

Information for prospective applicants on University Hospital Southampton R&D research grant writing bursary scheme

What is the opportunity?

Research Design Service (RDS) is offering a unique opportunity for busy health, social care and public health professionals across England to attend a three-day residential grant development and writing retreat 10-12 September 2018 (to be held in Canterbury), with dedicated time to rapidly progress their research proposal.

The retreat will provide a supportive environment for individuals or teams of two or three, to develop high quality research proposals prior to application to national peer-reviewed funding programmes. Preference will be given to proposals for NIHR schemes, although applications to other funders of applied health and social care research will also be considered.

RDS invite applications from individuals or teams of two or three people, at least one of whom must be a health or social care professional working in England.

Follow this link for more details about the Retreat and for the application form:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/how-we-are-managed/our-structure/research/research-design-service/grant-development-and-writing-retreat.htm>

When is the retreat?

The three-day residential retreat will be held 10-12 September 2018 in Canterbury, Kent.

The deadline for applications is 6 June 2018.

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

RDS will offer successful applicants a free place at the retreat including food and accommodation.

Southampton Academy of Research (SoAR) is offering bursaries to UHS employed staff who are offered a place on the retreat to support release from clinical duties and travel costs.

For staff employed by the University of Southampton with an honorary contract with UHS, and intending to work on a research proposal involving Trust employed staff as applicants, travel expenses only are will be available.

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 retreat, and an additional two days to develop preparatory material so you can make best use of the time at the retreat e.g. undertake literature searching, drafting research idea.
2. Costs of travel (in line with Trust policy)

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.

For university employed staff the bursary will only include travel expenses.

When will I know if I have a place?

Applicants will be notified whether they have been offered a place on the retreat and a bursary no later than 30 June 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 the retreat. Staff (team) attending the retreat will be required to submit a short report 6 and 12 months following attendance.

Where do I get further information?

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

About the bursaries: contact the SoAR administrator via soar@uhs.nhs.uk or 023 8120 3919