SMaRteN Key Questions funding call

Through the funding provided through SMaRteN we hope to support and enable researchers to complete the preliminary work to enable them to seek further grant funding to develop a more substantive research project / programme.

Potential funders to consider include:

Wellcome - <https://wellcome.org/>

With our particular focus on funding cross disciplinary research, it is worth keeping in mind that Wellcome current have funding streams open for humanities and social sciences. Please note however that the Wellcome are changing their funding schemes. For more information about how their funding is changing see - <https://wellcome.org/about-us/strategy/how-funding-changing>

Wellcome have made a firm commitment to prioritise research funding around mental health. We can expect them to be funding more research in mental health in the future. They continue to be committed to fund Early Career Researchers (as well as mid career and established researchers). They are also committing to continue to fund research around humanities and social sciences, as long as the research is related to health.

UKRI - <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/>

It may be helpful to think about what you would need to do to meet the criteria to apply for an ESRC New Investigator Grant (<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/esrc-new-investigator-grant/>) or research grant (<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/esrc-research-grant/>). It may be that there are more specific calls from the ESRC or MRC that fit your research focus, however a good understand of the detail and pilot data etc that would be necessary to meet the funding criteria for an ESRC research grant may be a useful start.

The Royal Society - <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/apex-awards/>

The Royal Society, in collaboration with the British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and Leverhulme Trust have made a commitment to fund interdisciplinary research that has a benefit to wider society. This funding call will open in September 2021, so may be a particularly relevant award to look towards, if you are bringing together a strong interdisciplinary team.