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Current Opportunities

Call for Expressions of Interest: Impact Accelerator Project with Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study

Project:

The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study research team has received funding through the ESRC Impact Accelerator Account to engage a CESI researcher for approximately 25-30 days depending on their current salary scale.

The researcher will work with John Moriarty and other members of the research team to:

- develop policy briefs summarising thematically related findings from the Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study (NILS);
- scan for calls for evidence from parliamentary and governmental bodies internationally to which NILS research would be relevant;
- tailor policy briefs to evidence calls and communicate with the relevant bodies.

Training in the preparation of policy briefs for parliamentary audiences will be provided, with additional support from Research and Enterprise, and from the AHSS Impact Office, so this is an excellent developmental opportunity.

Person:

Essential:

- A demonstrable understanding and track record of pursuing research impact, including instances of having written for and or presented to audiences beyond academia.

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience of writing and submitting policy briefs, or submissions to parliamentary calls for evidence;
- Strong written communication skills;
- Experience of statistical analysis, including work with linked administrative data.

This project could be undertaken on a full-time basis, but would also be suitable for a part-time arrangement over a longer period, for example on a nominated day or two days per week.

Expressions of interest are requested by end of in the form of a CV with a one-page cover letter describing your interest in and suitability for this project. Please also indicate the work pattern you would anticipate, e.g. full-time or, if part-time, how many days per week you could work on the project.

Please respond to David Piekaar d.piekaar@qub.ac.uk by 4 December 2020.

COVID-19: care homes and primary care – The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute

The COVID-19 crisis has brought with it many challenges, but few have been as striking as those facing care homes. Working in collaboration with the Royal College of General Practitioners, THIS Institute is seeking to appoint a fellow to lead a study aimed at co-producing a vision for high quality primary care for people who live in care homes and a theory of change for how it might be achieved within current structures and resources.

Applications are invited from individuals currently in post at UK universities or other research-intensive environment (eg charity, non-profit think tank or NHS organisation). The successful applicant will remain employed by their own university or organisation, and will be part of a vibrant professional learning community supported by THIS Institute.

The fellowship should be completed in 12-15 months, and can be undertaken full-time or part-time (minimum 0.6 FTE). It is expected that the fellowship will begin during Spring 2021.

[For further details on this fellowship please follow this link](#)

Centre for Medical Education, Queen's University Belfast

The Centre for Medical Education is offering a PhD studentship in one of the three following areas. Please click on the following links for details:

[Decolonising curriculum in higher education in a post-colonial and post-conflict society at Queen's University Belfast on FindAPhD.com](#)

[Exploring stakeholder participation in trauma-informed care in general practice: an institutional ethnography at Queen's University Belfast on FindAPhD.com](#)

[Optimising stress to maximise learning in medical simulation environments at Queen's University Belfast on FindAPhD.com](#)

Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study/CESI – All-cause mortality within the context of COVID-19

The [NLS](#)/CESI team is inviting analysts to form a working group on a short project relating to all-cause mortality in the context of Covid-19 and its mitigation measures. Specifically, we are looking for enthusiastic researchers who have some capacity for conducting analysis between March and June 2021, with an interest in looking at how the pandemic has impacted NI in terms of mortality. Although we have written this as a short-term project, we believe it will have long-term prospects and potential for public and policy interest.

If you would like to be involved in this opportunity, please contact David Piekaar d.piekaar@qub.ac.uk in the first instance.

Collaborative Studentship (CAST) Competition 2021

Queen's has an excellent track-record of collaborating with private industry, public sector organisations and the third sector to successfully deliver impactful, user-informed research. To support the development of these collaborations, the University will once again commit a number of studentships (funded via Department for the Economy and EPSRC) commencing in October 2021 for projects across the Institution that will significantly involve working with a non-academic partner.

The projects require engagement with a **non-academic** collaborating body. The collaborating body should be jointly involved in devising the research programme. Additionally, each project requires:

- The student to receive industrial supervision by a named person from the collaborating body (NB: this industry supervisor will not be a formal academic supervisor);
- The student to spend at least three months with the collaborating partner who should pay any associated travel, accommodation or subsistence costs; and
- The external partner to demonstrate their commitment to the project through a matched cash **or in-kind contribution**. NB: For-profit partners must contribute direct funding (cash contribution) to the project of at least £27k over the course of the project.

Partnerships with private sector industry, government departments/agencies, and voluntary sector organisations that meet the above criteria will all be considered.

Please link to - <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/Support-for-researchers/Establishing-business-partnerships/Collaborative-research/> for more information on how to apply or contact Kevin Fearon in the Business Alliance Team to discuss any potential idea k.fearon@qub.ac.uk. The deadline is 18 December 2020.

NIHR 20/114 Unlocking data to inform public health policy and practice

The Public Health Research programme is seeking proposals to better understand the availability and potential of routinely collected administrative and service activity data to support decision making in local authorities to improve the health within their local populations, or across multiple local authorities, and reduce inequalities in health. Specifically, we are keen to explore what are the organisational and technical barriers to increased data utilisation, how to overcome them and facilitate the building of regional and national partnerships that make optimum use of data for policy and decision making.

We anticipate that a range of projects in size and scope will be commissioned (between £50K - £250K). The outputs will need to be delivered by December 2021.

Applications are welcomed from throughout the UK and may be from an individual or group.

General questions about the call and further guidance may be obtained by sending a short summary (max 1 A4 page) of the proposal to the following address: phr@nihr.ac.uk

For further details, please visit: [20/114 Unlocking data to inform public health policy and practice \(nihr.ac.uk\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about/20/114-unlocking-data-to-inform-public-health-policy-and-practice)

20/136 Public Health Research Programme researcher-led

The Public Health Research Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream.

In order to apply you will need to carefully review the:

- [Stage 1 guidance notes](#)
- [PHR supporting information](#)

The NIHR programmes and research funding schemes have a **highlight notice for brain tumours**. For details of this NIHR-wide highlight notice, please see our [themed calls page](#).

Please note that this researcher-led call is open to all relevant research areas, and does not just include this highlight notice. If you are responding to the highlight notice, please indicate this in the application form in Section 6, Question 1 'What is the problem being addressed?'

Applications received by **1pm on 30 March 2021**, and deemed within remit, will be assessed for their importance to public health by the Prioritisation Committee (PC) in **May 2021**.

Shortlisted stage 1 applications from this round will be considered by the Funding Committee (FC) in **June 2021**, and assessed for scientific quality, feasibility and value for money. Applicants will be informed of the FC's decisions in **late June 2021**, and successful applicants will be invited to submit a stage 2 application. Applicants have eight weeks to complete and submit a stage 2 application for it to be considered at the **October 2021** Funding Committee.

[For full details, please visit this page.](#)

NIHR: Global Health Research Centres Call 1 - Research and Institutional Capacity Strengthening in Non-Communicable Diseases

The NIHR Global Health Research Centres call is open, and stage 1 submission deadline is 31 March 2021.

This Centres programme provides substantive funding of up to £10 million to support research-driven partnerships between institutions in low and middle income countries (LMICs) and in the UK. The first call will fund centres to undertake high quality research in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and support the development of a critical mass of sustainable, competitive research capacity.

Website: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/global-health-research-centres-call-1-research-and-institutional-capacity-strengthening-in-non-communicable-diseases/24758>

The Centre must address more than 1 NCD; the scope includes type 2 diabetes/ cancer/ mental health/ CVD/ lung disease.

This Centre would be focused equally on applied research to improve people's health, and on delivering training and capacity building in the chosen fields of NCD research.

An internal managed bid process has been established to select QUB applicants to proceed to the Stage 1 NIHR deadline. Please contact Patricia McCrory p.mccrory@gub.ac.uk for an application form and further information.

Deadline: 4pm on Friday 11 December 2020.

EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account – funding opportunity

A new call has been launched for EPSRC IAA projects, with a **deadline of 15th January 2021**. Any applications received prior to the deadline will be considered in this call.

There will be funding available for a wide range of projects that will accelerate the impact of EPSRC research: secondments, Collaboration Catalyst (working with a partner) and Demonstration of Commercial Principle projects, Enterprise Fellowships and for non-commercially focused impacts. Projects wishing to focus on non-commercial impacts and in particular projects with potential policy impacts are encouraged. **Applications of ECRs who have held EPSRC New Investigator Awards are also encouraged**. Typically funding for each project is expected to be between £2,500 and £10,000 (with up to £25,000 available for secondments).

A requirement of all applications is that they must be linked in some way to a previous EPSRC grant. For further details on this scheme, or to discuss your potential applications, **please contact Joan Grieve j.grieve@qub.ac.uk, IAA Officer** in the **Business Alliance team, who can help to guide you through the process**.

Details on the scheme, and the application form, can be accessed from the links below.

[IAA Guidelines](#)

[IAA Application Form](#)

Pre-Announcement: UK-Ireland Collaboration in Digital Humanities

Opportunity status: Upcoming

Funders: **Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)**

Co-funders: Irish Research Council (IRC)

Funding type: Grant

Maximum award: £400,000

Publication date: 27 November 2020

Opening date: To be confirmed

Closing date: To be confirmed

Last updated: 26 November 2020

Apply for funding for digital humanities research. Your project must be large, innovative and multidisciplinary.

UK and Ireland-based researchers must collaborate on the project.

We expect the themes to be:

- digital humanities, emerging technologies and research practices
- digital humanities and social innovation
- digital humanities and cultural heritage
- digital humanities and the creative industries.

AHRC will provide up to £320,000 per project for UK costs, at 80% of the full economic cost. The Irish Research Council (IRC) will provide up to €270,000.

Your project must start on 1 August 2021 and last for up to 36 months.

For further details, please follow this link: [Pre-announcement: UK-Ireland collaboration in digital humanities – UKRI](#)

Dealing with policymakers internationally

Those of you who are carrying out or potentially planning research which might be of interest to policymakers in countries other than UK/Ireland may be interested in [this useful online guide](#) from a team at Oxford (see especially sections 5 and 6).

January 2020 Impact Webinars

We've got some great online impact events lined up for next month – so please check them out and sign up for any which interest you.

- **Planning for Impact in Funding Proposals Part 1 (UK funding opportunities) - 10:00 - 11:00 Tuesday, 12th January 2021**

This one-hour interactive webinar, jointly delivered by QUB's Research Development and Impact teams, will look at how to plan for impact in your research funding proposals. It will focus on applications involving UK funding opportunities, primarily calls from the AHRC and the ESRC. The event will be of interest to any academic and research staff who submit research grant applications, particularly those with limited experience or in need of a refresher. It is the first in a two-part series, but you can attend just one session if you wish. **Find out more and register [here](#) to take part.** (You must register separately for the second session in this series).

- **Impact in the age of Covid - 12:00 - 13:00 Thursday, 14th January 2021**

This one-hour online discussion is aimed primarily at academic and research staff, and PhD students, in the AHSS Faculty - but will be open to staff and PhD students from the other two Faculties also. The event will consider both the opportunities and

challenges for generating research impact which have been thrown up by the pandemic, and by the restrictions on social interaction and travel currently in place due to Covid. The discussion will be chaired by **Dr Kieran Connell, Impact and Public Engagement Champion, HAPP School**. The event will be kicked off by reflections from the following panellists:

- **Professor Greg Toner (AEL)**
- **Professor Laura Lundy (SSESW & QUB Children's Rights Centre)**
- **Dr Viviane Gravey (HAPP)**

Find out more and register [here](#) to take part.

- **Planning for Impact in Funding Proposals Part 2 (International funding opportunities) - 10:00 - 11: 00 Tuesday, 19th January 2021**

This webinar follows on from Part 1. Building on our learning from our first session, we'll be examining how to plan for impact in larger-scale research proposals involving international funding opportunities, such as UKRI's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). The event will be of interest to any academic or research staff hoping to lead or contribute to international research funding proposals. **Find out more and register [here](#) to take part.** (You must register separately for this second session. Attendance at Part 1 is likely to be helpful).

ADR UK Research Fellowship Scheme (January 2021)

As the next instalment of its Research Fellowship scheme, ADR UK will soon be launching a funding call for applications to conduct research using the Ministry of Justice (MoJ)-Department for Education (DfE) linked dataset. Grants will be available for a maximum of £130,000 over 12 months.

These Research Fellowships, being launched in partnership with the (UK government) Ministry of Justice and the Dept for Education, will enable funded researchers to be some of the first to demonstrate the potential of this pioneering dataset to understand links between childhood characteristics, educational outcomes and offending, informing policy and practice in this area. Such research could help inform, for example, where interventions are needed to prevent young people becoming involved in the criminal justice system, and which interventions are most effective.

More info about this forthcoming call and the opportunity to sign up for email alerts is available here: <https://www.adruk.org/news-publications/news-blogs/funding-opportunity-coming-soon-linked-justice-and-education-data-331/>

Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme

CALL OPEN

This call closes for applications on **Feb 9th 2021 at 5pm**.

The objective of the Fellowship is to give the Fellow the opportunity to develop the practical skills of how to plan, design, conduct and report an evidence synthesis.

The scheme places Fellows **virtually** with **experienced evidence synthesis centres** in Ireland and internationally.

Current reviews include **Cochrane** Reviews of Effectiveness, **Evidence and Gap Map**, and **Systematic Reviews** and **Meta-analysis**. Host centres include Cochrane Anaesthesia, Cochrane Stroke, Cochrane Public Health, HIQA and Campbell UK & Ireland

For information on available reviews and to apply, see <https://evidencesynthesisireland.ie/fellowships>



EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS
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Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme 2021

Evidence Synthesis Ireland/Cochrane Ireland are delighted to announce the launch of the **2021 Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme**

Fellows will join experienced national and international evidence synthesis teams working on the generation of reviews with potential for strong policy and/or practice impact

Fellows will receive:

Hands-on evidence synthesis experience in a high-quality environment

€1000 travel/dissemination bursary

One-to-one mentorship from a designated mentor from the review centre/group

Free attendance at all ESI evidence synthesis training workshops

Opportunity to co-author high quality review reports/publications

Networking and collaboration opportunities with national and international experts

For more information visit
<https://evidencesynthesisireland.ie/fellowships/>

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