MRC Industrial CASE Studentship Call

Summary
The MRC has announced a call for bids for Industrial CASE studentships. The effective deadline for applications is 6th July 2015. RDM is encouraging eligible supervisors to apply.

Basic Details of the Schemes
Studentships are normally for 4 years, but a compelling case for a 3 year studentships could be argued.

By default, applications are for funding for basic science projects, but the MRC have indicated to us that awards may be made to recruit clinicians where there is a strong academic basis to do so. If you are planning to make a bid for a clinical post, please let Bob Mahoney know well in advance so that he can check arrangements with the MRC.

There must be an industrial partner who will support the student’s research training, including a financial component and short placement with the industrial partner (minimum 3 months over the course of the DPhil). The financial requirement is waived for SMEs (headcount <250; turnover <=£50m and/or balance sheet total <=£43m).

Success rates for applications are 25%. Last year, RDM supervisors made 3 bids, all of which were successful.

The application form requires information on graduate student training and submission rates, which RDM Graduate Studies Administrator, Bob Mahoney can supply.

Procedure
Applications need to be submitted through the Je-S system and will be subject to a two-stage approval process within the University. It is therefore imperative that applications are submitted to Je-S in good time.

Bob Mahoney can assist with bids, particularly in completing sections on research skills training and generic support systems for students, if he receives requests during week commencing June 29th. Prior notification that you are intending to submit a bid would be appreciated.

Sources of Information
MRC call:
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/skills-careers/studentships/how-we-fund-studentships/industrial-case-studentships/
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