 2017

**NIHR two-day workshop:** 11 October 2017 and 18 October 2017

### 2. Bid development panels

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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 the panel. Bids should be submitted for inclusion to RDS East of England central office at [rdsc@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rdsc@essex.ac.uk)

The participant/research team will be allotted a timed-slot (approx. 1 hour each) and will have the opportunity to discuss their research and receive feedback from a panel of advisers and specialists in such areas as health economics, statistics and public involvement. Proposals should be sent in advance of the workshops by dates stated below; priority will be given to those bids nearest to completion. N.B. It is suggested that participants work on their bids with their RDS key adviser before attending the panel.

**Bid development panel:** 15 February 2017 Cambridge, Cambridgeshire.

Submit proposals by 8 February 2017

**Bid Development panel:** 9 March 2017 Norwich, Norfolk

Submit proposals by: 2 March 2017

**Bid development panel:** 16 May 2017 Cambridge, Cambridgeshire.

Submit proposals by 9 May 2017

**Bid Development panel:** 10 July 2017 Norwich, Norfolk

Submit proposals by 3 July 2017

**Bid Development panel: 23 October 2017** Norwich, Norfolk

Submit proposals by **16 October 2017**

**Bid development panel (for all types of applications including NIHR fellowship):**

**16 November 2017** Cambridge, Cambridgeshire. Submit proposals by **9 November 2017**

There are 5 places per workshop. Please consult the RDS East of England central office at [rdsc@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rdsc@essex.ac.uk) or on 01206 874856 for details.

### **3. Pre-submission panel**

For teams who have their proposals ready and who wish to receive RDS comments near 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.

The proposers do not attend, but should send their completed bids 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 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.

**Pre-submission panel: 9 January 2017** – submit proposals by **19 December 2016**

**Pre-submission panel: 13 March 2017** – submit proposals by **6 March 2017**

**Pre-submission panel: 20 April 2017** – submit proposals by **13 April 2017**

**Pre-submission panel: 5 June 2017** – submit proposals by **26 May 2017**

**Pre-submission panel: 7 September 2017** – submit proposals by **31 August 2017**

**Pre-submission panel: 9 October 2017** – submit proposals by **2 October 2017**

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