

# Research & Grant Funding

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## Overview

Research Services and Research Accounts work in partnership with academic divisions, departments, research facilitators, University Administration and Services (UAS) and Oxford University Innovation Ltd to provide comprehensive support to researchers throughout the research lifecycle.

They run the Research Support website which contains a wealth of information about all aspects of research funding: finding funding, costing grant applications, applying for funding, managing awards, clinical trials & research governance, research integrity & ethics, and research contracts.

Their website can be viewed at [www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/)

## Support within RDM

If you are thinking of applying for research funding, including outline/preliminary applications and proposals made by external collaborators with an Oxford component, please discuss your plans with your local grants administration team *at an early stage* (a minimum of 2 weeks before the funders deadline, but preferably much earlier). Most proposals require an internal costing using the University's

costing and pricing tool X5 and your local grants team can provide this and other support.

Dr Ruth McCaffrey (email: [ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk)) is RDM's Research Strategy Co-ordinator. Ruth provides advice and support to researchers transitioning to independence; co-ordinates fellowship applications submitted from RDM; provides strategic research support, co-ordination and guidance to the Head of Department and Principal Investigators; assists in the development of major scientific initiatives; and co-ordinates scientific bids across RDM Divisions.

RDM coordinates all applications for fellowships being submitted from the Department. Anyone wishing to apply for a Fellowship must inform Ruth McCaffrey as early as possible in the process so that suitable fellowship schemes can be identified and advice, guidance and support can be provided throughout the application process. Full details can be found on the Find Funding page of the RDM website: [www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding](http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding)

## Funding Deadlines

There are a number of internal deadlines that must be met in advance of the sponsor deadline:

## Useful Resources

*For advice & guidance on applying for funding contact:*

Dr Ruth McCaffrey, Research Strategy Coordinator in RDM  
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Dr Serena Briant, Assistant Research Facilitator in RDM  
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*Your local contact for grant support is:*  
[felicity.green@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:felicity.green@rdm.ox.ac.uk)

## Information on Funding Opportunities:

On the RDM website  
<http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding>

MSD Internal funding  
[www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding)

Internal & external funding  
[www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding)

ResearchProfessional.com  
[www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/rp/](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/rp/)



your local admin team needs to approve your application and then research services require at least **five working days** to review and approve your application, in advance of the sponsor deadline. It is important to plan ahead! Some funding calls require RDM to prioritise and rank bids in advance of submission so RDM sets an earlier internal deadline.

Some applications require a letter of support from the Head of Department or a commitment of resources. These requests should be sent to Ruth McCaffrey well in advance of any internal funding deadlines.

## Finding Funding

### The RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin

is produced every two months and contains information on upcoming internal and external funding opportunities. All RDM internal funding deadlines are announced via this bulletin. The bulletin is emailed to staff and students and is available on the Find Funding page of the RDM website: [www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding](http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding)

### The RDM Funding Database

contains information on relevant funding opportunities including fellowships, travel, programme and project grants, seed funding, translational grants and internal funding. This database can be accessed from the RDM website:

[www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding](http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/find-funding)

### ResearchProfessional.com

is an online research funding opportunities database and alerting service that the University subscribes to. All members of the University can create a free account and use the service to find research funding in any discipline. You can set up specific searches to find funding relevant to your interests/career stage and get weekly email alerts. In addition, the outputs from many common funding searches are available on the Research Professional website:

[www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/rp/](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/rp/)

Training is available on the same page as above. You will need to register your interest in attending.

**Other Sources** of information on funding opportunities are the:

- Medical Sciences Division Internal Research Funding page [www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding)
- University Research Support website <https://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/>
- Funders own websites.

## Internal Funding Opportunities

The main sources of internal funding are detailed below. However a full list of internal funding opportunities can be found

on the MSD Internal Research Funding page:

[www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding)

### The John Fell Fund (JFF)

provides funding to a number of categories: (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. Further information:

[www.admin.ox.ac.uk/pras/jff/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/pras/jff/)

*RDM always sets an earlier internal deadline, which can be found in the RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin.*

### The Medical Research Fund (MRF)

supports medical research conducted in all MSD departments. The following funding is available: (a) Bridging Funding, (b) pump priming, and (c) Clinical pre-fellowships. Further information: [www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding/medical-research-fund](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/internal-research-funding/medical-research-fund)

### RDM Pump Priming scheme

RDM operates an annual internal funding competition to build collaborations between researchers from different divisions within RDM. For full details on the scheme, see: [www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/rdm-pump-priming-funding](http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/rdm-pump-priming-funding)

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