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**\*Please remember that your local admin team and Research Services deadlines 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

\*\*Research Services will have an earlier deadline for the ERC Consolidator Grants, which has not yet been announced.

Please note that upcoming funding deadlines that are announced after we have circulated the Funding Opportunities Bulletin are posted directly onto the [Funding Opportunities Bulletin page](#) on the RDM website.

## Internal Funding Opportunities

### The E.P. Abraham Cephalosporin Fund

**Funding is available to support:** research and education in the medical, biological and chemical sciences in the University of Oxford. Support available for bridging funds and equipment.

**Eligibility:** Only permanent academic members of the university.

**Further details:** no website available, contact the [Trust's administrator](#).

**Deadline:** Enquiries and outline applications must be directed to the Trust's administrator ([epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk](mailto:epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk)). If you are then invited to submit a full application, the deadline to send to [epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk](mailto:epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk) is the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. To submit a full application, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in advance as costings and a letter of support are required.

Future deadline: Around February 2017. Contact the Trust's administrator for more information.

### Erasmus Staff Training

**Aim:** To encourage student and staff mobility for study and work, and to promote co-operation amongst universities across Europe. Training may be job shadowing, observation, attendance at workshops or courses. Staff can approach the institution of their choice.

**Funding is available to support:** Staff training and contributions towards subsistence and travel.

**Duration of funding:** Between 2 and 7 days. Priority is given to members of staff going abroad for the first time.

**Eligibility:** All staff at Oxford.

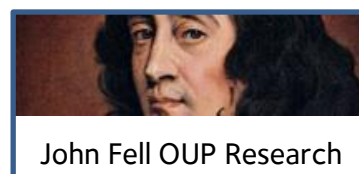
**Further details:** [Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

Future deadline: Annual Call.

### 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.



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

**Further details:** [Webpage](#). Please contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) if you have any questions about the online application process, categories to apply for and appropriate levels of funding to request.

**RDM internal deadline:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (end of day). If you would like to apply, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in advance. Ruth is happy to comment on draft

applications before the internal deadline. This earlier RDM internal deadline will be *strictly applied* as departments must rank the applications being submitted. A group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to rank applications.

Future deadline: Likely to be in January 2017.

## Oxford-UCB Prize Fellowship in Biomedical Research

**Aim:** These fellowships are aimed at both researchers and clinicians. Combines scientific excellence with the chance to make a significant difference for patients.

**Research areas:** Epilepsy, Inflammation, Neurodegeneration, Neuroinflammation, Immunomodulation, Fibrosis, Metabolic disease and disorders affecting Bone and/or Cartilage.

**Funding is available to support:** salary, consumables, travel. £10k towards fellow's professional development. Student fees are covered for Clinical Fellows that wish to undertake a DPhil.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Post-doc fellows must not have more than 3 years' post-doc experience. Clinical Research Fellows must be GMC registered, have prior research experience (typically a BSc), some specialist experience, typically having obtained MRCP or equivalent, but not CCT or consultant status.

**Further details:** [Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

Future deadline: Annual Call.

## Medical Research Fund (MRF)

**Funding is available in 3 streams:**

- 1) **Bridging funding:** supports salary costs (typically 3 months) pending the application of an externally submitted grant. Applications will only be funded if the external research grant "promotes work in the field of **medical research**" (a grant application to the BBSRC or Leverhulme Trust may not count as medical research). In addition, funding can be requested to support maternity/shared parental/adoption leave costs for researchers.
- 2) **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 their own name.**
- 3) **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:** [Webpage](#)

**RDM internal deadline for MRF bridging funding: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (end of day).** Email applications to [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#). The earlier RDM internal deadline for bridging funding will be *strictly applied* to allow us to review and rank the applications as all departments can submit *no more than 5*

*applications*. Please note that applications to support maternity/shared parental/adoption leave are not included in the cap of 5 applications per department.

**Deadline for pump-priming and clinical pre-fellowship:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016, noon. Email directly 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. Ruth is happy to provide advice and comment on draft applications before the deadline.

Future deadlines: For bridging funding, the RDM internal deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 (end of day). Other MRF applications, noon 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## External Fellowship Funding Opportunities

### Coordination of Fellowships in RDM

RDM has a process to coordinate and support all fellowship applications\* being submitted. This process ensures applicants, (1) receive equal support with their application, irrespective of the RDM division they are based in, and (2) benefit from the extensive expertise within RDM, across a broad range of funding bodies.

This process is co-ordinated by [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#), RDM Research Strategy Coordinator:

- Anyone wishing to apply for a fellowship must notify Ruth as early as possible and provide a summary of their proposed research and a copy of their CV. A minimum of *3 months* in advance of the funder's deadline is advised; the earlier you inform us, the more support we can provide.
- A group of senior PIs in RDM will provide feedback on the strength of the CV and the proposed research, which will be anonymised and fed back to the applicant. We hope applicants find this advice useful and take it on board. It will then be up to the applicant (and supervisor or sponsor, where relevant) to decide whether to proceed with the application.
- Each 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 applicant will be put in contact with other holders of the fellowship they are applying for, both within RDM and the wider Medical Sciences Division. If an Oxford PI sits on the fellowship review panel, we will seek their input, where appropriate.
- Where needed, a letter of support from the Head of Department will be provided.
- If an applicant is invited for an interview, Ruth will organise a mock interview.

Please see the [RDM website](#) for further details.

**You are required to notify Ruth of (1) your intention to submit an application and (2) the outcome of your application. The support being offered is optional, but we hope that everyone will consider availing of it, to ensure they submit the strongest proposal possible.**

*\*with the exception of clinical research training fellowships*

**Fellowship funding opportunities are listed below. Remember that your local admin team and Research Services deadlines will be well in advance of the funder's deadline.**

## Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Dale Fellowship



**Career Stage:** Intermediate

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, salary for 1 support post, research expenses, travel.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years (+3 years)

**Eligibility:** Up to 7 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (preliminary applications)

Future deadline: December 2016 TBC

## European Research Council Advanced Grants



**Career Stage:** Senior

**Funding is available to support:** Personnel costs, travel, equipment, consumables, publication costs. Up to €2.5m.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years

**Eligibility:** Established researchers with an excellent track record of research achievements, particularly over the last 10 years.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Research Services Webpage](#) (fact sheets are available). [ERC Further Information](#).

**Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Research Services deadline, ahead of funder's deadline of 01/09/16).

Future deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

## Human Frontier Science Programme Postdoctoral Fellowships



- 1) **Long-Term Fellowship** - applicants with a PhD in a biological discipline to embark on a new project in a different field of the life sciences.
- 2) **Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship** - applicants with a PhD from outside the life sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry, maths, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training.

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** Living allowance, research and travel allowance, relocation allowance, parental leave and child allowance (amount depends on country).

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** up to 3 years after PhD; less than 12 months in host country at start of fellowship.

**Type:** Basic, all areas.

**Further details:** [HFSP Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Must have initiated your application by 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Future deadline: Annual call

## Action for Medical Research for Children Training Fellowships



**Area:** Child health. Areas include cancer, heart disease and motor disorders.

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** Salary and consumables, up to £200k.

**Duration of funding:** 2-3 years.

**Eligibility:** Medical and bioengineering graduates, clinicians, bioengineers, research nurses, with research experience. Medical graduates with limited research training but wish to develop a long-term career in academic medicine in the UK. Normally within 6 years post MRCP (or equivalent).

**Type:** Clinical, translational.

**Further details:** [Webpage](#).

**Deadline to submit outline:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

## Royal Society University Research Fellowships



**Career Stage:** Intermediate

**Funding is available to support:** basic salary costs up to c.£39k in the first year, estates costs, indirect costs, research expenses up to £13k in first year and up to £11k per year thereafter.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years

**Eligibility:** 3 to 8 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic. *Please note that the scheme **does not** support biomedical research (research which addresses a biomedical question, pertaining to molecules and cells in health or disease, or clinical and public health research).*

**Further details:** [Research Services Application Guidance](#); [The Royal Society Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Research Services deadline, ahead of funder's deadline on 05/09/16).

Future deadline: Annual Call

## EC Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska–Curie Individual Fellowships

**Career Stage:** Early-Intermediate. Provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context. Involves travel.



**Funding is available to support:** living, mobility and family allowances; research, training and networking costs. Up to €86k a year (depends on circumstances and country).

**Duration of funding:** 1 to 3 years.

**Eligibility:** PhD with at least 4 years of research experience.

**Type:** Basic.

**Further details:** [EC Horizon 2020 Webpage](#). Helpful information notes are available [here](#).

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 (Research Services deadline, ahead of funder's deadline on 14/09/16).

Future deadline: Annual call



## MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowships



- 1) Pre-doctoral** – gives clinical professionals the chance to undertake a PhD or MD.

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow (up to but not including NHS consultant level), £20k per year (to cover PhD fees, consumables, travel, equipment).

**Eligibility:** MRCP (or equivalent) and undertaking specialty training.

- 2) Post-doctoral** – for clinicians who did their PhD more than 5 years ago but have not been research active since due to clinical training commitments.

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow (up to but not including NHS consultant level), research expenses, and travel costs.

**Eligibility:** Clinically qualified and received a PhD (or equivalent).

**Career Stage:** Early, intermediate.

**Type:** Clinical professionals (basic, translational, clinical research).

**Duration of funding:** 2-3 years (up to 4 years for projects requiring patient contact).

**Further details:** [MRC Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Future deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships



### 1) Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science

**Career Stage:** Senior

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow, research expenses (incl. research support), travel.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years, renewable.

**Eligibility:** 7-12 years' post-doc experience. Internationally recognised track record.

**Type:** Basic.

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

### 2) Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Clinical Science

**Career Stage:** Senior. Gives clinical academics the opportunity to develop their research potential and to establish themselves as leading investigators.

**Funding is available to support:** Salary and research expenses.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years, renewable.

**Eligibility:** PhD/MD and at least 4 years' post-doc experience. Must be a clinician scientist with a medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology qualification.

**Type:** Clinical.

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (preliminary application)

Future deadline: December 2016 TBC

## MRC Award/Fellowship



### 1) Career Development Award – ‘Transition to independence’

**Career Stage:** Intermediate

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow, consumables, travel, equipment and support for research staff. £600k - £1m.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years

**Eligibility:** No eligibility rules based on years of post-doc experience. Productivity across past appointments. Clear plans to establish own research ‘niche’.

**Type:** Basic and translational/clinical.

**Further details:** [MRC Webpage](#).

### 2) Senior Non-clinical Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Senior. Proven independent researcher with an effective track record of internationally competitive independent research to make the transition to research leadership.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow’s salary, consumables, travel, equipment and support for research staff. £2-2.5m.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 7 years.

**Eligibility:** PhD (or equivalent). No eligibility rules based on years of post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic and translational/clinical.

**Further details:** [MRC Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Future deadline: April 2017 TBC

## ERC Starting Grant



**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** Staff costs, travel, equipment, consumables. Up to €1.5M .

**Duration of funding:** Up to 5 years.

**Eligibility:** 2-7 years’ post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Research Services \(fact sheets are available\)](#). [ERC Starting Grant Webpage](#). [Further Information Document](#). The Research Services European Team are running a workshop for University of Oxford ERC Starting Grant applicants. The workshop will be useful for applicants, administrators and anyone else also supporting a Starting Grant. The workshop is on 17<sup>th</sup> August – 09.30 to 12.00 in the Hume-Rothery Building, Department of Materials in the Parks Road Science Area: (No 1, see [map](#)). Further details and information on how to register can be found [here](#).

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Research Services deadline, ahead of funder’s deadline of 18/10/16.

Future deadline: Annual call.

## Wellcome Trust Fellowships



### 1) Wellcome Trust Career Re-entry Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Intermediate or Senior.

**Funding is available to support:** salary of the fellow, research expenses, can apply for public engagement allowance.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 4 years.

**Eligibility:** Researchers in basic biomedical or clinical science who have had a continuous career break of at least 2 years. Have (or have demonstrated potential) of a strong research track record.

**Type:** Basic or Clinical

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

### 2) Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early - opportunity to start independent research careers.

**Funding is available to support:** Salary and research expenses (£250k). Can apply for public engagement funds.

**Duration of funding:** 4 years.

**Eligibility:** Final year of PhD or no more than 2 years post-PhD viva.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Future deadline: May 2017 TBC

## Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund Junior Research Fellowships

(both scientific and clinical)

**Area:** leukaemia in its broadest sense e.g. molecular biology and biochemistry,

virology, immunology, cell biology, epidemiology, diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** Fellow's salary, £17k consumables and £1k travel p.a. Approx £200k.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years (possible 1 year extension).

**Eligibility:** Non-medical scientists - 1-4 years' post-doc experience. Clinicians – those seeking funding for a PhD in the field of leukaemia research.

**Type:** Both clinical and basic fellowships advertised.

**Further details:** [KKLF Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Future deadline: Annual call.



## Cancer Research UK



### 1) Clinician Scientist Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow (at appropriate speciality registrar or honorary consultant level), consumables, research or technical assistance.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years

**Eligibility:** MD/PhD in a cancer-relevant research area, CCT and hold consultant status, or a national training number (NTN or NTN(A)) with clear plans for obtaining CCT.

**Type:** Clinical, cancer.

**Further details:** [CRUK Webpage](#).

### 2) Advanced Clinician Scientist Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Intermediate

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow (at appropriate honorary consultant level), salary for one postdoc and one research assistant, consumables, relevant equipment.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years

**Eligibility:** MD/PhD in a cancer-relevant research area, CCT and hold consultant status, usually at least 3 years' postdoc experience.

**Type:** Clinical, cancer.

**Further details:** [CRUK Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

## Diabetes UK



### 1) RD Lawrence Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Intermediate. Fellowship enables postdocs to establish their independence in diabetes research.

**Funding is available to support:** Fellow's salary, up to £15k consumables p.a., salary for an RA or technician may be allowed. £500-600k.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 5 years.

**Eligibility:** 3-6 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic, diabetes.

**Further details:** [Diabetes UK Webpage](#).

### 2) Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early, training. For graduate healthcare professionals to work towards a PhD or MD in diabetes research and develop a career in research.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, up to £15k consumables p.a., PhD fees. c.£230k.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Doctors, nurses, midwives, psychologists and dietitians.

**Type:** Clinical, diabetes.

**Further details:** [Diabetes UK Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

## Lister Institute Research Prize Fellowship



**Career Stage:** Intermediate. Aimed at those in the early years of running their own groups and for whom receipt of the Prize would 'make a real difference'.

**Funding is available to support:** consumables and other research costs, but not salaries. £200k.

**Duration of funding:** up to 5 years.

**Eligibility:** 3-10 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic and Clinical. All biomedical fields.

**Further details:** [Lister Institute Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: Annual call



## Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early or Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** a basic salary, research expenses directly related to your proposal, funding for an RA, research nurse or technician at stage 2. Up to £1m per phase.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 8 years.

**Eligibility:** You have completed a thesis for a higher degree (preferably a PhD). You have an NTN and are enrolled on a recognised UK training programme or have a CCT, or the equivalent, and GMC registration with a licence to practise.

**Type:** Clinical.

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: June 2017 TBC

## Wellcome Trust Investigator Award in Science



**Career Stage:** Intermediate or Senior.

**Funding is available to support:** staff (including RAs or technicians), consumables, animals, equipment, access charges, research management and support costs, travel and subsistence, overseas allowances, publication costs, clinical research costs. From under £500k to up to £3m.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 7 years.

**Eligibility:** Established academic post at host institution. Researcher at any stage in their independent research career.

**Type:** Basic or Clinical.

**Further details:** [Wellcome Trust Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: February 2017 TBC

## NIHR Fellowships



The NIHR offer several different types of fellowship opportunities – details of these should be announced soon.

**Further details:** [NIHR Webpage](#). The NIHR recently held a webinar on applying for their fellowships.

A recording of it is available for potential applicants to listen to – follow the link to register:

<http://bit.ly/NIHRfellowshipsintro>.

**Deadlines:** Likely to be December 2016 and January 2017.

## Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship



**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** salary of fellow, research expenses (£13k in first year, then £11k annually). Approx £250k.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 5 years.

**Eligibility:** Must demonstrate a current need for flexible support due to personal circumstances at the time of application; up to 6 years' post-doc experience; not hold a permanent university post.

*The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.*

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Royal Society Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** January 2017 TBC

Future deadline: Annual Call

## European Research Council Consolidator Grant

**Career Stage:** Intermediate or Senior

**Funding is available to support:** Staff costs, travel, equipment, consumables. Up to €2m.

**Duration of funding:** Up to 5 years.

**Eligibility:** 7-12 years' post-doc experience, a scientific track record showing scientific talent.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Research Services Webpage \(fact sheets are available\)](#); [ERC Further Information Document](#).

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Please note that Research Services' deadline will be well in advance.

Future deadline: Annual Call



## British Heart Foundation Fellowships

There are various BHF Fellowships opportunities, which have no fixed deadlines.

**Further details:** [BHF Webpage](#).



## Other relevant information

### Open Access and Act on Acceptance



Slides summarising the important points about Open Access and Act on Acceptance are now available on the [RDM website](#). Queries can be directed to [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or to the relevant help desk (details listed on final slide).

### Open Access Oxford

There will be a briefing on open access publishing and Oxford's position. The session covers 'Act on Acceptance' and how to deposit, and how to meet other funder requirements such as RCUK and Wellcome Trust/COAF.

**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2-3pm

**Venue:** Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics (Room B), Old Road Campus.

[Full details and online booking.](#)

### Authors, copyright and open access: making it work for you

This session aims to help authors understand licensing issues and what they can deposit into the Oxford University Research Archive (ORA). The target audience is academics and researchers; other staff involved with Open Access support are also welcome.

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 12-1pm

**Venue:** Manor Road Building (Seminar Room A).

[Full details and online booking.](#)

### ERC Starting Grant Applications Workshop

The Research Services European Team are running a workshop for University of Oxford ERC Starting Grant applicants. The workshop will be useful for applicants, administrators and anyone else also supporting a Starting Grant. The workshop is on 17<sup>th</sup> August – 09.30 to 12.00 in the Hume-Rothery Building, Department of Materials in the Parks Road Science Area: (No 1, see [map](#)). Further details and information on how to register can be found [here](#).

### BHF Translational Awards

The [BHF Translational Awards](#) are aimed at supporting the pre-clinical development of new cardiovascular medicines and technologies so that they are attractive for follow-on funding. This used to be an open call, but has now changed to two application rounds per year:

- October 2016 round: 20<sup>th</sup> October (preliminary application), 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (full application).
- April 2017 round: 24<sup>th</sup> April (preliminary application), 6<sup>th</sup> September (full application).



## Wellcome Trust: future of innovation at Wellcome

Ahead of the launch of Wellcome's Innovation strategy later this year, the Director of Innovation at the Wellcome Trust, Stephen Caddick, gives a [short update](#) on the new approach and the implications for existing funding schemes.

## Oxford and African Scholars

**Do you have an existing collaboration with African colleagues/institutions? Would you be keen to get involved in a new collaboration initiative between Oxford and African scholars?**

An inter-divisional group of Oxford researchers have recently received an ISSF award to establish an Africa Oxford Platform for Collaborative Research in Health and Biomedical Sciences, from basic biology to social sciences. The award will facilitate a number of activities including making travel awards to allow African researchers and Oxford colleagues to visit each other with the aim of exploring new collaborations.

If you currently have existing African collaborations and /or you would like to get involved in this exciting initiative please complete this [form](#). For any queries and further information, please contact Anne Makena on [afox@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:afox@ndm.ox.ac.uk).

## Academy of Medical Sciences Spring Meeting for Clinical Scientists in Training

This is a unique cross-speciality event designed to bring clinical academic trainees together to present their work, meet one another and network with senior scientists.

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, 09:00 – 18:00

**Venue:** Royal College of Physicians, London

Full details about the meeting and how to register are available on the [Academy of Medical Sciences website](#).