

## **NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposals i4i Future Product Development Funding Streams 3a (FPD3a) and 3b (FPD3b)**

The NIHR's Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme would like to invite submissions of proposals to its Future Product Development 3a and 3b funding streams (FPD3a and FPD3b). FPD3a proposals must include collaboration between at least one industry and one research (academic or clinical) partner to determine the commercial viability of a proposed device or technology, with the development of a robust route to market and a strong, appropriate consortia being the main deliverables. Serving primarily as the first stage of a full collaborative applied research project, total project costs can be no more than £100K in total, of which 75% funding is available.

FPD3b proposals of up to 3 years, should build on the results of a completed assessment of feasibility and is a collaboration between at least one industry and one research partner (academic or clinical). This will provide further evidence of the capability to deliver improved healthcare outcomes and commercial opportunity, delivering an advanced prototype along with plans for commercial and intellectual property exploitation. Funding to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs, and £100K - £300K per year is available.

All applications must show innovation and must have relevance, impact and potential to contribute to future health gain for patients and the general population. This programme is open to research providers in the academic, NHS communities and industry across the UK.

For further information on eligibility and to submit an application please visit <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/i4i/> or email any questions that you may have to [i4i.programme@nihr-ccf.org.uk](mailto:i4i.programme@nihr-ccf.org.uk).

Proposals must be submitted through the NIHR CCF website **no later than 5.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009**. Successful applicants will be notified of award of FPD3 grants by late November 2009.