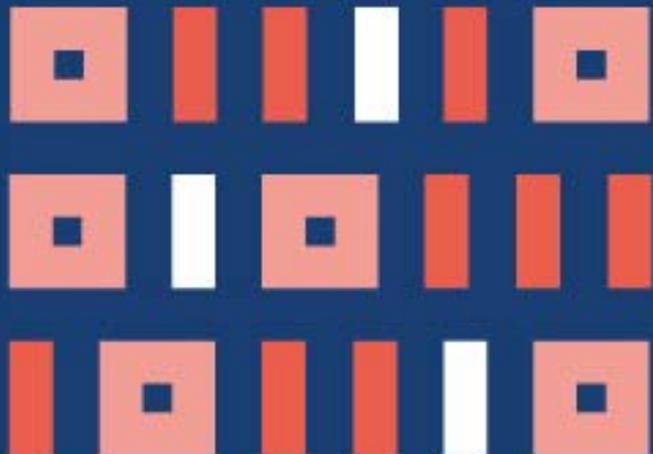




NIHR Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation (RIGHT)

Call 2 Webinar

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Presenting today

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Agenda

- Background of NIHR Global Health Research
- The aims and focus of RIGHT Call 2
- Eligibility and scope
- Budget and eligible costs
- Application process
- Selection criteria
- Key dates
- Tips for applying and things to avoid
- Common application queries

Background to NIHR Global Health Research

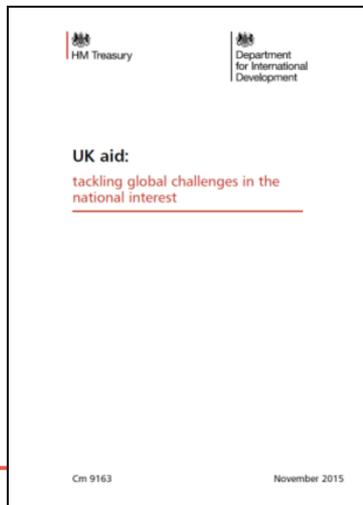
- **2015 UK aid strategy** announced a new cross-government approach to aid, including the commitment to spending 0.7% of Gross National Income (GNI) as Official Development Assistance (ODA).
- **2016-21 Spending review** saw a significant redistribution of aid spend across Government Departments: Previously 86% of aid spending through the Department for International Development (DFID)
- By 2020 more than 25% of UK aid will be spent outside DFID
- ODA spending by other departments will scale up rapidly over coming years from £1.7b to projected £4b in 2020
- Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) ODA budgets significantly increased, primarily for research activities



£430m Global Health Research fund to commission internationally outstanding applied global health research

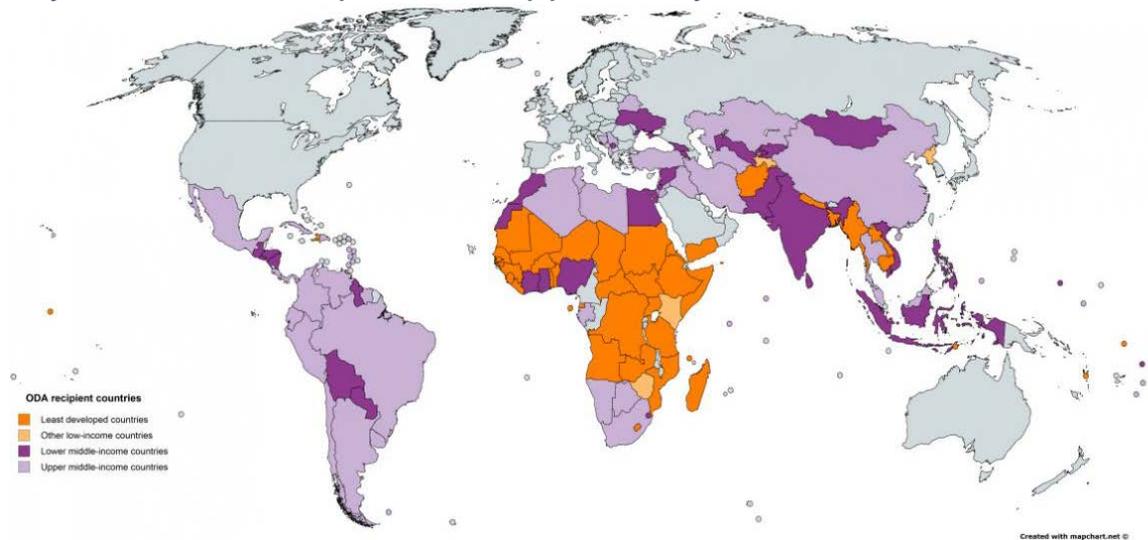
“We will contribute to the objectives in the 2015 UK Aid Strategy by harnessing the best of UK scientific expertise to work in partnership with institutions in Developing Countries to help improve the health of the poorest”

Funding is part of the UK Government Aid budget as Official Development Assistance (ODA)



Official Development Assistance (ODA) compliance and eligibility:

- Research with direct and predominant relevance to improving the health of those in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) as listed on the OECD DAC list
- Benefit the poorest people within countries on the DAC list (60% of the world's poor live in middle-income countries)
- No disadvantages relating to areas of diversity, such as gender or disability (*according to the International Development Act 2014*)
- High quality search with impact and applicability



Official Development Assistance (ODA) compliance and eligibility:

- Is it ODA?
<https://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/34086975.pdf>
- OECD DAC list countries -
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>

NIHR Global Health Research within UK ODA Research Funding Landscape

DFID

Research and Evidence Division - Health Research Team

DFID Research Budget ~£1.5bn / 4 years – with health research funding total budget £536 million:

- 8 Research Programme Consortia (RPCs) & 10 Product Development Partnerships (PDPs)
- 14 other programmes, including: DFID only, joint programmes (e.g. with MRC, Wellcome, DHSC, other country donors) and programmes based at WHO

DHSC

NIHR Global Health Research £430m

Applied global health research commissioned through the NIHR to improve health in countries on the DAC-list

- Programmes
- Partnerships
- People

Global Health Security £477m

Programme addressing global threats to public health, such as infectious diseases and drug resistant infections

- Fleming Fund £265m
- IHR Implementation £16m
- Vaccines and Biopreparedness £126m
- Global AMR innovation Fund £50m
- Rapid Support Team £20m

Tobacco Control £15m

Contribution to the FCTC 2030 Project to support tobacco control in LMICs to reduce the burden of death and disease, and make better use of health systems resources

BEIS

Global Challenges Research Fund £1.5bn

Challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and strengthening research capacity

Delivery partners: UKRI, UK Higher Education Funding bodies, the Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Society, British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering, UK Space Agency.

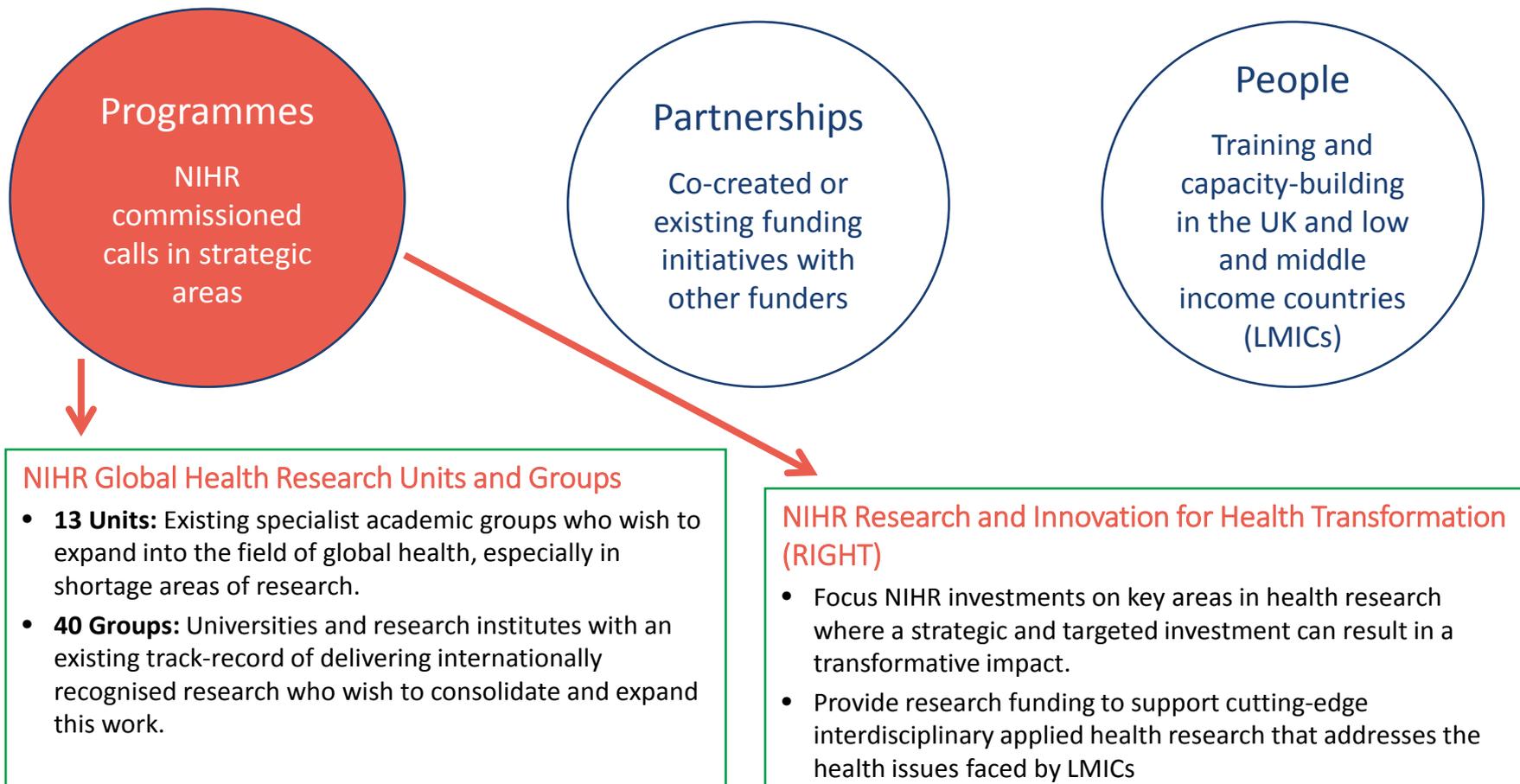
Newton Fund £735m

Science and innovation partnerships

Delivery partners: Academy of Medical Sciences, British Academy, British Council, Innovate UK, Met Office, Royal Academy of Engineering, Royal Society, UK Research Councils

NIHR Global Health Research

- The NIHR Global Health Research portfolio is delivered through three strands of activity



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Programmes Infrastructure Faculty Research Systems

Coordinating
Centres

NETSCC CCF NIHR Academy CRNCC NOCRI Involve

Commission, fund and disseminate research programmes,
training and infrastructure

Facilitate
participation in research

Facilitate
collaborations

Facilitate public
involvement



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RIGHT Call 2-Aims

- To deliver research for the benefit of the poorest individuals living in **ODA-eligible countries**; through development and evaluation of interventions to improve outcomes for those affected by **mental health** issues
- Strengthen capacity for research and knowledge exchange through equitable partnerships between researchers in the UK and ODA-eligible countries
- Promote interdisciplinary approaches to working

Focus of RIGHT Call 2

RIGHT Call 2 focuses on **interdisciplinary research programmes in global mental health** in (but not limited to) the following areas:

- Development and evaluation of interventions to reduce the incidence of institutionalisation for treatable/manageable mental health conditions
- Development and evaluation of interventions targeting mental health as a co-morbidity
- Development and evaluation of community-delivered interventions in situations of chronic hardship (including better understanding of factors influencing access to treatment)
- Development and evaluation of interventions to tackle addiction as a driver (or consequence) of mental ill-health
- Evaluation of effectiveness of mental health and psychosocial support in post-crisis settings to promote sustainable services that meet enduring needs of the population.

RIGHT Call 2 – Eligibility

For RIGHT funded research

- The research must be led by a UK HEI or Research Institute
- NHS organisations are welcome to be collaborators or co-applicant
- It is mandatory to include a co-applicant from an ODA eligible country relevant to the research

RIGHT Call 2 – Remit (1)

RIGHT Call 2 **will** support:

- Applied health research of primary and direct benefit to people and patients in LMICs
- Interdisciplinary applied research teams with demonstrable expertise and track record, including appropriate partners in LMICs
- Applications which demonstrate plans for equitable partnership building and engagement between UK research organisations and researchers and partners in LMICs
- Applications which include relevant engagement with policy makers, patients and the public, civil society organisations and charities.

RIGHT Call 2 – Remit (2)

RIGHT will **not** support:

- Applications with a focus on basic research or experimental medicine, including research on animals
- Costs to establish biobanks, bio-sample collections or new patient cohorts (samples or data from existing cohorts may be used)
- Applications consisting solely of evaluations of existing services, where the programme of work does not include evidence-based development and improvement of these services
- Applications that solely replicate research already undertaken in High-Income Countries – research proposals should be clearly relevant to the LMIC setting
- Applications that primarily focus on observational research, secondary research or health policy implementation

Budgets and eligible costs

- Awards, typical range £3-5 million (maximum of £5M) over 3-4 years for ODA-eligible research
- Eligible costs for NIHR RIGHT- call 2 include:
 - research staff engaged in relevant research
 - research support staff supporting relevant research
 - full costs for PhD students based in LMIC; including UK HEI fees for students based and working in LMIC.
 - travel, subsistence and conference costs
 - equipment and consumables
 - community and public involvement
 - dissemination costs
 - risk management and assurance
 - non-pay research costs
 - other legitimate and reasonable indirect costs (e.g. HR, finance)

Ineligible costs

- Ineligible costs for NIHR RIGHT- call 2 include:
 - any costs that cannot be categorised as ODA
 - lobbying, government or political activity; or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action
 - payments for activities of a political or exclusively religious nature
 - contributions in kind
 - entertaining (entertaining for this purpose means anything that would be a taxable benefit to the person being entertained, according to current UK tax regulations)
 - payments reimbursed or to be reimbursed by other public or private sector funding
 - input VAT reclaimable by the contractor from HMRC
 - statutory fines, criminal fines or penalties
 - costs of basic research or work involving animals or their tissues
 - routine clinical treatment and support costs
 - NHS Equipment costs

ODA compliance

- Need to demonstrate direct and predominant relevance to improving the health needs of those in LMICs listed on the OECD's DAC List.
- Need to outline which country/countries on the DAC will directly benefit <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>
- Activities that benefit poorest people within countries on the DAC list

Ensuring ODA Compliance

- Robust governance and oversight
 - Effective programme management
 - Robust financial and risk management
 - Effective due diligence and audit processes
 - Quarterly financial reporting of actual spend and distribution across DAC countries
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- It is a UK aid strategy requirement that “all departments spending ODA are required to put in place a clear plan to ensure their programme design, quality, assurance, approval, contracting and procurement, monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes represent international best practice”.

RIGHT Call 2 Application Process

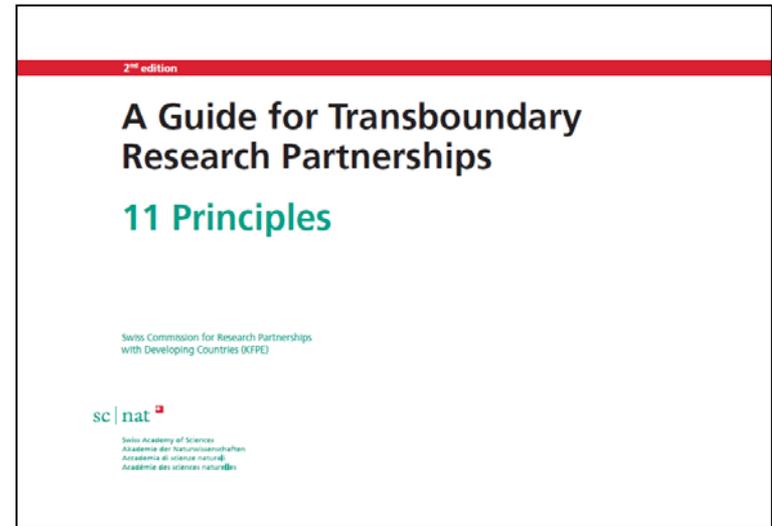
- Two-stage application process:
 - Stage 1: Outline application
 - Stage 2: Full application
- All eligible applications will be subject to independent peer and public review and considered by an independent International Funding Committee
- The Funding Committee will make shortlisting (Stage 1) and funding (Stage 2) recommendations to DHSC

Partnership/Proposal Development Awards

- Applicants that are successful at Stage 1 are eligible for funding of up to £10,000 to support proposal and partnership development and preparation of the Stage 2 application
- **IMPORTANT** Please note that applicants must apply for the PPDA funding at the **SAME** time as submitting a Stage 1 application
- Costs to be pre-financed by lead-applicant organisation and reimbursed on invoice and evidence of actual spend

Equitable Research Partnerships

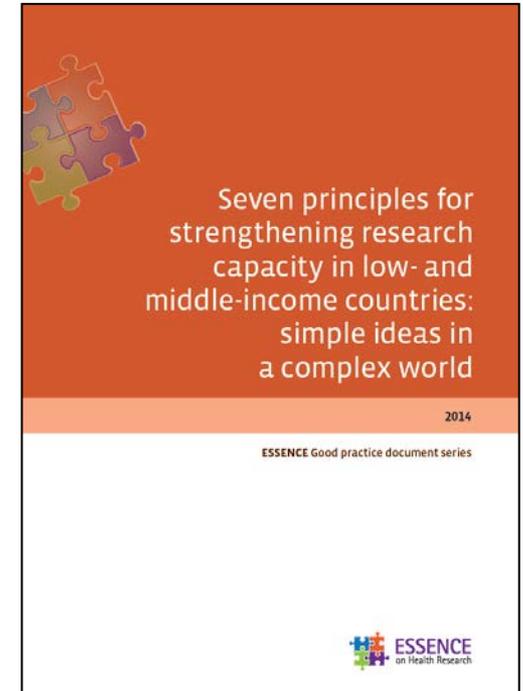
1. Set the agenda together
2. Interact with stakeholders
3. Clarify responsibilities
4. Account to beneficiaries
5. Promote mutual learning
6. Enhance capacities
7. Share data and networks
8. Disseminate results
9. Pool profits and merits
10. Apply results
11. Secure outcomes



A Guide For Transboundary Research Partnerships
Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with
Developing countries (KFPE) 2012 / 2nd edition 2014

Capacity Strengthening

1. Network collaborate and share ideas
2. Understand local context and evaluate existing research capacity
3. Ensure local ownership and active support
4. Build in monitoring and evaluation from the start
5. Establish robust research governance and support structures and promote effective leadership
6. Embed strong support, supervision and mentorship structures
7. Think long-term, be flexible and plan for continuity



7 principles for strengthening research capacity in LMICs:
simple ideas in a complex world
ESSENCE 2014

Selection Criteria(1)

- ODA eligibility
- Relevance of the proposed research to the call remit
- Quality of the research design and work plan (i.e. clear research questions/ objectives, sound design and detailed methodology to address the questions/meet the objectives; clear milestones, identification of possible risks and factoring in of ethical considerations)
- Strength of the research team (i.e. depth and breadth of relevant expertise and track record of applicants in a related area)
- Impact of the proposed work (i.e. likelihood of significant contribution to the evidence base in the relevant area) and plans for engagement with policy makers, communities and the public at an early stage

Selection Criteria (2)

- Value for money provided by the application
- Community and public involvement
- Equity of partnerships and approach to capacity building (i.e. the research team's ability and approach to creating sustainable and equitable partnerships; and the potential/feasibility of the proposed research to generate sustainable advances in capacity and capability building in the LMICs)

Key Dates

- Call launched on - 3 January 2019
- Deadline for submitting questions on call remit – **20 March**
- **Deadline for Stage 1 and PPDA applications - 27 March**
- Selection panel review applications - May/June
- Applicants notified of outcome of Stage 1 and PPDA - June
- Stage 2 opens - 17 June
- **Deadline for receipt of Stage 2 applications - 5 September**
- Selection panel review applications - November 2019
- Applicants notified of outcome of Stage - December 2019

Tips for applying

Vision and global health need

- Is your programme of research within the RIGHT Call 2 Remit and what knowledge gap will be filled?
- Clear health endpoints and patient benefit in LMICs

Governance and project management

- What support your Host Organisation will provide?
- % of lead applicant's time and wider resourcing for effective project and financial management of the research collaboration

Partnerships and collaborations

- How will you engage with potential partners and communities and develop research plans?
- What is the track record and strength of your interdisciplinary team?

Things to avoid

- Being too ambitious - the Funding Committee need to be convinced the programme can be delivered within the timeframe and budget
- Missing a key part of the remit of the call, for example don't forget to include strong plans for capacity building and ensuring sustainability beyond the end of the funding
- Having more partners than you need - this could make your programme more difficult to manage.
- Presenting a programme that is difficult to follow or overly-complex
- A high percentage of the funds remaining in the UK, unless this is justified because of the nature of the research
- A Plain English Summary that isn't in Plain English

Submitting the application

- Submit online via the CCF Research Management System
<https://ccfrms.nihr.ac.uk/>
- Supporting documents to provide
 - Stage 1 Financial Summary Form
 - List of references
- Guidance notes available [here](#) on NIHR website
 - Call Guidance
 - Financial Guidance
 - FAQs
 - CCF RMS User Guidance

Common application queries

Remit

Is research into Dementia within remit?

No, dementia is not in scope for RIGHT Call 2 which is focused on mental health issues

Are all countries on the DAC-list, including Upper Middle Income Countries within remit?

Yes, all countries on the DAC list of ODA-eligible countries are appropriate targets for RIGHT Call 2. All applications should provide clear details of how the research will improve the health and welfare of the poorest and most vulnerable people in ODA-eligible countries

Common application queries

Working with LMICs

Can organisations in LMICs be lead applicants?

No, DHSC can only issue contracts to UK based institutions

Can the projects be based in an LMIC?

Yes, if the funding is routed through a UK institution and the lead applicant is employed by that same institution

Can funding be disbursed to LMIC institutions?

Yes. We strongly encourage partnerships with LMIC researchers and institutions and would welcome this, at the discretion of the lead institution

Common application queries

Funding

How many projects are you expecting to fund?

There is no fixed target for the number of projects we wish to fund. Up to £15m will be allocated according to the quality of applications and the Funding Committee recommendations

Can research teams that were unsuccessful in other NIHR Global Health calls re-apply?

Yes, provided the proposed research is within remit for RIGHT Call 2

Can current NIHR GHR award holders apply to RIGHT Calls?

Yes, provided justification is given on how a new research project could be effectively supported

Will projects costed under £3m/over £5m be funded

Proposals for projects costed under £3m will be considered, but projects costed above £5m will not be considered

Common application queries

Funding

Can you clarify eligible costs for PhD students for RIGHT?

- LMIC-based PhD studentships are strongly encouraged as part of RIGHT applications. NIHR will fund full PhD costs for LMIC students based in LMICs
- NIHR will also fund PhD student fees for LMIC students based in LMICs but registered at an institution in a High Income Country (HIC)
- In cases where the application includes LMIC PhD student's fees at a HIC it is expected that Principal Investigator's will negotiate with the HIC institution for reduced fees for the LMIC candidate
- English language training in the context of PhD registration is an eligible cost, provided clear justification and a strong value for money argument are given

Please note: HIC PhD fees are eligible only for LMIC students. PhD fees for a HIC student registered at an HIC institution would not be eligible, regardless of the programme of study



Any Questions???

