Essential Guide to Grant Applications 2018

What is it?

An interactive, innovative and free to attend three-day masterclass, funded and hosted by NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) South Central (SC), on how to write a grant application that is strong from a methodological point of view, reads well and presents a convincing case for funding. The course will focus on how to sell your research idea by:

- writing a convincing application with a good structure, flow and argument;
- presenting a strong methods section, including statistical, qualitative, health economics and Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) elements;

The course will cover important tips on writing, along with guidance on what reviewers will be looking for (including what they love and hate to see).

Through a series of presentations with accompanying practical sessions, attendees will learn how to make their research idea clear and compelling to reviewers, how to write a good case for support and how to demonstrate credible support.

One-to-one sessions with our expert advisers will also allow attendees to work through aspects of their own research ideas with our experienced methodologists and facilitators.

Who should attend?

This exciting event will bring together researchers from across the South Central region (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire) who are intending to apply to any NIHR or other national, competitive, peer reviewed funding programme in the next 12 months following the masterclass. EGGA provides a great chance to get expert support and advice from those who know what makes a successful application – register for our free event to increase your chances of winning research funding!

When is it?

Time and Date: 09:00 – 17:00hrs on Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th October 2018.

Venue: Hartley Suite, Staff Club, Building 38, Highfield Campus, University of Southampton, Highfield, SO17 1BJ

What to expect on the course:

Content: Presentations and practical sessions will cover the following topics and more:

- Getting your message across to reviewers quickly and clearly
  - What do funding panels love and hate to see in applications?
  - Sales pitch and writing style
  - The importance of the research question, title, aims & objectives
  - The importance of Plain English and scientific summaries
  - Communicating the importance of your work: what's the story?
- Showing reviewers you can deliver: the importance of a good case for support
  - Expectations and common mistakes in the case for support
  - How to present statistics sections
  - How to present health economics sections
  - How to present qualitative sections
  - Reassuring reviewers
- Showing reviewers you can deliver: demonstrating credible support

- o The importance of good Patient and Public Involvement
- o The importance of good project management
- o Demonstrating the potential for tangible outputs
- o The importance of good pre-submission reviews
- One-to-one clinic sessions with our expert advisers

What financial support is there available for me to attend the course?

RDS will offer successful applicants a free place on the course which will include refreshments and Lunch.

Southampton Academy of Research is offering bursaries to UHS employed staff who are offered a place on the course to support release from clinical duties. Unfortunately, this does not extend to those who have honorary clinical contracts with UHS i.e. whose substantive employer is UoS.

What will the bursary pay for?

For UHS employed staff the bursary will include:

1. Up to five days salary backfill. Three days to attend the three-day course, and an additional two days to develop preparatory material so you can make best use of the time on the course e.g. undertake literature searching, drafting research idea.

Up to five bursaries are available, of up to £2,000 per person. In the event more places are allocated than funding available, the total funding will be allocated on a pro rata basis amongst applicants.

When will I know if I have a place?

Attendees will be notified if they have a place on the course by the end of Wednesday 5th September 2018.

What are the conditions of the bursary?

You will be expected to submit an application for research grant funding within 12 months of attending this course. Staff (team) attending the course will be required to submit a short report 6 and 12 months following attendance.

Where do I get further information?

About the Course: contact RDS South Central via rds.sc@nihr.ac.uk or 023 8120 4778

About the bursaries: contact Audrey Dooks, Southampton Academy of Research administrator at: audrey.dooks@uhs.nhs.uk

To register: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essential-guide-to-grant-applications-egga-2018-tickets-47946618627

Please Note:

- Places on this event are limited, so attendees will be selected based on their answers to the questions on the registration form.
- Priority for places will go to those based in the South Central Region.
- Following Confirmation of your place on the course, you will be asked to complete a one-page summary about your research idea prior to the event.