

## Context

The Research Design Service South West (RDS SW) works with people developing grant applications for applied health research providing, in particular, methodological advice and related support.

Our aims are to increase the number of high-quality applications to open national peer-reviewed funding competitions.

To further this, we are running a one-day seminar and support event to highlight NIHR funding opportunities. The aim is to help participants understand how to improve their chances of success and allow them to turn good applications into excellent ones.

Competition for these grants is fierce and the event aims to help participants understand how to improve their chances of success.

The event does not provide detailed training in research methodology, rather it more generally covers the issues involved in developing a successful grant application.

We have a particular interest in supporting applications to NIHR research funding programmes, and this event will be particularly useful for people wishing to apply to these. However, it will be relevant for anyone thinking of applying to other funders such as national

charities, providing it is for applied health research.

## Morning seminar session

Simon Goodwin, RfPB Programme Manager for the South West, will be joined by RDS advisers to give presentations on what makes a good grant proposal.

Topics covered will include:

- what does the NIHR (and in particular RfPB) look for?
- the application as a marketing document: selling the topic, selling the method, and selling the team
- the team
- clarity of description and explanation
- feasibility issues
- identifying and avoiding potential pitfalls.

Delegates will be expected to be familiar with basic research skills (for example, searching and critically appraising the literature) and we will not be spending a lot of time on methodological issues.

## Afternoon support session

Researchers currently developing, or considering developing, a proposal for submission to NIHR for funding are invited

to take advantage of a one-to-one appointment with RDS advisers to discuss their proposed study. These will be held after lunch and in order to book a one-to-one appointment you will need to select the appropriate option on the online registration form. We will then contact you to arrange your appointment. You will also be asked to provide a brief summary of your proposed research in advance.

The team leading the event has a wealth of experience in working collaboratively to develop grant applications for open, national, peer reviewed funding streams. They are also peer reviewers for national grant giving bodies.

## Who is it for?

The event is open to health and social care professionals and academic partners working within the South West.

## Where and when?

The event will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at the Executive Business Centre, Bournemouth University.

## How do I register?

Places are **limited** and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. In order to secure your place at

this event, please complete the online registration form available on our website at:

[www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/events.htm](http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/events.htm)

The **deadline** for receipt of registrations is 1pm, 18 June 2018.

### Cost

There is no charge for this event and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

### Contacting the RDS South West

If you wish to find out more or request our services, please contact us at:

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## NIHR Grant Applications - seminar & support event

26 June 2018  
Bournemouth University,  
Dorset

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