

## RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin

Internal Funding Opportunities	Deadline**	Basic Science or Clinical	Eligibility - years post PhD
<a href="#">John Fell Fund (JFF)</a>	RDM internal deadline <b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Both	None
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (WT ISSF)</a>	RDM internal deadline <b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Both	None
<a href="#">Medical Research Fund (MRF)</a>	RDM internal deadline for bridging funding applications <b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2016</b> (for all other funding applications)	Both	None
<a href="#">Nuffield Oxford Hospitals Fund</a>	RDM internal deadline <b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Both	None
<a href="#">University of Oxford Jill and Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship 2016</a>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Clinical	None
External Fellowship Funding Opportunities	Funder Deadline**	Basic Science or Clinical	Eligibility - years post PhD
<a href="#">Daphne Jackson Trust: Fellowship</a>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Basic science	None
<a href="#">Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellowship</a>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Basic science	No more than 6 years post PhD
<a href="#">Medical Research Council (MRC): Clinical Research Training Fellowship</a>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Clinical	Usually ST3/4 level depending on chosen specialty
<a href="#">National Institute for Health Research (NIHR): Fellowships</a>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Both	Various, depending on type of fellowship
<a href="#">European Research Council (ERC): Consolidator Grants</a>	<b>Research Services deadline 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Basic	At least 7 and no more than 12 years post PhD
<a href="#">European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD): Fellowships</a>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Both	Lilly Fellowship: under age of 38 for Rising Star: no more than 5 yrs post PhD for basic scientist, no more than 7 yrs post for clinician
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust: Investigator Award</a>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Both	None

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

<a href="#">Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851: Research Fellowship</a>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Basic science	No more than 3 yrs post PhD
<a href="#">CRUK Career Development Fellowship</a>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Both	At least 3 and no more than 8 yrs post PhD
<a href="#">CRUK Career Establishment Award</a>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Both	Basic scientist - at least 3 and no more than 8 yrs post PhD Clinical – at least 3 yrs postdoc
<a href="#">CRUK Senior Cancer Research Fellowship</a>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Both	Basic scientist 8 - 14 yrs post PhD Clinical – extensive postdoc experience
<a href="#">Leverhulme Trust: Early Career Fellowships</a>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	Basic science	No more than 5 yrs post PhD
<a href="#">NC3Rs David Sainsbury Fellowships</a>	<b>March 2016 (exact date tbc)</b>	Basic science	None
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Training Fellowship</a>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Clinical	No more than 10 yrs from first medical qualification
<a href="#">MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship</a>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Clinical	Must hold a PhD
<a href="#">MRC Senior Clinical Fellowship</a>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Clinical	At least 5 yrs post PhD
<a href="#">KKLF Intermediate Fellowship</a>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Both	Basic scientist - 3-6 yrs postdoc experience Clinical – must hold a PhD
<a href="#">MRC Career Development Award</a>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Basic science	None
<a href="#">MRC Senior non-Clinical Fellowship</a>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	Basic science	None
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016</b>	Basic science	No more than 2 yrs postdoc experience
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science</a>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	Basic science	7 – 12 yrs postdoc experience
<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships in Clinical Science</a>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	Clinical	3-5 yrs postdoc experience

# Internal Funding Opportunities

## 1. John Fell Fund (JFF)

*RDM internal deadline of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (end of day)*

JFF deadline for submission of applications is noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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, (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.

*Please note that you can apply to the small award scheme (less than £7.5k) or the main award scheme (over £7.5k with no upper limit).*

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

Please let your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) 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: RDM internal deadline is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (end of day)*

## 2. Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (WT ISSF)

*RDM internal deadline of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (end of day)*

WT ISSF deadline for submission of applications is noon Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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](#) by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and she will ensure that the endorsement is obtained.

The Wellcome Trust ISSF is open to all academic members of staff across the whole University. The ISSF Committee especially welcomes cross divisional bids. Applications are invited across a broad range of themes. Projects must meet the strategic priorities of the Oxford Wellcome Trust ISSF. Details of the themes and strategic priorities can be found on the [strategy page](#) of the ISSF website.

Details of the fund, how to apply and the application form can be found on the [ISSF website](#).

***Each application to the ISSF requires a 50% or greater matching contribution from the Department, Division or University.*** Please let [Ruth McCaffrey](#) 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](mailto:enquiries@issf.ox.ac.uk)

*Future deadline: RDM internal deadline is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (end of day)*

## 3. Medical Research Fund (MRF)

*RDM internal deadline for bridging funding applications is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (end of day)*

Deadline for submission of applications to the pump priming and clinical pre-fellowship scheme is noon, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

As all departments can submit **no more than 5 applications for bridging funding** in any one round, 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 and select those to be submitted.

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). *See note above about cap on 5 applications per department and earlier internal deadline.*
- 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. **Postdocs are eligible to apply as the PI, so it’s an ideal opportunity to secure a small bit of funding in your own name.**
- 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 for bridging funding should be emailed to [Ruth McCaffrey](#) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. All other applications should be emailed to the secretary of the MRF Committee: [mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk) copying in your local administrator and Ruth McCaffrey to demonstrate that your department is aware of the application.

*Future deadline: **RDM internal deadline is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 (end of day) for bridging funding applications.** All other MRF applications, noon Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016*

#### **4. Nuffield Oxford Hospitals Fund (NOHF)**

***RDM internal deadline of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (end of day)***

NOHF deadline for submission of applications is noon Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

All applications must be signed 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](mailto:ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk)) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and she will ensure that applications are signed.

NOHF is a registered charity and was originally funded by Lord Nuffield in 1937. NOHF funding can only be used for "... raising of the standard of the Hospital or Hospitals concerned in order to assist the development and carrying on of the Oxford University Medical School". Applicants are asked to note that research projects are not normally funded.

The annual funds available are approximately £300,000 and bids are considered and grants awarded by the Trustees in May/June of each year. Recently grants have been awarded in the £20,000 to £40,000 range. The Trustees do not allocate grants for less than £5,000.

In 2013 and 2014 examples of grants awarded were for:

- Educational textbooks
- Medical simulators
- Seminar room refurbishment
- IT and training facilities to support medical education

- Equipment for student training
- Annual budget to the Oxfordshire Health Services Research Committee (OHSRC)

Details of how to apply can be found [here](#) and the [NOHF application form](#) must be completed.

Applications must be submitted to Maria Kendall-Belcher in the Medical Sciences Divisional Office, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, clearly marked "NOHF Application" or they can be sent by email to [maria.kendall-belcher@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:maria.kendall-belcher@medsci.ox.ac.uk).

## 5. University of Oxford Jill and Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship 2016

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Applications are invited for the 2016 George Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship to support travel abroad for clinical study or research **from graduates of the Oxford University Medical School**.

The scholarship is of the value of about £4,000 and may be held with another award. This scholarship is offered in every second year.

Candidates must *either* have been admitted to the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Oxford *or* have passed the First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine of the University and hold a medical degree of another British university qualifying him or her to practise medicine. Current medical students are not eligible to apply; an award can only be made to an Oxford medical graduate who fulfils the above criteria.

### Candidates are required to submit:

- A letter of application outlining why they wish to apply for the scholarship and details of their proposed period of study, including an undertaking that, if elected, they will travel abroad for a period of at least one month for the purpose of clinical study or research in medicine;
- An estimate of the costs of the proposed period of clinical study or research;
- A statement of their academic record/CV;
- Two testimonials in support of the candidate/application.

Applications should be sent to [Mrs Laura Morgan](#), Medical School Office, Academic Centre, Level 2, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU.

Full details can be found on the [MSD website](#).

## External Fellowship Funding Opportunities

### 6. Daphne Jackson Fellowship

Deadline for submission of applications is: noon, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Daphne Jackson Fellowships are **intended for individuals returning to research after a career break of 2 or more years**. Fellows are paid a salary, with an additional allowance for expenses such as conference attendance, and are offered retraining and mentoring opportunities to give fellows the confidence and skills they need to successfully return to research. **Fellowships are part-time over 2 years** and consist of a stimulating research project and at least 100 hours of retraining per year.

Three University of Oxford Sponsored Daphne Jackson Fellowships are available hosted in departments within the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division (MPLS) or the Medical Sciences Division (MSD).

The full job description for the Fellowships can be found on the vacancy section of the [University website](#), together with information on how to apply.

### 7. Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

This scheme is aimed at outstanding scientists in the UK at an early stage of their research career who require a flexible working pattern due to personal circumstances such as parenting or caring responsibilities or health issues. The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, *but excluding clinical medicine*.

Eligibility criteria:

- are at an early stage of your research career (have completed your PhD but have no more than 6 years of research experience post PhD by the closing date of the round)
- do not hold a permanent post in a university in the European Economic Area (EEA) or in Switzerland
- are a citizen of the EEA or are a Swiss citizen (or have a relevant connection to the EEA or Switzerland)

The scheme provides funding for 5 years for the applicant's salary (up to a maximum of £39,389.64 per annum) and research expenses. Successful Dorothy Hodgkin Fellows who are about to start their first year are eligible to apply for a research grant of up to £150,000. A significant proportion of first year Dorothy Hodgkin Fellows will receive this additional start up grant.

Applications should be submitted through the Royal Society's electronic grant application system (e-GAP). More information can be found on the [Royal Society's website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

### 8. Medical Research Council - Clinical Research Training Fellowship (Pre- and Post-doctoral)

Deadline for submission of applications is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 4pm

The Clinical Research Training Fellowship (CRTF) supports clinically active professionals within the UK to undertake a higher research degree (PhD, DPhil, MD). The scheme can also provide post-doctoral funding

for applicants who achieved their PhD more than five years ago but who have not been research active since due to clinical training commitments.

Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC's remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research.

The CRTF provides between two and three years' support. It covers the applicant's salary and up to £20k per year to cover consumables, equipment, travel and PhD fees.

More information about the scheme eligibility criteria and how to apply is available on [the MRC website](#).

Future deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (2 calls annually).

## 9. National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Fellowships

Deadline for submission of applications is 1 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Five types of NIHR Fellowships are available for *clinically and non-clinically trained individuals*:

**Doctoral Research Fellowship (DRF)** offers 3 years full-time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time) to undertake a PhD and is aimed at individuals, of outstanding potential, early in their research careers.

**Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)** offers 3 years full time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time). Applicants will not have more than 3 years' whole-time equivalent post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying.

**Career Development Fellowship (CDF)** offers 3 years full-time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time).

Applicants will not have more than 7 years' whole-time equivalent post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying. Applicants who have had a career break may be able to apply with up to 8 years whole-time equivalent post-doctoral research experience.

**Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)** offers 5 years funding to undertake a programme of research and is aimed at outstanding individuals who are currently independent researchers and can demonstrate the potential to become academic and research leaders within the duration of an award.

**Transitional Research Fellowship (TRF)** offers 18 months – 24 months funding (at 100%, 75% or 60%) to support researchers to make a transition from basic or experimental science research to an area of applied health or clinical research which is within NIHR remit. Applicants may also use a TRF to re-establish their career in applied health or clinical research, after a significant career break. Applicants will not have more than 5 years' whole-time equivalent post-doctoral research experience at the time of applying.

More information and details on how to apply can be found on the [NIHR website](#).

**Please note that the lead applicant must provide an ORCID ID.** [Obtain your ORCID ID](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## 10. European Research Council Consolidator Grants

Research Services deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

EU deadline for submission of applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

ERC Consolidator grants provide funding to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research. These highly competitive grants can be up to five years in length and for a maximum of €2m. The research project can be in any field of research.

Eligibility: They are open to post-doctoral PIs of any nationality and any age, residing in any country in the world at the time of the application, who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Associated Country. **The PhD must have been awarded at least seven and no more than twelve years**

**before 1 January 2016 (between 01/01/04 and 31/12/08).** Extensions to the eligibility period are possible only in the case of eligible career breaks such as maternity leave.

The ERC puts particular emphasis on the frontiers of science and scholarship and encourages proposals of an interdisciplinary nature that cross the boundaries between different fields of research, as well as pioneering proposals addressing new and emerging fields of research, and proposals introducing unconventional, innovative approaches and scientific inventions.

Further guidance about the application process at Oxford can be found on the [Gateway to Europe](#) website.

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## **11. European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes Fellowships**

Deadline for submission of applications is 11 am, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (noon CET)

### **Lilly Research Fellowship**

The objective of the EFSD/Lilly Research Fellowships is to encourage innovative research in the fields of diabetes and its complications, and to promote excellence in medical education. Applicants should have demonstrated their ability in the field of diabetes research.

Fellowships will be awarded in the sum of Euro 50,000 each. Applications may be made by any paid-up member of European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) under the age of 38 years on 1 January in the year of the award.

More information about how to apply is available on the [EFSD's website](#).

### **EASD Rising Star Symposium and EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme supported by Novo Nordisk**

The EASD Rising Star Symposium and EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme aims to identify promising and innovative young researchers who are developing their research activities in Europe in the field of diabetes. Selected candidates will have the opportunity to present an overview of their research during a multidisciplinary research symposium at the EASD Annual Meeting. The chosen candidates will be invited by EASD to present a lecture and will receive a commemorative diploma. Travel expenses, hotel and registration costs for the recipients will be covered.

Furthermore the award includes an EFSD research fellowship in the amount of Euro 30,000 payable to the recipient's institution. Applications may be made by any paid-up member of EASD having received their highest degree (PhD, MD or equivalent) no more than five (basic scientist) or seven years (clinician) before 1 January in the year the Fellowship is awarded. Fellows may not hold a Faculty appointment. Preference will be given to individuals who have consistently pursued a well-defined and innovative research line, leading to publications in high impact peer reviewed journals.

More information about how to apply is available on the [EFSD's website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## **12. Wellcome Trust Investigator Award**

Deadline for submission of applications is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016

WT Investigator Awards provide flexible support at a level and length appropriate to enable researchers to address the most important questions of relevance to human and animal health and disease. Applications will be judged relative to the career stage of the applicant.

If you are in the early stages of your independent career, you should be able to show that you can innovate and drive advances in your field of study and demonstrate considerable promise for the future. Your research, funding and training track records should be strong relative to your career stage.

If you have more experience, you are expected to have achieved more in terms of the originality and impact of your research, your track record of attracting research grant support, and your success in training and mentoring others. If you are a senior researcher, you should be internationally recognised as a leader in your field.

Eligibility: You should be employed in an established academic post: a permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract, salaried by your host institution. You are also eligible if you have a written guarantee of an established academic post at your host institution, which you will take up by the start of the award.

Further information about the scheme and how to apply is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Future deadline: 3 calls annually (exact dates tbc)

### **13. Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Research Fellowship**

Deadline for submission of applications is 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

1851 Research Fellowships are intended to give **early career scientists** or engineers of exceptional promise the opportunity to conduct a research project of their own instigation. The awards are for duration of up to three years, subject to annual review. The Fellowships are open to researchers in any of the physical or biological sciences, in mathematics, in applied science, or in any branch of engineering.

Candidates must be in possession of a recent PhD normally with no more than 3 years postdoctoral experience or be in the final stages of their PhD studies, which must be successfully completed before the award of a Fellowship can be confirmed. The Fellowship should be carried out at a different Institution from the one where the candidate's PhD research was undertaken

Further information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

### **14. Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Career Development Fellowship**

Deadline for submission of applications is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Career Development Fellowship offers outstanding scientists 6 years of support to set up their first independent cancer research group. You should have at least 3 and no more than 8 years of research experience since completing your PhD at the time of submitting your preliminary application and you should not have already received funding to set up your research group

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [CRUK website](#).

### **15. CRUK Career Establishment Award**

Deadline for submission of applications is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Career Establishment Award offers new group leaders 6 years' support to enhance their cancer research. You should have:

- At least 3 and no more than 8 years of research experience since completing your PhD at the time of submitting the preliminary application
- A full-time, fully funded post for the duration of the award,
- Space and facilities to run an independent research group
- Completed your specialist training, obtained a PhD or MD and have at least three years' post-doctoral research experience if you are a clinician
- Not already received Fellowship funding to set up your research group

More information about the Award and how to apply is available on the [CRUK website](#).

## **16. CRUK Senior Cancer Research Fellowship**

Deadline for submission of applications is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Senior Cancer Research Fellowship offers outstanding scientists support to establish or further develop an independent cancer research group. You should have between 8 and 14 years of postdoctoral research experience since completing your PhD at the time of submitting the preliminary application, and obtained a PhD or MD and extensive post-doctoral research experience if you are a clinician.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [CRUK website](#).

## **17. Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship**

Deadline for submission of applications is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 4pm

Early Career Fellowships provide **50% match-funding for the salary costs** of a three-year academic research position (up to £24k per annum). Each Fellow may also request annual research expenses of up to £6k. Applicants must have a track record of research, but should not have held an established academic appointment in the UK.

*Applications will be considered in all subject areas with the following exceptions: studies of disease, illness and disabilities in humans and animals, or research that is intended to inform clinical practice or the development of medical applications.*

All applicants must hold a PhD and have no more than 5 years of research experience since completing your PhD (unless you have had a career break). Fellowships are for three years on a full-time basis. The Trust will support requests to hold the award part-time over a proportionately longer period for childcare commitments.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Leverhulme website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## **18. NC3Rs David Sainsbury Fellowships**

Deadline for submission of applications is March 2016 (exact date tbc)

David Sainsbury fellowships support exceptional, 3Rs-minded, early-career scientists (with up to five year's postdoctoral experience) with the transition to an independent career. Applications from any area of medical, biological or veterinary research are within remit; those that integrate a range of disciplines or include an industrial partner are particularly encouraged.

Awards of £65k per annum for three years are available.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [NC3Rs website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## **19. Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Training Fellowship**

Deadline for submission of applications is 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

This scheme is for medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology graduates who have little or no research training, but who wish to develop a long-term career in academic medicine. Applications are encouraged from individuals who wish to undertake substantial training through high-quality research in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility, towards a PhD or MD qualification.

Fellowships are normally for **two to three years** and provide the fellow's salary and research expenses.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Future deadline: ***The scheme will close in April 2016 and the Trust will then deliver its PhD training exclusively through tailored PhD programmes***

## **20. MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship (CSF)**

Deadline for submission of applications is 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The CSF is for clinical qualified individuals to enable them to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team, making the transition to independent investigator. Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research; however, it is expected that applicants' clinical work helps to inform and strengthen their research work.

The CSF is for 4 years and provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

The CSF is open to hospital doctors, dentists, general practitioners, nurses, midwives and members of the allied health professions. All applicants must have obtained a PhD.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [MRC website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## **21. MRC Senior Clinical Fellowship (SCF)**

Deadline for submission of applications is 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The SCF supports talented medically and other clinically qualified professionals, with an effective track record of internationally competitive independent research, to make the transition to research leadership. Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC's remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research, however, it is expected that applicants' clinical work will help to inform and strengthen their research work.

The SCF is for 5 years and provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

The SCF is open to hospital doctors, dentists, general practitioners, nurses, midwives and members of the allied health professions. Applicants will have gained a PhD (or equivalent), generally at least five years prior to their application, and have undertaken a significant period of post-doctoral research since. Applicants will have a strong track record of challenging, original and productive research, of effective collaboration, and of training in robust research methods and technologies.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [MRC website](#).

Future deadline: this is an annual call

## 22. Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund (KKLF) Intermediate Research Fellowship

Deadline for submission of applications is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

KKLF Intermediate Research Fellowships are aimed at truly outstanding biomedical scientists, allowing them to gain experience in an international centre of excellence prior to establishing an independent research group of their own. Applicants for the Intermediate Fellowship will be expected to demonstrate their potential for achieving international status as researchers in leukaemia or a closely related field.

The Fellowship will be for up to 4 years. The Fellowship will support the salary of the Fellow and a salary for technical support (considered on a case by case basis).

Suitable for basic scientists and clinician: Basic scientist will already have completed their PhD and will usually have 3-6 years of post-doctoral research experience. For medical graduates the Intermediate Fellowship is suitable for individuals who have obtained a PhD.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [KKLF website](#).

## 23. MRC Career Development Award (CDA)

Deadline for submission of applications is 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The CDA supports talented post-doctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator. You can apply across all areas of the MRC's remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research. The CDA provides up to five years' support.

Applicants are expected to hold a PhD but ***there are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience***. Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to independence career stage in the [MRC applicant skills and experience table](#).

More information about the Award and how to apply is available on the [MRC website](#).

Future deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 (2 calls per year)

## 24. MRC Senior non-Clinical Fellowship (SNCF)

Deadline for submission of applications is 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The SNCF supports proven independent researchers with an effective track record of internationally competitive independent research to make the transition to research leadership. You can apply across all areas of the MRC's remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research. The SNCF provides up to seven years' support.

Applicants are expected to hold a PhD and there are not eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to leadership career stage in the [MRC applicant skills and experience table](#).

The SNCF provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [MRC website](#).

Future deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 (2 calls per year)

## 25. Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline for submission of preliminary applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

This fellowship provides 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 PhD studies** or have **no more than two years of postdoctoral research experience from the date of your PhD viva at the final decision point (i.e. interview)**. Time spent outside the research environment will be taken into consideration.

The Fellowship is for **four years full-time** and provides an award of £250,000 which can be used for the Fellow's salary and research costs (support funds for research staff or equipment are not provided).

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Future deadline: two calls annually (exact dates tbc)

## 26. Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science

Deadline for submission of preliminary applications is 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

This scheme provides support for outstanding postdoctoral scientists who have an excellent track record in their scientific field and have demonstrated their ability to carry out independent research.

You should have between **seven and normally twelve years' research experience** (from the date of your viva to the decision date, i.e. interview) at postdoctoral level, or veterinary equivalent, and have a substantial record of publications in your chosen area of research in leading international journals. Time spent outside the research environment will be taken into consideration.

The fellowship is for **five years** and provides a salary for the Fellow, research expenses (consumables, equipment, RA, collaborative travel, support for conference attendance etc.), and provision for public engagement costs.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Future deadline: three calls annually (exact dates tbc)

## 27. Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships in Clinical Science

Deadline for submission of preliminary applications is 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

You should be a clinical scientist with a medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology (British Psychological Society-accredited) qualification. Successful candidates will have made significant progress towards establishing themselves as independent clinical investigators. A higher degree, together with evidence of postdoctoral research training (typically at least three to five years), is expected. Applicants should have published consistently in their chosen area of research, placing substantive papers in leading journals. You will typically have completed your clinical training. Furthermore, medics, dentists and clinical psychologists would normally be expected to obtain an Honorary Clinical Contract at consultant level, prior to taking up an award.

The Fellowship is for **five years** and provides a salary for the Fellow, research expenses (consumables, equipment, RA, collaborative travel, support for conference attendance etc.), and provision for public engagement costs.

More information about the Fellowship and how to apply is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Future deadline: three calls annually (exact dates tbc)

## Other relevant information

### 28. Coordination of Fellowships in RDM

RDM has just this week launched a new process for coordinating and supporting all fellowship applications being submitted from RDM. The details of the scheme were circulated via an email from Prof Hugh Watkins and are also available on the [RDM website](#). For research staff aiming to become independent researchers, successfully obtaining a fellowship, and then subsequently continuing down the fellowship path, can be a critical component of their career progression. The process we are putting in place will ensure all fellowship applicants (1) receive equal support with their application, irrespective of the Division of RDM they are based in, and (2) benefit from the extensive expertise within RDM, across a broad range of funding bodies.

The process is being co-ordinated by [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) and is as follows:

- Anyone wishing to apply for a fellowship must notify Dr Ruth McCaffrey, Research Strategy Coordinator for RDM, as early as possible (preferably at least 3 months in advance of the funder's deadline; the earlier you inform us, the more support we can provide), of their intention to apply and provide a summary of their proposed research and a copy of their CV.
- The above information will be circulated to a group of Senior PIs in RDM who will provide feedback on the strength of the CV and the proposed research, which will be anonymised and fed back to the applicant. Please note that it is advice that will be given, which we hope applicants will find useful and take on board. At that point it will be up to the applicant (and, where relevant, their supervisor or sponsor) whether to proceed with the application.
- Each fellowship applicant will then be given an advisor (a PI in RDM who is familiar with the funder, where possible) who will provide support and proof read the application.

- Each fellowship applicant will also be put in contact with other holders of the fellowship they are applying for, both within RDM and the wider Medical Sciences Division. In addition, if an Oxford PI sits on the fellowship review panel, their input will be sought, where appropriate.
- Where needed, a letter of support from the Head of Department will be provided.
- If the applicant is invited for interview, Ruth will organise a mock interview for the applicant.

**Please note that we require you to notify Ruth of (1) your intention to submit an application and (2) the outcome of your application. Thereafter the support being offered is optional, but we would hope that everyone will consider availing of it, to ensure they submit the strongest proposal possible.**

### **29. Open access: Change to APC payment procedure for Wellcome Trust and COAF-funded authors**

The way APCs are paid for researchers funded by the Wellcome Trust and COAF has changed. Previously, researchers were required to arrange payment of APCs themselves and reclaim it. From now on, researchers should not pay APCs but should apply for payment to be made on their behalf using the application form, available on the University [Open Access website](#). The completed application form, together with the publisher's APC or article-charges request form should be emailed to [apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk). The new procedure is intended to simplify the process of getting APCs paid for authors.

### **30. Finding funding - Research Professional.com**

[Research Professional.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.pelling@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.