MRC-NIHR
Enhancing Biomedical & Health-Related Data & Digital Platform Resources
Webinar outline – yes, it will be recorded

- Overview of funding opportunity Enhancing Biomedical & Health-Related Data & Digital Platform Resources
- Review process
- Application Advice
- Questions – please put them in Q&A (as opposed to Chat)
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- £15m pilot MRC and NIHR opportunity developed with MRC, NIHR, the NHS Data for R&D Programme and external Advisory Groups
- Will invest in enhancing DRIs, services, tools and standards that are outward facing and create a stimulating and coherent data driven research environment
- Seeking to support those delivering a harmonised, interoperable and seamless data infrastructure ecosystem to advance UK life sciences, health and care research and innovation
- Applications don’t need to incorporate all of these elements, but should aim to deliver impact that will contribute towards achieving this long-term vision.
A single programme delivering access to 55 million population scale, whilst nurturing regional innovation

Full coverage of rich multimodal data across imaging, pathology, genomics and structured data

Access to NHS and academic partnerships for delivery for expertise and translational connectivity

Underpinned by patient and public involvement and engagement

Leverages full ecosystem capacity and prior investments
Leveraging prior investment
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Scope

We are looking for applications that will support, manage, link, share and access data at scale for use in cutting edge data science intensive research, including:

- Development of essential services and capabilities for users by to work seamlessly and within and across DRIs, e.g. mechanisms of data ingress
- Mechanisms to manage data and ensure that it is findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable (FAIR), including work on standards
- Developing and providing next generation software and tools for analytics
- Delivery of excellent services for life sciences, health and care researchers
- Unique linkage of health and health-related datasets
- Enhancing databases, platforms, environments and their operations
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Areas out of scope

- biomedical, health and care research that is suitable for funding through other mechanisms including routine MRC and NIHR calls for proposals
- applications that do not adequately address how they fit into current investments and the opportunity landscape
- applications that are substantially concerned with the provision of capital equipment (for example, computer hardware and storage)
- additional or duplicative equipment that is already part of the existing service or research environment of the applicants
- training (excepting costs for user support and training) and capacity building
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Review process

1. Research Proposal
2. Is the proposal within remit?
   - Y: Oversight Group sifting and provide comments
   - N: Proposal declined
3. Peer review
   - Y: Reviewer comments on the proposal and score (1-6)
   - N: Proposal declined
4. Board shortlisting meeting
   - Y: Response to Reviewers
   - N: Proposal declined
5. MRC Board score (1-10)
   - Y: Oversight Group harmonises score and selects final shortlist
   - N: Proposal declined
6. Proposal funded
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Applying

How applicants use the UKRI Funding Service

This guidance is for applicants using the UKRI Funding Service. It gives an overview of:

- how to create your Funding Service account
- what you do when applying to a funding opportunity using the service
- the core sections, questions and assessment criteria for ‘responsive mode’

Related content

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Application Advice

Pre-application:

- Talk to us! *(far in advance of your application!)*
- Engage key stakeholders, end-users and collaborators
- Internal peer review, if possible
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Framing:

- Be clear – in content and formatting!
- Frame your application to highlight how it will support a harmonised and seamless data infrastructure ecosystem and impacts this will have on UK life sciences, health and care research and innovation
- Pitch your proposal to be understood by a non-specialist audience – the majority of the Board and Oversight Group will not share your expertise
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Key dates

- Opening date: 09 April 2024 09:00 AM
- Closing date: 18 June 2024 16:00 PM

https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/enhancing-biomedical-&-health-related-data-&-digital-platform-resources/
Thank you

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