

RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin

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Other relevant information

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Please note:

If you have any questions about applying for funding, in the first instance please contact your local administrator. However, please feel free to contact me, Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk), if you have any further questions or want advice on the range of funding opportunities available to you.

Internal funding opportunities

1. RDM pump priming

The deadline for receipt of applications is noon Monday 16th March 2015.

The RDM is keen to build new collaborations between researchers in different parts of the department and to foster new synergies. To aid in this process, we are making funding available to pump prime new initiatives. The expectation is that the funding will be used to initiate new collaborative research projects between researchers who have not previously worked together and who are based in different divisions of RDM (CVM, IMD, NDCLS, OCDEM, & WIMM). Priority will be given to projects that are novel and innovative, that are establishing a new cross divisional collaboration within RDM, and where preliminary data is needed prior to submitting an application to an external funding agency

Up to £50k is available per project and we anticipate funding up to 3 projects. Further details are available on the [RDM website](#), together with information on how to apply. Enquiries should be directed to Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk).

2. Hertford College Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowships in the Physical and Life Sciences

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 27th March 2015.

Hertford College invites application for two non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowships, one in the Physical Sciences and the other in the Life Sciences. The Fellowship will be tenable for a non-renewable fixed term of three years, from 1 October 2015 until 30 September 2018. The Fellowship is open to graduates of any university who are of post-doctoral or equivalent standing and are already engaged in independent research. Eligible candidates should normally have submitted their doctoral thesis and have fewer than five years of post-doctoral research experience by the closing date for applications. The successful applicants will be entitled to free meals in college and a research allowance. Full details on [how to apply](#) are available on the Hertford website.

3. Kellogg College Junior Research Fellowship

Deadline for submission of applications is noon on Tuesday 31st March 2015.

Kellogg College invites applications for a Junior Research Fellowship tenable for up to three years from 1st October 2015. The main duty of the Junior Research Fellow is to undertake research, but it is hoped that the JRF will also contribute to the general intellectual life of the College. Although no stipend is payable, the JRF will be entitled to free lunches throughout the year when the kitchens are open, three free Guest Night Dinners per term, and the use of a shared Fellows' office.

Further details on the Fellowship and how to apply can be found on the [Kellogg College website](#).

4. John Fell Fund (JFF)

[RDM internal deadline of Monday 13th April 2015 \(end of day\).](#)

JFF deadline for submission of applications is noon on Wednesday 22nd April.

As all departments have to rank the applications being submitted, we have set an earlier RDM internal deadline which will be strictly applied. This internal deadline will give us time to review and rank the applications from RDM (we will convene a small group of PIs from across RDM to do this), give you feedback on your application and enable you to make changes to your application.

Funding is available in a number of categories: (a) Pump priming, (s) 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.

Full details on the [John Fell Fund, including their online application system](#), are available.

Please let your local administrator and Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk) know in advance if you are planning on submitting an application. If you have any questions about the online application process, categories to apply for & appropriate levels of funding to request, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth.

Future deadline: not yet announced

5. Novo Nordisk Fellowship Programme

Deadline for submission of applications is noon Friday 17th April 2015.

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. Under this programme, a total of 12 fellows will be supported, each for a 3 year period. This year, we are looking to recruit three postdoctoral research fellows and one clinical research training fellow. Basic science applicants should be in the final year of their PhD or no more than 3 years post PhD (excluding career breaks). Clinical applicants should 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.

Each fellowship includes the fellow's salary, a generous travel allowance for the fellow and generous consumable support for the lab in which they are based. Fellows will be based in research groups, with a focus on diabetes, in Oxford. The expectation is that Fellows will get to spend approximately 3 months in the labs of Novo Nordisk in Copenhagen.

Applicants can choose from a list of 8 research projects that are listed on the [Novo Nordisk Fellowship website](#), together with information on how to apply and biographies of the first intake of fellows.

Enquiries should be directed to Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk).

This is an annual call

6. Medical Research Fund (MRF)

Deadline for submission of applications is Monday 27 April 2015.

The Medical Research Fund (MRF) supports **medical research** conducted in **all departments** of the Medical Sciences Division. Funding is available in the following categories:

- Bridging funding: supports salary costs (typically 3 months) pending the application of an externally submitted grant application and supports family leave costs. Please note that

applications for bridging funding will only be funded if the external research grant “promotes work in the field of **medical research**” (a grant application to the BBSRC may not count as medical research).

- Pump priming: supports small awards (up to £10k) to enable investigators to obtain pilot data to support larger scale applications for external research funding in the future.
- Clinical pre-fellowship: provides short-term (up to 3 months) funding to cover the salary costs of clinicians who will shortly begin an externally funded research training fellowship at Oxford.

[Further details on the MRF and on how to apply](#) are available.

Applications should be emailed to the secretary of the MRF Committee: mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk copying in your local administrator to demonstrate that your department is aware of the application.
Future deadlines: Monday 27 July 2015.

7. Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (WT ISSF)

RDM internal deadline of Monday 27th April 2015 (end of day).

WT ISSF deadline for submission of applications is Monday 4th May 2015.

All applications must be endorsed by the Head of Department (Prof Hugh Watkins) and therefore we have set an earlier RDM internal deadline which will be strictly applied. Applications should be sent to Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk) by Monday 27th April and she will ensure that the endorsement is obtained.

The ISSF is a block grant provided to the University from the Wellcome Trust, which is managed by a small central committee. Research projects must fall within the remit of the Wellcome Trust, as well as the strategic remit of biomedical research at Oxford.

[Further information on the ISSF, the priority areas, and details on how to apply](#) are available.

Each application to the ISSF requires a 50% or greater matching contribution from the Department, Division or University. Please let Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk) know, as early as possible, if you are considering applying.

Requests for funding can be in the range of £50K - £250K total funds (ISSF plus match, or £25k - £125k from the ISSF).

Enquiries about applying to the ISSF should be directed to: enquiries@issf.ox.ac.uk

Future deadline: not yet announced

8. Oxford UCB Prize Fellowships in Biomedical Research

The call for applications is yet to open

Deadline for submission of applications will be the end April/early May 2015 (exact date TBC)

UCB pharma have recently signed an agreement with the University of Oxford to support two early career postdoctoral or clinical research training fellowships a year for five years. This funding will support each fellow for a three year period, in addition to a generous consumables and travel budget. The aim of this programme is to support the development of a new generation of exceptional early career researchers, who will become future leaders in the field, ultimately improving the lives of patients. Basic science applicants are expected to be in the final stages of their DPhil and have no more than one year postdoctoral experience by the time they begin their

fellowship in autumn 2015. Clinical applicants must be EU nationals (as overseas fees will not be provided).

Applicants from Oxford will be expected to apply for projects in a different research group to the one they completed their DPhil in. The first two fellows in the programme will start in the autumn of 2015.

Further information on the [Oxford UCB Prize Fellowship programme](#) is available on the Medical Sciences Division website.

The programme is being run out of the Business Development Office. Enquiries should be directed to Oliver Voss (oliver.voss@medsci.ox.ac.uk).

9. Merton College Visiting Research Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 1st May 2015.

Merton College is intending to appoint Visiting Research Fellowships for the academic year 2016/17 for one, two or three terms. Applications are invited from eminent international scholars by Friday 1 May 2015. It should be noted that any application will need to be supported by a member of Merton's Governing Body. No stipend is attached to these Fellowships, but accommodation and full membership of common room (including free meals at common table) will be provided. Contact lesley.walsh@merton.ox.ac.uk for information on how to apply.

External funding opportunities

10. 2015 UK & Ireland L'Oreal- UNESCO for Women in Science Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 13th March 2015.

Five fellowships, worth £15,000 each, are available. Applicants must be female post-doctoral researchers. The funding is intended to provide flexible and practical help for the fellows. For example winners may choose to spend their fellowship grants in any way that is helpful to them in furthering their research, from buying lab equipment, to hiring an assistant or paying for childcare costs.

Further information on the Fellowships, details on how to apply, and case studies of previous winners are available: www.womeninscience.co.uk

11. Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Dale Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 17th April 2015.

These fellowships are for outstanding postdoctoral scientists wishing to build their own UK-based independent research career addressing an important biomedical question. You must be no more than 7 yrs post PhD to be eligible to apply.

Full information on the Fellowship and how to apply can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

12. Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Science

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 8th May 2015.

This scheme provides support for outstanding postdoctoral scientists based in academic institutions in the UK. Candidates are expected to have an excellent track record in their scientific field and be able to demonstrate their ability to carry out independent research.

Full information on the Fellowship and how to apply can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

13. Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships in Clinical Science

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 8th May 2015.

This scheme provides support for clinical investigators to further develop their research potential and to establish themselves as leading investigators in clinical academic medicine.

Full information on the Fellowship and how to apply can be found on the [Wellcome Trust Website](#).

14. Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 15th May 2015.

These fellowships provide a unique opportunity for the most promising newly qualified postdoctoral researchers to make an early start in developing their independent research careers, working in the best research environments in the UK and overseas. You must be in the final year of your DPhil or no more than 2 years post PhD to be eligible to apply.

Full information on the Fellowship and how to apply can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

15. European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants

Research services deadline 20th May 2015.

The ERC Advanced Grants call deadline is 2 June (the call opens 10 February).

ERC Advanced Grants provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research. Research funded by the ERC is expected to lead to advances at the frontiers of knowledge and to set a clear and inspirational target for frontier research across Europe

Please see the [Research Services website on EU funding](#) for further information. There are helpful factsheets available and the contact details for the EU team who can provide additional information.

16. Wellcome Trust Collaborative Awards in Science

Deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday 20th May 2015.

Collaborative Awards provide flexible support to excellent groups of independent researchers with outstanding track records. Proposals must address important scientific problems that can only be

achieved through a collaborative team effort. Applications which propose to carry out interdisciplinary research across our Science, Medical Humanities, Society and Ethics and Innovations funding are encouraged.

Full information on the Award and how to apply can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Other relevant information

17. Open access

[Open Access Oxford](#) is a useful website that collates all the information you need to know regarding open access, with a helpful [FAQ section](#).

Research funded by the Research Councils

Most UK Research Councils require you to make your research outputs available via Europe PMC within six months of the publisher's official date of publication. If an APC (article processing charge) needs to be paid, the University holds a RCUK Open Access Block Grant to cover the costs. For details on how to apply to the block grant, [click here](#).

Research funded by charities

The [Charity Open Access Fund \(COAF\)](#) has been established to make charitably funded research freely available **as soon as it is published**. The Charities involved are:

Arthritis Research UK
Breast Cancer Campaign
British Heart Foundation
Cancer Research UK
Leukaemia & Lymphoma
The Wellcome Trust.

COAF is running as a 2 year pilot and has given a block grant to the University to meet open access APCs for peer reviewed publications resulting from research funded by one or more of the 6 partner charities. **Work must be made freely available as soon as it is published**. Therefore, COAF want you to pay the APC to have the work freely available immediately, even if it would be made freely available, at no cost, after 6 mths. You reclaim your APCs through the same process as [Oxford's Wellcome Trust Block Grant](#) (author's department pays initially and then gets refunded). Queries about COAF should be directed to Pauline Bampton, University Finance Division (pauline.bampton@admin.ox.ac.uk).

ORA (Oxford University Research Archive)

Oxford University also encourages you to deposit a copy of your publication in [ORA](#), subject to publisher permissions. ORA serves as an institutional repository for the University of Oxford and is home to the scholarly research output of its members. Details on [how to deposit in ORA](#) are available.

HEFCE post-2014 REF Open Access Requirements

HEFCE has issued new guidelines on Open Access in relation to articles and conference proceedings submitted for publication **from 1 April 2016**. In summary, *to be eligible for submission to the post-2014 REF, the final peer-reviewed (author accepted) manuscript of all articles and conference papers submitted from 1 April 2016 must be deposited in an open access institutional or subject repository (such as ORA) within three (3) months of acceptance*. This applies regardless of whether the author

has paid or will pay an ACP to the publisher. The manuscripts must then be accessible for anyone to read and download once any embargo period has elapsed. Further details can be found [here](#). Even those researchers accustomed to meeting the open access requirements of the UK Research Councils or charitable funders will have to take special, additional action from 1 April 2016 onwards (and at the time of the acceptance of the manuscript) to satisfy HEFCE's open access rules. HEFCE's rules impose significant challenges for researchers and universities. Within Oxford, the University Research Committee has approved the setting up of the [Oxford Open Access Service Design Project](#) led by the Bodleian Libraries. It aims to make it easy for Oxford authors to send manuscripts to the Bodleian Open Access Team who will support not only compliance with HEFCE's post-2014 REF requirements but advise on funder-specific conditions, handle any APC payment requests and make material accessible via ORA as soon as possible (subject to any publisher conditions).

A section on Open Access is currently under development on the RDM website and will be available shortly.

18. Oxford Gateway to Europe website (www.europegateway.ox.ac.uk)

This new information portal gives guidance on European funding-related activities and support at Oxford. It is mainly aimed at internal researchers and staff, but it also provides advice and support to potential external collaborators (universities, SMEs, industry and non-academic organisations). There are many new and different elements in Horizon 2020, so easy access to tailored call information, news, events and our own Oxford factsheets, as well as information on partnership opportunities, is available on the website.

The website also provides information on non-Horizon 2020 European activities at Oxford, and quickly signposts users to the relevant contacts and support. More information and factsheets will be added to the website frequently, so please do visit the site regularly. If you have any questions or feedback about the website, please email claudia.kozeny-pelling@admin.ox.ac.uk in the first instance.

19. Wellcome Trust new application and grants management system

In summer 2015 the Wellcome Trust will be introducing a new application and grants management system across all of their grant schemes. This new system will replace eGrants as the means for submitting online applications. It will also be the mechanism for peer reviewers and committee members to access and review applications.

The Wellcome Trust will start introducing this system in May 2015. It will run in parallel with eGrants until September 2015, so that they can continue to accept and review grant applications already in progress.

Further information on the new system is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

20. Finding funding - Research Professional.com

[Research Professional.com](http://ResearchProfessional.com) is an online research funding opportunities data 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 all disciplines.

You can set up specific searches to find funding relevant to your interests/career stage. At the above website you will find a quick start guide to using ResearchProfessional.com as well as details of training courses and links to short tutorial videos.

Questions about ResearchProfessional.com should be directed to: [claudia.kozeny pelling@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:claudia.kozeny@admin.ox.ac.uk) in research services.

The outputs from many common funding searches are available on the website, such as searches for funding for [Early Career](#) researchers (scroll down to the UK), funding available from [Major Sponsors](#) or for [Travel Grants](#). A [full list of searches](#) is available.

Funding opportunities can also be found on the [Find Funding](#) page on the Research Services website.