

## RDM Funding Bulletin – November 2017

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NIHR Fellowships, Round 11	Call is now open and deadlines are on 5 December 2017 for all postdoctoral fellowships and on 19 December 2017 for doctoral fellowships

**\*Please remember that your local admin team and Research Services deadlines (where applicable) will be well in advance of the above deadlines.**

Please contact [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Dr Serena Briant](#)

- With any queries related to funding opportunities
- For advice on potential sources of funding tailored to your career stage
- For guidance and support with fellowship applications

## Internal Funding Opportunities

### New online system for internal grant applications (IRAMS)



The University and Medical Sciences Division (MSD) is now using the [Internal Research Award Management System \(IRAMS\)](#) for internal grant applications. This is the same online system that we have been using for the JFF. The following funds are now managed using IRAMS:

- John Fell Fund
- Medical Sciences Internal Fund
- Wellcome Trust Institutional Support Fund
- MRC Confidence in Concept Fund

In addition, all other future internal funds and co-ordinated bids are most likely to be submitted via IRAMS. When you submit your application, it will be sent to Dr Ruth McCaffrey and Dr Serena Briant. **All applications made via IRAMS will have an earlier RDM deadline** to allow Ruth and Serena time to submit your application to MSD, or where indicated in this bulletin, go through an RDM internal review process to add value to your application. You will be able to track your application on IRAMS.

When completing your application in IRAMS, in the field called **'Form editors'** please add the **name and details of your local divisional administrator**. You will need their SSO ID (you can find this in Outlook (it is listed under 'Alias', when you look up the Outlook properties of the contact)).

### John Fell Fund (JFF)

**Funding to support:** (a) pump priming, (b) early career researcher, (c) other academic activities likely to lead to new research initiatives, (d) Research Facilitators, (e) support related to bids for external funding, (f) strategic investment in research assets.



John Fell OUP Research Fund

**Amount:** small award scheme (< £7.5k) or main award scheme (> £7.5k with no upper limit).

**Eligibility:** Current employee of the University holding an academic post, or a research fellowship awarded competitively and intended to enable you to establish an independent research career. Senior postdoc researchers who are genuinely on an independent career track (planning to submit external fellowship applications) are now eligible to be the lead applicant on JFF applications. You will need to discuss this with [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) well in advance of applying, as a letter of support from the Head of Department will be required.

**More information.** Please contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) if you have any questions about categories to apply for and appropriate levels of funding to request.

**RDM internal deadline: 2 January 2018 (end of day).** If you would like to apply, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth](#) or [Serena](#) in advance. Ruth is happy to comment on draft applications before the RDM internal deadline. This earlier deadline will be *strictly applied* as a group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to review applications. When you have completed your application via [IRAMS](#), click the submit button, which sends your application to Ruth and Serena.

Future deadline: 9 April 2018 (RDM internal deadline).

## Medical Sciences Internal Fund (MSIF)

### Funding is available for:

- 1) **Pump priming:** enables investigators to obtain pilot data to support larger scale applications for external research funding in the future (<£10k). **Postdocs are eligible to apply as the PI - an ideal opportunity to secure some funding in your own name.**
- 2) **Clinical pre-fellowship:** provides short-term (up to three months) funding to cover the salary of clinicians who will shortly begin an externally funded research training fellowship at Oxford.
- 3) **Bridging and family leave:** Bridging funding supports salary costs (typically three months) pending the application of an externally submitted grant. To be eligible to apply researchers must: 1) be externally funded and bridging to another external grant; 2) not be bridging from startup packages regardless of funding source; 3) not be bridging to non-medical research, eg BBSRC or Leverhulme funding.

While the guidelines on the divisional website say there is no deadline for bridging funding applications, and IRAMS states that the deadline is rolling, **RDM sets an internal deadline** (see below). This is because we can only submit 15 applications by the whole department per year. However, urgent applications for bridging funding will be considered on a case by case basis as the need arises.

Funding can also be requested to support maternity/shared parental/adoption leave bridging costs for researchers whilst employed on an externally funded research grant. Applications to support this type of bridging are **not** included in the cap of 15 applications per department.

[More information.](#)

**RDM Internal Deadline: 4 January 2018 (end of day).** If you would like to apply, please inform [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) in advance. Ruth and Serena are happy to comment on draft applications before the RDM internal deadline. This earlier internal deadline will be strictly applied as a group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to review applications. Submit your application online via [IRAMS](#), which sends your application to Ruth and Serena.

**There is no deadline for maternity/shared parental/adoption leave bridging funds** and applications can be submitted at any time online via [IRAMS](#). As with all applications, we are happy to comment on drafts.

Future deadline: April 2018

## Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund

### 1) Individual Career Support

**Aim:** pump priming funding is available to support researchers, who currently hold little or no WT funding, to make a subsequent competitive application to the WT or other external funder.

**Funding is available to support** the four categories below – both small (<£10k) and main (<£100k) funding requests can be made. **However, please note that in the current round (January 2018 deadline), only small award (<£10k) applications are invited.** In future rounds, applications for both small (<£10k) and main (>£10k) awards will be accepted.

- a) **Early Career Researchers** – for researchers who have held a post for less than eight years, which involved developing their own research agenda. Funding is intended to accelerate applications for WT Fellowships, Investigator or Seed awards.
- b) **Early Career Clinical Academics** – funding is intended to support clinical lecturers in career development (eg through attending a conference, training, secondment, RA or admin support etc).
- c) **Career Transformation Scheme** – for researchers who hold an independent post who have a reduced research portfolio eg due to sickness or caring reasons or due to increased teaching load. Funding is intended to reinvigorate research careers so applications for further funding can be made eg WT Seed awards.
- d) **Discipline Hopping** – funding is available to independent researchers who currently work outside of the WT remit so that they can apply their expertise to the WT goals.

**Eligibility:** Must fit into one of the categories above. DPhil students, post-docs and clinical research fellows are not eligible to apply. Only projects in the [WT research areas](#) can be supported.

**Important:** Applications for awards that are >£10k and <£100k must have a minimum 20% match component at the point of application. This match funding can be cash or in-kind (eg equipment). Match funding can come from external sources (excluding any existing or new WT grants), or departmental funds.

[Further information on Individual Career Support.](#)

### 2) Interdepartmental Strategic Initiatives:

**Aim:** to support strategic initiatives **across** departments. Only projects in the [WT research areas](#) can be supported.

In this current round (January 2018 deadline), only small award (<£10k) applications are invited. In future rounds, applications for both small (<£10k) and main (>£10k) awards will be accepted. If applying for a main award, you will need a minimum of a 20% match component at the point of application. The **total** project cost is not expected to exceed £200k.

**Funding is available to support:**

- 1) **Equipment, research assets or staff within shared facilities** where there is evidence of strategic need.
- 2) **Establishment of cross cutting themes** through activities such as research facilitation, symposia or conferences in order to encourage collaboration in new areas.

Projects that are limited to only one department/faculty will not be supported.

**Eligibility:** Must be employed by the University. DPhil students, post-docs and clinical research fellows are not eligible to apply.

[Further Information on Interdepartmental Strategic Initiatives](#)

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**In some cases (as indicated on the application form), a letter of support is required from the Head of Department, Professor Hugh Watkins. This will be provided FOLLOWING the RDM internal deadline and review panel meeting. If you have a query related to needing a letter of support, please contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in the first instance.**

Future deadline: April 2018

## Oxford BHF CRE Intermediate Transition Fellowships

**Aim:** to support and develop outstanding researchers with a **basic science** or **clinical** background – to foster and develop future leaders in **cardiovascular** research. This is to enable them to successfully apply for external funding opportunities; the expectation is that by the end of their fellowship, award holders will secure a competitive peer-reviewed fellowship from the BHF or other external funding agency.

**Career Stage:** Intermediate

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary and support for a research assistant, where relevant, along with appropriate consumables and travel costs. Estimated value of £140-220k.

**Duration of funding:** two years from April 2018.

**Eligibility:**

- PhD/DPhil completed in a relevant subject.

- Basic scientists will typically have a number of years of successful postdoctoral work and first-author high-impact research papers.
- Clinician scientists will have completed a PhD and begun their specialist training (with an NTN), they are expected to have published first-author high-impact research papers.

[Further Information.](#)

**Deadline:** 5 February 2018

## Returning Carers' Fund

**Aim:** Funding to support the development of research careers following a break to care for a child or close relative.

**Funding is available to support:** 1) Teaching buy-out to enable you to concentrate on research; 2) training or professional development; 3) short-term secondments to enable you to 'get up to speed' with recent research; 4) conference attendance to enable you to re-establish your profile; 5) short-term research or admin assistance; 6) small scale lab equipment purchase; 7) funding visits to Oxford by your recent collaborator. This list is not exhaustive and any reasonable applications will be considered providing the link to career development in scientific research can be demonstrated.

**Eligibility:** All those who: are currently on leave for a min. of six months; have returned from a break of at least six months within the last two years; or have returned from two breaks each of at least six months within the last five years. A break may comprise two or more discontinuous periods of leave totalling at least six months provided that they relate to a single life event, eg as part of a shared parental leave arrangement.

[Further Information.](#)

**RDM internal deadline: 7 February 2018.** If you are planning on applying, please contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) in advance.

Future deadline: 16 May 2018 (RDM internal deadline).

## Lab282 – small and large scale awards



**Lab282 was launched in 2016 and is a partnership between the University of Oxford, Oxford University Innovation, Oxford Sciences Innovation and Evotec.** [Details of the second round of awards](#) have been announced.

**Aim:** Lab 282 provides funding and expertise to achieve pre-clinical proof of concept for ground-breaking therapeutics.

**Funding is available to support:** activities in the following areas: target identification, target validation, screening and hit identification, testing novel therapeutics in in vitro and in in vivo models, drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics, medicinal chemistry, and proteomics and metabolomics. Both small scale (<25k) and large scale (£250k) projects will be supported.

**Eligibility:** Any PI employed by the University. Any post-doc who is contracted to be employed by the University for at least the expected duration of a funded project may also apply with a letter of support from a PI.

[Further Information.](#)

**Deadline:** Apply at any time, but applications are reviewed quarterly.

## Novo Nordisk – Oxford Research Fellowships in Diabetes and Metabolism



**Aim:** The Novo Nordisk Fellowship Programme aims to support the development of a new generation of exceptional young diabetes researchers, who will become future leaders in the field, while further developing scientific excellence within diabetes and ultimately improving the lives of patients.

**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumable support and generous travel allowance.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years

[Further Information.](#) Enquiries can be directed to [Serena Briant.](#)

There are two types of fellowship:

### 1) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (3 posts)

**Eligibility:** A PhD, or near to completion in a medical/biological subject. Be no more than 3 years post PhD at the start of the fellowship (Autumn 2017).

### 2) Clinical Research Training Fellowship (2 posts)

This fellowship is aimed at clinicians who wish to undertake a DPhil and who aspire to a career in academic medicine.

**Eligibility:** Have prior research experience (typically a BSc), a medical degree and some specialist experience, typically having obtained MRCP or equivalent, but not CCT or consultant status.

**Deadline:** 23 March 2018 (TBC)

Future deadline: Annual call

## Other funding opportunities

### JSPS London Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term)



An opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 1-12 months. Eligible applicants need to be either within 2 years of finishing their PhD at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2nd April 2012. Eligible research fields are not limited. Fellowships must start between 1 May 2018 to 31 March 2019.

[More information](#). See [Case Studies from former JSPS Fellows](#).

**Deadline:** 1 December 2017

### NIHR Short Placement Awards for Research Collaboration

The NIHR Infrastructure Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration (SPARC) allows early stage researchers supported by an NIHR Infrastructure Award to spend time in other parts of the NIHR. The scheme is specifically designed to foster collaboration and enhance the researcher's early career, as well as their CV. The scheme is open with a closing date of 5 December. [More information and eligibility criteria](#).

### JSPS Summer Programme 2018

The JSPS Summer Programme provides the opportunity for current MPhil or PhD students to receive a one week orientation on Japanese culture and research systems on arrival and then move to a host institution in Japan of their choice and approved by JSPS, to conduct collaborative research for two months during the summer. Fellowship to take place during fixed period: 12 June to 22 August 2018.

**Funding is available to support:** Return airfare, maintenance allowance (534,000 JPY), research support allowance (158,500 JPY) and overseas travel and accident insurance policy are provided.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a British national and a current MPhil or PhD student based at a UK university or research institution at the time of application. Eligible research fields are not limited.

[More information](#). See [Case Studies from former JSPS Fellows](#). Direct enquiries to: [science@britishcouncil.or.jp](mailto:science@britishcouncil.or.jp)

**Deadline:** 15 January 2018

## BHF Clinical Study Grants 2018

**Funding is available to support:** applications for high value clinical trials and some observational studies costing more than £300k or lasting longer than 3 years. Award may include staff salaries, research consumables and equipment essential for the project.



[Find out more about the Clinical Study grants and how to apply.](#)

**Deadline:** Outline applications are reviewed throughout the year and, if approved, you will be invited to submit a full application to the Clinical Studies Committee (CSC) to be assessed when they meet in May and November.

The deadlines for **full applications** are: 14 February and 15 August 2018.

## External Fellowship Funding Opportunities

Please see the [RDM Funding Database](#), which lists fellowship opportunities and deadlines.

### NIHR Fellowships

NIHR Fellowships are designed to support researchers whose work focuses on people and patient-based clinical and applied health research. Applications are invited from individuals working in any scientific discipline or sector, within an institution sited in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, who can demonstrate a role in, or contribution to, improving health, health care or services. The programme provides five levels of award:

- Doctoral Research Fellowship (DRF)
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)
- Transitional Research Fellowship (TRF)
- Career Development Fellowship (CDF)
- Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)

From the summer of 2017, NIHR Fellowships are now a 2-stage process. Applicants who are successful at stage 1 will be invited to submit a stage 2 application. Full details on the Fellowships and how to apply can be found [here](#).

**Deadline:** 5 December 2017 for PDF, TRF, CDF and SRF. 19 December 2017 for DRF. This is an annual call.

## Other relevant information

### Changes to Symplectic Elements



#### Grants functionality in Symplectic

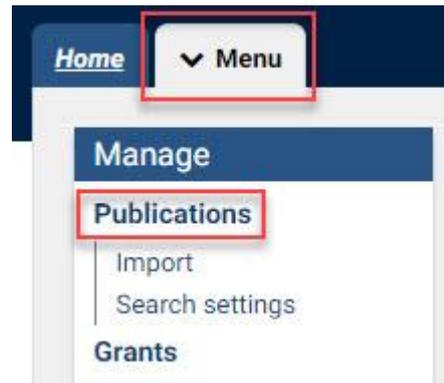
Earlier this month changes were made to Symplectic such that **you will now be able to view and manage data relating to some of your grants, within Symplectic. Grants from funders who use Researchfish as their annual reporting tool, will now appear in Symplectic** (data will be pulled from Oracle and Researchfish).

In Symplectic you will now be able to create links from your grants to research outputs, other types of record and other users. This will enrich your Symplectic record and facilitate reporting on grants and their outputs. Furthermore, **grant-publication links are exported to the Researchfish system, so you will not have to re-enter data.**

What differences will I notice immediately?

- There will be a new box on your home screen 'My Grants' (with a link to a list of your grants which in turn links to grant details).

- When you 'Act on Acceptance', create a new output, or claim an output from your 'pending' list, you will be shown an additional screen and asked if you wish to link the output to any of your grants.
- On any publication/output/other type of record there is a new option to link to grants.



#### What other grants functionality is available?

- You will be able to create a link from a grant record to a publication, other output, other user and/or other type of record.
- You will be able to search for any grant in Symplectic using the 'Explore' tab.

#### What grants data is available?

- Symplectic will hold any grant in Oracle Financials where a) the funder uses Researchfish AND b) the funder reference in Oracle Financials matches that in Researchfish.
- A small number of grants will be imported directly from Researchfish.
- By early/mid 2018 – Symplectic will additionally hold grants from funders not using Researchfish, and these will be imported from Oracle Financials.
- Existing links between grants and users will be imported from Researchfish and Oracle Financials where the user's details in Symplectic can be matched on SSO (Oracle Financials) or email (Researchfish). Grants can then be linked to new users by any user already linked to that grant.
- Links between grants and publications are imported from Researchfish where the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) can be matched with that in Symplectic.

#### Further help and support

[For further information](#), see the Grants section including user guide. [FAQs are also available](#). Please contact the Symplectic Helpdesk, [symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk) or [Ruth McCaffrey](#).

#### Changes to Symplectic – new look and functionality

On 22 November, Symplectic was upgraded and resulted in changes to the look of the home page and menus. This should provide simpler, clearer signposting and navigation. In addition, a module to manage research impact has been added (which should facilitate recording impact for REF) and there are improved filtering options for publications and new reminders appearing on the home page. To get started, you can access your list of publications by selecting 'Publications' from the new 'Menu' tab.

[Further information](#): see the guide 'Getting started with Symplectic Elements v5.2' – SSO required. Help is also available from the Symplectic Helpdesk: [symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk)

## Recording your ORCID in Symplectic

Symplectic Elements at Oxford (SE) now allows users to record their ORCID\*. A linked ORCID will enable SE to retrieve publication IDs from your ORCID profile, use these IDs to find those publications in CrossRef, PubMed and Scopus, and claim those records for you automatically. More importantly, future versions of SE will use your ORCID to directly identify publications in a wide range of data sources and claim those records for you automatically.

A user guide 'Link Symplectic Elements to your ORCID' is available from the 'Help' section of their [webpages](#). Contact [symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:symplectic@admin.ox.ac.uk) with any queries.

\* An ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) provides a unique, persistent digital identifier to support automated linkages between you and your research outputs and other professional activities. For further details see [ORCIDs at Oxford](#).

## 'Act on acceptance' and 'gold' articles: authors can deposit PDF instead of AAM

Oxford's procedure for gold articles has been simplified: if an author has deposited their publisher PDF in the Oxford University Research Archive (ORA), which should be done within three months of acceptance, they will no longer be asked for the author accepted manuscript (AAM) in addition. The revised approach is reflected in a [new FAQ](#) about gold articles.

## Research Data Management

Research Data Management should be an integral part of your research project outline. The data you collect is central to your research, so it can only be a good thing to look after it well. [Here](#) is some help to get you started.

## RCUK open access APCs for papers submitted before August 2017

RCUK-funded authors still awaiting acceptance for articles submitted to fully open access journals (listed in the [Directory of Open Access Journals - DOAJ](#)) before 21 August 2017 should contact the [APC team](#) as soon as possible so that block grant money can be reserved for article processing charges while funds remain. From 21 August 2017 there is a [revised policy](#).



## Charity Open Access Fund block grant 2017–18 now available

The COAF block grant for 2017-18 is now operational – this grant reimburses Article Processing Charges (APC) paid by researchers funded by: Arthritis Research UK, Bloodwise, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Parkinson's UK and the Wellcome Trust. Authors no longer have to claim open access fees from their individual funders. All authors funded under the COAF umbrella should send all applications directly to [apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk) as before.

## New Wellcome Trust policy regarding equipment purchase contributions and equipment maintenance



The WT have changed their policy for equipment purchase contributions and equipment maintenance with effect from 1 October 2017. For all applications submitted, note that the WT:

- Will expect a contribution of at least 25% from the host organisation for equipment items that cost £100k or more.
- Will continue to fund the maintenance costs of equipment purchased on grants, for up to five years. They will also now fund maintenance costs for existing equipment over five years old, whether or not they initially funded the equipment purchase, so long as it is essential to the research project and it is cost effective to maintain.

## Konfer – Collaborate with industry, charities and the public sector

Konfer has been created by The National Centre for Universities and Business ([NCUB](#)) in partnership with the Higher Education Funding Council for England ([HEFCE](#)) and Research Councils UK ([RCUK](#)).

Konfer can help businesses connect with universities. The online tool has been designed to:

- Help businesses find opportunities for collaboration including research, researchers, facilities, equipment, funding and support
- Establish opportunities for universities to find potential research partners

Using Konfer, you search for what you are interested in – an expert, a paper, a piece of equipment, a business or charity partner and you can email the person. Additionally, you can post collaboration requests, find funding, or find out more via the web, Twitter, or YouTube. [Further information](#).

### Reminders

- If your application requires **a letter of support from the Head of Department**, Prof Hugh Watkins, you must contact [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) at least two weeks in advance of the deadline to request the letter.
- The [RDM Funding Database](#) holds information on internal and external funding opportunities, including fellowships, travel, seed funding, translational grants, equipment and studentships. The 'Fellowships' tab is particularly useful because you can filter for career stage and whether you are a basic or clinical researcher, which provides a quick summary of potential fellowship opportunities.
- RDM has a process to [coordinate and support all fellowship applications](#) being submitted (with the exception of clinical research training fellowships). Anyone wishing to apply for a fellowship must notify [Ruth McCaffrey](#) as early as possible and provide a summary of their proposed research and a copy of their CV. [Further information is available on the RDM website](#).

Upcoming funding deadlines that are announced after we have circulated the Funding Opportunities Bulletin are released in the RDM Weekly Bulletin.