

## RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin – November 2016

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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.

## Changes to Internal Funding

The Medical Sciences Division has introduced some changes to internal funding opportunities.

### Medical Sciences Internal Fund (MSIF) – NEW

The Medical Research Fund (MRF), The Goodger and Schorstein Scholarship and the Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF), have been combined into a single new fund: the [Medical Sciences Internal Fund \(MSIF\)](#).

The MSIF currently has three funding streams:

**1) Bridging salary scheme** provides short-term funding to cover salary costs, essentially replacing the MRF bridging funding scheme. Support is also available to cover the costs associated with research staff who take maternity/shared parental/adoption leave (family leave) whilst employed on an externally funded research grant.

**2) Pump priming funding scheme** provides small awards (<£10k) to enable investigators to obtain pilot data to support larger scale applications for external research funding in the future, essentially replacing the MRF pump priming scheme. Applications are accepted from MSD PIs, postdoctoral researchers, postdoctoral clinical lecturers and clinical research fellows.

**3) Clinical pre-fellowship scheme** provides short-term funding to cover the salary costs of clinicians who will shortly begin an externally funded research training fellowship at Oxford.

Please see the section [below](#) for full details on the 3 funding streams.

In addition, for the next round of applications (deadline in January 2017) further funding opportunities will be available via the MSIF:

- **Larger awards** of <£100k. A match of 20% will be required for these applications.
- **Interdepartmental Strategic Initiatives** – awards of up to £200k to support strategic equipment, research assets or staff within shared facilities or to establish cross-cutting themes through e.g. research facilitation, symposia.

*Details of these awards will be circulated as soon as they become available from the Medical Sciences Divisional office.*

The MSIF will have 3 deadlines per year (1 per term). **RDM will set an internal deadline for all applications to the MSIF which will be approximately 10 days in advance of the MSIF deadline. See below for details on the internal deadlines.**

Please note that Departments are capped in the number of applications they can submit for bridging salary support (applications for family leave are not included in this cap). **Each department can submit a maximum of 15 bridging funding applications in a year.** Please note that there are no deadlines for submission of applications for family leave - [see Bridging and Family Leave section](#) for further information.

## John Fell Fund – change in eligibility

Previously departments had to rank all applications they submitted to the John Fell Fund. This is no longer required. Instead of providing rankings, departments are encouraged to assess whether all applications submitted in a given round have a high priority for funding, as multiple applications from a department are essentially competing with each other. For this reason, **RDM will continue to set an earlier internal deadline for JFF applications, so that applications can be reviewed by a panel of RDM PIs and only the strongest applications submitted. See below for details on the internal deadlines.**

The guidance for applications to the JFF has been clarified to make clear that senior postdoctoral researchers who are genuinely on an independent career track (planning to submit external fellowship applications) are now eligible to be the lead applicant on JFF applications. You will need to discuss this with [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) well in advance of applying, as a letter of support from the Head of Department will be required.

## Internal Fund Webpages

The [MSD Internal Fund webpages](#) have been updated in order to make the internal funding process easier to navigate for both researchers and departments.

### RDM Deadlines for Internal Funds

There is an **RDM deadline for all applications to the John Fell Fund and the Medical Sciences Internal Fund** (excluding family leave). These internal deadlines allow time to review applications, provide feedback, and to add value. Applications that are prepared in good time and receive feedback can be strengthened and are more likely to be successful.

RDM will continue to convene a panel of PIs to review applications to the JFF. In addition, we will also convene a panel of PIs to review all applications to the MSIF.

**RDM deadlines will be approximately 10 days in advance of the deadlines for internal funds. These deadlines will be strictly enforced.** Please refer to the Funding Bulletins to find out the dates of RDM deadlines or contact [Dr Serena Briant](#) if you have any queries.

## Internal Funding Opportunities

### Returning Carers' Fund

**Aim:** Funding to support the development of research careers following a break to care for a child or close relative.

**Funding is available to support:** 1) Teaching buy-out to enable you to concentrate on research; 2) training or professional development; 3) short-term secondments to enable you to 'get up to speed' with recent research; 4) conference attendance to enable you to re-establish your profile; 5) short-term research or admin assistance; 6) small scale lab equipment purchase; 7) funding visits to Oxford by your recent collaborator. This list is not exhaustive and any reasonable applications will be considered providing the link to career development in scientific research can be demonstrated.

**Eligibility:** All those who: are currently on leave for a min. of six months; have returned from a break of at least six months within the last two years; or have returned from two breaks each of at least six months within the last five years. A break may comprise two or more discontinuous periods of leave totalling at least six months provided that they relate to a single life event, eg. as part of a shared parental leave arrangement.

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

**Deadline:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. **There will be RDM internal deadlines set for future rounds.**

### MRC Discovery Award start-up grant

**Aim:** Development of pre-clinical studies in **genome editing of haematopoietic stem cells** (see [webpage](#) for key topic areas).

**Funding is available to support:** Consumables, staff (12 months max. and employment contract finishing no later than 28/02/2018), small equipment (under £10K) – each application should request between £25k to £100k. Note that funding is **not** intended to support continuation of normal research grants, research directed at generating or validating preliminary data for a 'follow-on' grant from already established lines of enquiry, admin costs, bridging funds, PhD studentships, capital or infrastructure.

**Eligibility:** Be part of a research group in the Oxford Medical Sciences Division.

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

**Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (no RDM internal deadline).

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 (end of day). If you would like to apply, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) in advance. Ruth is happy to comment on draft applications before the RDM internal deadline. This earlier internal deadline will be *strictly applied* as a group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to review applications.

Future RDM deadline: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## Medical Sciences Internal Fund (MSIF)

**Funding is available for:**

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **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.
- 3) **Bridging and family leave:** Bridging funding supports salary costs (typically 3 months) pending the application of an externally submitted grant.

To be eligible to apply researchers must: 1) Be externally funded and bridging to another external grant; 2) not be bridging from startup packages regardless of funding source; 3) not be bridging to non-medical research, e.g. BBSRC or Leverhulme funding. There is a cap of 15 applications submitted by the whole department per year.

In addition, funding can be requested to support maternity/shared parental/adoption leave bridging costs for researchers whilst employed on an externally funded research grant.

Applications to support this type of bridging are not included in the cap of 15 applications per department.

**Further details for pump priming and clinical funding:** [Webpage](#).

**Further details for bridging funding:** [Webpage](#).

**RDM Internal Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (end of day). If you would like to apply, please inform [Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Serena Briant](#) in advance. Ruth and Serena are happy to comment on draft applications before the RDM internal deadline. This earlier internal deadline will be strictly applied as a group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to review applications.

**There is no deadline for maternity/shared parental/adoption leave bridging funds** – and applications can be sent directly to the secretary of the Medical Sciences Internal Fund Committee [mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk), copying in [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#).

Future deadlines: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (end of day).

## 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.**

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

Future deadline: Annual call.

## WT 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



## Christ Church, Merton and St John's Colleges Oxford – Junior Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** a salary (£22,249 p.a.) plus accommodation allowance (£8-10k).

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Approaching end of PhD or have submitted doctoral thesis since 1 Oct 2015.

**Type:** Basic.

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

**Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: Annual call.

## 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: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## 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:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: April 2017 TBC

## 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:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Future deadline: annual call

## JSPS London Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short Term)



**Aim:** provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to collaborate with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions.

**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** travel, monthly maintenance and settling-in allowance.

**Duration of funding:** Visits from 1 to 12 months.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants need to be either within 2 years of finishing their PhD at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2nd April 2011.

**Type:** Travel

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

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016

## National Institute for Health Research Fellowships



### 1) Post-doctoral Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables, travel and training costs.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years (full-time) or 4/5 years (part-time).

**Eligibility:** Hold PhD or MD or have submitted doctoral thesis at the time of application. Up to 3 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

### 2) Career Development Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, salary of one support post, consumables, equipment, travel and training costs.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years (full-time) or 4/5 years (part-time).

**Eligibility:** Hold a PhD or MD. Up to 7 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

### 3) Transitional Research Fellowship

**Aim:** To support researchers making a transition from basic or experimental science research to an area of applied health/clinical research which is within NIHR remit. Or applicants can use this award to re-establish their career in applied health/clinical research, after a significant career break.

**Career Stage:** Returning or Transition.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables, travel and training costs.

**Duration of funding:** 1.5-2 years.

**Eligibility:** Hold a PhD or MD. Up to 5 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

### 4) Senior Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Senior.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, salary of one support post, consumables, equipment, training costs.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years.

**Eligibility:** Hold a PhD or MD and have significant research experience.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Future deadline: Annual Call

## 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:** Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (preliminary application)

Future deadline: April 2017 TBC

## European Hematology Association Fellowships



**Research area:** study of haematology in its broadest sense including all subspecialties. Movement between institutions & countries is encouraged.

### 1) Non-clinical Junior Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables and travel (€100k).

**Duration of funding:** 2 years.

**Eligibility:** 1-4 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic.

### 2) Non-clinical Advanced Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables and travel (€160k).

**Duration of funding:** 2 years.

**Eligibility:** At least 4 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic.

### 3) Clinical Research Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Early or Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables and travel (€160k).

**Duration of funding:** 2 years.

**Eligibility:** Clinicians with a PhD or equivalent research experience.

**Type:** Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Future deadline: August 2017 TBC.

### 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Future deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship



**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables, PhD fees, travel and training costs.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years (full-time) or 4/5 years (part-time).

**Eligibility:** Previous research experience and prepared to undertake a PhD.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Future deadline: Annual Call

## L'Oreal UK & Ireland Fellowships 'For Women in Science'

**Career Stage:** Early or Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** Winners may choose to spend their fellowship on buying scientific equipment, paying for child care costs, travel costs or whatever they may need to continue their research (£15k).

**Duration of funding:** 1 year.

**Eligibility:** Female post-doc, no more than 10 years' post-doc experience and not holding a permanent academic post.

**Type:** Basic

**Further details:** [Women in Science Webpage](#).

**Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Future deadline: Annual Call



## Leverhulme Trust Emeritus Fellowships

**Career Stage:** Emeritus.

**Funding is available to support:** Travel and subsistence costs for periods away from home, employment of a research or secretarial assistant to support the applicant's work, consumables.

**Duration of funding:** 3-24 months.

**Eligibility:** Must have retired from academic post in UK.

**Type:** Basic.

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

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

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:** [ERC Webpage](#); [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



## European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes Fellowships



### 1) EFSD/Lilly Research Fellowships

**Career Stage:** Early or Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** Fellow's salary, consumables, equipment, other costs (€50k).

**Duration of funding:** Not specified.

**Eligibility:** Member of EASD having received their highest degree no more than 5 (basic scientist) or 7 years (clinician) before 1 Jan in the year the Fellowship is awarded.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

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

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

**Aim:** To identify promising young researchers who are developing their research activities in Europe.

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** Fellow's salary, consumables, equipment, other costs (€30k).

**Duration of funding:** Not specified.

**Eligibility:** Member of EASD having received their highest degree no more than 5 (basic scientist) or 7 years (clinician) before 1 Jan in the year the Fellowship is awarded.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Future deadline: Annual Call

## Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 – Research Fellowship in Science and Engineering



**Career Stage:** Early

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary (up to £32-33k p.a.), £6k p.a. for research expenses.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Have PhD or near completion, up to 3 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic

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

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Future deadline: Annual call.

## Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships



**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** 50% of salary (up to £24k p.a.), £6k research expenses p.a.

**Duration of funding:** 3 years.

**Eligibility:** Hold PhD or have submitted thesis by time of application. Up to 5 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Basic.

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

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

Future deadline: Annual Call

## Foulkes Foundation Fellowship



**Aim:** Financial support for outstanding basic scientists to study medicine. Also enables medics to have research experience.

**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** Personal maintenance only.

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

**Eligibility:** Recently PhD qualified basic scientists or medical graduates.

**Type:** Basic or Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Future deadline: Annual Call

## MRC Clinical or Clinician Scientist Fellowships

### 1) Clinician Scientist Fellowship



**Career Stage:** Early.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables and travel. No limit to the funding requested, but should be appropriate.

**Duration of funding:** 4 years (5 years for patient-oriented proposals).

**Eligibility:** Must hold PhD (or expect to hold one by start of award). Medics should be specialty registrar (StR) or consultant status, nurses & other AHPs should have completed professional training.

**Type:** Clinician.

**Further details:** [MRC Webpage](#). Note that in 2016 and 2017 there is also an 'MRC/Kidney Research UK Professor David Kerr Clinician Scientist Award' being advertised for research into kidney disease.





## 2) Senior Clinical Fellowship

**Career Stage:** Senior.

**Funding is available to support:** fellow's salary, consumables, travel, equipment and support for research staff. No limit to the funding requested, but should be appropriate.

**Duration of funding:** 5 years.

**Eligibility:** Open to doctors, nurses and other AHPs, must hold a PhD and generally have at least 5 years' post-doc experience.

**Type:** Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Future deadline: Annual call.

## Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund Intermediate 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:** Intermediate.

**Funding is available to support:** Fellow's salary and applicants may include salary for technical support, which will be considered on an individual basis.

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

**Eligibility:** Basic scientists should have 3-6 years' post-doc experience. Clinicians should have a PhD.

**Type:** Basic and Clinician.

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

**Deadline:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Future deadline: Annual call.

## 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. No limit to the funding requested, but should be appropriate.

**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. No limit to the funding requested, but should be appropriate.

**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:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Future deadline: September 2017 TBC

## British Heart Foundation Fellowships

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

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



## Other relevant information

### Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) workshop – an introduction to application, award and amendment processes



The Research Services (RS) European Team is staging a workshop on the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) application, award and amendment processes. IMI supports collaborative research projects and builds networks of industrial and academic experts to encourage pharmaceutical innovation in Europe. It is a joint undertaking between the EU and the pharmaceutical industry association, EFPIA.

This event will provide an overview of both original IMI award features and the current IMI2 application and award guidance. As amendments to awards are a common feature of both programmes, the event will also describe award management processes associated with both. It will be particularly useful for academics, researchers and research administrators new to this European research grant funding. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

**Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2-4pm

**Venue:** Meeting Room A, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, OX3 7BN: [map](#)

**Registration:** Please register for the workshop by completing this [doodle poll](#)

### Charity Open Access Fund

The Charity Open Access Fund (COAF) has allocated Oxford a new block grant, for the year 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017, for Article Processing Charges arising from research funded by one or more of the six participating charities: **Arthritis Research UK, Bloodwise, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Parkinson's UK and the Wellcome Trust**. This means that once again you can use the block grant application form (available on the [Open Access Oxford](#) website) and centralised payment service offered by Bodleian's APC Team, and researchers no longer need to contact the charity direct. Please note that Breast Cancer Now is no longer a COAF member and its revised [OA policy](#) requires open access within 12 months of publication (in [Europe PMC](#)) preferably by the 'green route' (self-archiving). For further information on COAF, please visit the updated [Wellcome Trust & COAF block grant page](#) for the latest guidelines and the block grant application form. For advice and support you can email [Ruth McCaffrey](mailto:Ruth McCaffrey) or the University Open Access Team on [openaccess@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:openaccess@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

### MRC Funding Framework



The MRC have an [Interactive Career and Funding Framework](#), which gives information on possible options for careers and funding in biomedical research within academia and/or industry.

This Framework has been recently updated to include funding opportunities at each career stage from a number of funding bodies.

## Wellcome Trust Funding Event

**Date:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** Funding Information Session: 10.00-13.00

Open Town Hall Forum: 13.45-14.30

One-to-one sessions with Wellcome and RDS staff: 13.00-13.45; 14.30-15.30.

**Venue:** Richard Doll Lecture Theatre & Atrium

**Registration:** Contact [Phil Saunders](#) via email or phone (01865-289442), specifying whether you wish to attend the whole or part of the event.

- The Funding Information Session will include presentations from The Wellcome Trust on their Fellowship Schemes, Seed Awards in Science and Collaborative Awards in Science; presentations from current award holders and a Q&A session with speakers.
- The Open Town Hall Forum: This session has been requested by The Wellcome Trust Population, Environment and Health Science Team who are keen to find out about researchers' perceptions and experiences of Wellcome Trust funding for population health research.
- 'One-to-Ones': There will also be an opportunity for researchers currently holding Wellcome Awards and those considering applying to The Wellcome Trust to have 'one-to-one' discussions with Wellcome Trust representatives during lunch and after the main sessions. RDS staff will also be available for advice.
- You are welcome to attend any or all of these sessions. Lunch will be available between 13.00-13.45.

## Christmas/New Year Closure

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 are Bank Holidays for all staff. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December, and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 are normal working days, but in view of the limited services on all sites, the department will also be closed on these three days, with three fixed closure days to be deducted from annual leave allowances.

The department will therefore close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Please note that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December are normal working days. **Please check with your local admin team as staff holidays might mean your Division sets earlier deadlines for funding applications.**