



PRUK Project Grants 2016: Application Deadline Approaching

The deadline for the new Pharmacy Research UK Project Grants is **1pm on Monday 26th September**. These grants are a new funding award scheme designed to directly advance pharmacy research for the overall benefit of patients and public. The grants, worth up to £100k, are available to fund projects which address relevant issues in the field today, with priority given to the following areas:

- Medicines optimisation and pharmaceutical care
- Accessing medicines in the modern era
- The roles and competencies of pharmacy technicians
- Patient / professional experience and understanding of pharmacy
- The contribution of pharmacy to public health

To find out more about the application process and types of grant available, visit our [project grants page](#), see the [slides](#), [text](#) and [Q&A's](#) from our webinar or contact us directly at practice.research@rpharms.com.

HSRPP 2017 Nottingham: open for abstract submissions and booking

The 2017 Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference will be hosted by the University of Nottingham from April 10-11th. [Booking](#) and [abstract submissions](#) are open and you have until **5pm on the 7th October** to submit your abstract.

Keynote speakers for HSRPP 2017 include

- **Professor Sue Zieland** - Professor of Medical Sociology from the University of Oxford
- **Professor Justin Waring** - Professor of Organisational Sociology & Director of the Centre for Health Innovation, Leadership & Learning from the University of Nottingham
- **Professor Fiona Patterson** - Founding Director of the Work Psychology Group and Principal Researcher from the University of Cambridge

Abstracts accepted for HSRPP are published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice (IJPP). The IJPP is a highly respected academic journal with a rigorous peer review process.

You can follow all up to date information on HSRPP on Twitter using the hashtag #HSRPP2017.

If you are interested in hosting HSRPP 2019 please contact us at practice.research@rpharms.com.



PRUK at the RPS Conference

Satellite session

PRUK ran a successful satellite session entitled “where do you fall into the unlicensed medicines trap? The challenge of unlicensed medicines”. It was run in conjunction with the RPS and UK Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA). The workshop was led by Gemma Donovan and Lindsay Parkin from the EMULSION study team at the University of Sunderland. The session was introduced by Steve Churton, a PRUK Trustee and Vice-Chair of the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, who said,

"Unlicensed medicines can cause substantial challenges to pharmacists, prescribers and patients. I am delighted that PRUK and the EMULSION study are exploring these and their satellite session at the RPS Conference was both informative and provided tangible solutions."

Pharmacy Practice Award

PRUK sponsored the RPS Pharmacy Practice Award and this year it was awarded to Dr Debi Bhattacharya for her work on barriers to medicine adherence. Jayne Lawrence, RPS Chief Scientist, presented Dr Bhattacharya with the award, praising her work and PRUK's commitment to excellent research. As part of the award, Dr Bhattacharya presented the research keynote speech, introduced by Steve Churton. Steve said "I am delighted to present the Pharmacy Practice Award to Debi. It is well deserved recognition for her excellent research on medical adherence interventions." As part of the award, Dr Bhattacharya gave the [Pharmacy Research UK annual lecture](#) on the topic of medical adherence, which was very well received.

See our [full conference write up](#).

Future Conferences

PRUK will be at the [BOPA annual symposium](#) on the 14-16 October where our Research Manager, Desh Mofidi, will be giving a talk entitled "Developing a research grant application for BOPA/PRUK award". We will also be at the [UKCPA annual conference](#) on the 4-5 November where Gemma O'Donovan will be presenting the PRUK and EMULSION study and on the use of unlicensed medicines.

Our Research

Supporting family carers of older people in community pharmacy

PRUK are delighted to announce the publication of research funded by the charity reviewing the current guidelines for community pharmacists when supporting family carers of older people. The aim of the research was to improve the understanding the current role of community pharmacists when supporting family members who assist older people with their medicines and to make recommendations to improve the support available to carers. See the [full report](#).

Research News

Chancellor Philip Hammond guarantees EU funding beyond Brexit

Chancellor Philip Hammond has [guaranteed EU funding](#) beyond the date the UK leaves the EU.

Assurances set out by the Treasury on 13 August include where UK organisations bid directly to the European Commission on a competitive basis for EU funding projects while we are still a member of the EU – this would include universities participating in Horizon 2020.

Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Secretary added that:

“The government’s commitment to our world-leading science and research base remains steadfast. By underwriting the significant Horizon 2020 grants we are showing the extent of our commitment, standing squarely behind our researchers and scientists as they continue working with their European partners to develop new technologies, discover life-saving medicines.”

Pharmacy Minister announces delay to pharmacy cuts but that the sector is ‘not getting away’ from them

Pharmacy Minister, David Mowat, [announced at the RPS Conference](#) that the Government’s planned implementation of the 6% cut to community pharmacy funding in October would be delayed to “make sure that we are making the correct decision and that what we do is going to be right for you, right for the NHS and right for the public”.

However, two days later, speaking at Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PNSC) event, Mr Mowat added that [the sector is unlikely to avoid taking on its ‘share’](#) of the £20billion in savings required across the NHS.

It is now understood that the funding package for pharmacies will be [announced in mid-October](#), to be implemented in December.

Dame Fiona Caldicott’s review of data security

Dame Fiona Caldicott has published a new report on data security in the NHS, focussing on consent and opt-outs. See the [full report](#).

Wellcome’s open access

Wellcome has provided [new information](#) for authors and publishers about their open access policy.



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