

# RESEARCH and 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:

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

## Useful Resources

Dr Ruth McCaffrey,  
Research Strategy  
Coordinator in RDM  
[ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk)

Your local contact for grant support is:  
Charlotte Kelly and Lynne Whay  
[grants@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:grants@ocdem.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/)

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

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resources. These requests should be sent to Ruth McCaffrey well in advance of any internal funding deadlines.

### Research Professional.com

The principal source of information about funding opportunities for members of the University is the email alerting service and comprehensive searchable database at [www.researchprofessional.com/about.html](http://www.researchprofessional.com/about.html).

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

To receive email alerts of funding opportunities tailored to your research interests, please register for a personal username and password.

This will allow you to:

- Set-up a weekly email alert of all funding opportunities that match the subject areas and sponsors you select
- Access the database from outside the University network, so that you can keep abreast of new opportunities even whilst you are away from your department
- Bookmark the funding opportunities and save search results for future visits
- Save, annotate and publish funding opportunities to an online magazine so that you can easily share information with your research colleagues.

Training is available at [www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/training/rp/](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/training/rp/).

### Clinical Trials and Research Governance

The Clinical Trials and Research Governance (CTRG) team supports University Clinical Researchers. CTRG has a role in promoting and supporting high quality research within the University, and ensuring the University meets its requirements as Sponsor and host institution. CTRG supports University clinical researchers by facilitating research compliance through advice, support, guidance and training. Further information at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/ctr/g/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/ctr/g/).

Some RDM Divisions have local support for clinical research governance, this will be covered at induction. Anyone planning a clinical research project should contact their local clinical research co-ordinator, local grants team or CTRG as early as possible.

### Technology Transfer

Isis Innovation Ltd is the technology transfer company of the University of Oxford, commercialising the research generated within and owned by the University. Isis funds patent applications and legal costs, negotiates exploitation and spin-out company agreements, and manages consultancy opportunities.

Further information at [www.isis-innovation.com/about/index](http://www.isis-innovation.com/about/index)

### The John Fell Fund

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.*

### Medical Research Fund

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

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)

### Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF)

The ISSF is a block grant provided to the University. The ISSF Committee receives applications for funding from any department in the University. Research projects must fall within the remit of the Wellcome Trust. Further information at [www.issf.ox.ac.uk/home](http://www.issf.ox.ac.uk/home)

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

- Medical Sciences Division Internal Research Funding page [www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/inte](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research/inte)

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### [nal-research-funding](#)

- University Research Support website  
<https://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/>
- Funders own websites.

### **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)

### **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)

Or

[www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/internal](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/internal)

## Other Resources

You may also find the following links helpful.

### **Find Funding**

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

### **Internal Funding Opportunities**

[www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/internal/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/internal/)

### **Applying for Funding**

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

### **Costing and Pricing**

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

### **Managing Grants and Contracts**

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

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