

COVID-19 RESEARCH FUNDING CALLS_26/03/20

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UEA contact: [Julia Sheldrake](#), Head of Research Services, Research and Innovation Services

NNUH contact: [Jenny Longmore](#), Director of Research Operations

NBI contact: to be established

[NHSX Tech Force 19](#)

NHSX is calling on all innovators who can support the elderly, vulnerable and self-isolating during COVID-19 to apply for government funding of up to £25,000 to test their solution. Competition is aimed at helping in the community, and not looking for solutions that are trying to solve clinical problems or require integration with NHS systems. Areas of interest are remote social care, optimising staffing in care and volunteering sectors and mental health. **Deadline:** March 31st

[Innovative Medicines Initiative - Development of therapeutics and diagnostics combatting coronavirus infections](#)

Collaboration of private companies, academia, international organisations, public bodies etc. has the potential to accelerate the development of therapeutics and diagnostics to tackle this current and future outbreaks. The actions resulting from this call will contribute to the pan-European efforts responding to this Public Health Emergency. **Deadline:** March 31st

[LifeArc Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) therapeutics: £10 million call for rapid deployment](#)

LifeArc has made available an initial £10M for the identification of therapeutics that can be rapidly deployed to treat COVID-19. The aim is to run trials in patients during the current epidemic. It is anticipated that applications will be for funding to repurpose one or more drugs that are generic, already licensed, or are in late stage development for another indication. **Deadline:** April 6th

[The Defense and Security Accelerator – COVID 19: rapid sanitising technology](#)

DASA, has launched an Open Call for technologies which can sanitize ambulances rapidly. It currently takes up to 45 minutes to sanitize an ambulance. Far too long given the circumstances. DASA is looking for technologies that could dramatically reduce this time. DASA is looking for innovations that are ready for rapid deployment. **Deadline:** OPEN CALL

[Innovate UK – Helping the Department for Transport gather data](#)

Innovate UK is looking for companies which could help the Department for Transport gather data on social distancing in the UK. The announcement was made [in a tweet](#) by Karla Jakeman, Innovate UK's connected transport innovation lead. **Contact:** Information is sparse – for info contact her [Karla Jakeman](#) on Twitter or Innovate UK at support@innovateuk.ukri.org.

[National Institute for Health Research - Travel and subsistence funding to support LMIC engagement during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)

The awards will provide travel and subsistence funding to appropriately qualified public health professionals, clinicians and academics who wish to offer science and technical advice to support the immediate response to COVID-19 in low and middle-income countries. **Deadline:** December 31st 2020

[NIHR single point of entry for prioritising COVID-19 studies](#)

COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research is being prioritised to gather the necessary clinical and epidemiological evidence that will inform national policy and enable new diagnostic tests, treatments and vaccines to be developed and tested for COVID-19.

Government support is available to prioritise, coordinate and deliver these studies, regardless of sponsorship and funding source. This support includes expedited identification of sites to ensure appropriate geographical distribution of Urgent Public Health Research to maximise recruitment and minimise over-commitment of resource. **Deadline:** N/A

[Wellcome Trust/Gates foundation/Mastercard COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator](#)

The COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator will work with the World Health Organization, government and private sector funders and organizations, as well as the global regulatory and policy-setting institutions. The Accelerator will have an end-to-end focus, from drug pipeline development through manufacturing and scale-up. By sharing research, coordinating investments, and pooling resources, these efforts aim to help to accelerate research. **Deadline:** Criteria and process currently being finalised. Information will be provided as soon as it is available. **Questions** to epidemics@wellcome.ac.uk

[Wellcome Trust Epidemic Preparedness – COVID-19](#)

Overview: Call aims to strengthen the evidence base to better prevent and control coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemics and to increase research and response capacity. Call is broad, including but not limited to, clinical research, treatments, pathogenesis, epidemiology, social sciences and ethics.



Level of funding up to 2 million. **Deadline:** Due to the high level of interest, this scheme is currently closed to new expressions of interest until proposals received are assessed.