

# Research Funding Opportunities: September and October 2009



Included are the funding opportunities for September and October, further details can be found at the weblinks supplied or via contacting Catherine Moore (c.a.moore.2@bham.ac.uk)

<b>Individual Awards</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>Arthritis Research Campaign</b>	<b>05 October 2009</b>
Clinician Scientist Fellowships	Unspecified
These are awarded to medical graduates who have completed their first period of research training (in most cases having obtained a PhD) and who are committed to a career in academic medicine.	
<a href="http://www.arc-research.org.uk/forms/arcclinicianscientistfellowships.asp">http://www.arc-research.org.uk/forms/arcclinicianscientistfellowships.asp</a>	
<b>Arthritis Research Campaign</b>	<b>05 October 2009</b>
Senior Research Fellowships	Unspecified
These are awarded to outstanding medical or science graduates committed to a research career in any discipline relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases who do not hold an established academic post.	
<a href="http://www.arc-research.org.uk/applicants/Fellowshipguidelines.asp">http://www.arc-research.org.uk/applicants/Fellowshipguidelines.asp</a>	
<b>Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland</b>	£5,000.00 <b>05 October 2009</b>
Moynihan travelling fellowship	Specified Amount
The fellowship is worth £5,000 and is open to specialist registrars towards the end of higher surgical training or consultants within five years of appointment at the closing date for this application.	
<a href="http://www.asgbi.org.uk/en/awards_fellowships/2009_moynihan_travelling_fellowship.cfm">http://www.asgbi.org.uk/en/awards_fellowships/2009_moynihan_travelling_fellowship.cfm</a>	
<b>Diabetes UK</b>	<b>31 October 2009</b>
Clinical training fellowships	Unspecified
These are for medically qualified individuals to work towards a PhD or MD in diabetes research and develop a career in academic medicine. The awards provide the fellow's salary at registrar or equivalent university scales and expenses of up to £10,000 per annum in support of full-time research lasting three years.	
<a href="http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/Clinical-Training-Fellowship/">http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/Clinical-Training-Fellowship/</a>	
<b>Diabetes UK</b>	<b>31 October 2009</b>
RD Lawrence research fellowships	Unspecified
These are career development fellowships which support of full-time research workers in the field of diabetes for up to five years. Up to £14,000 per year is available.	
<a href="http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/RD_Lawrence_Fellowship/">http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/RD_Lawrence_Fellowship/</a>	
<b>Kidney Research UK</b>	£75,000.00 <b>18 September 2009</b>
Fellowship	Specified Amount
Applications that will inform the evidence base for improving delivery of care in renal medicine are particularly welcome. A maximum total amount of £75,000 over a period of up to three years is available.	
<a href="http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/current-calls-for-applications.php">http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/current-calls-for-applications.php</a>	

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**MRC** **09 October 2009**  
Career development award in biostatistics Unspecified

This is a postdoctoral fellowship aiming to support individuals working in, or who wish to move into, health related research. The award provides the fellow's personal salary, research training support costs, annual travel/overseas costs and all other relevant expenses under full economic costs.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Careerdevelopmentawardbiostatistics/index.htm>

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**MRC** 1,850,000.00 **07 October 2009**  
Clinical pharmacology and pathology fellowship programmes Specified Amount

The aim of the scheme is to attract and develop research leaders of the future in pharmacology and pathology. Proposals worth up to £1.85 million may be requested.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Clinicalpharmacologypathology/index.htm>

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**MRC** **18 September 2009**  
Clinical research training fellowship Unspecified

This is an award at predoctoral or entry level, or postdoctoral level for medically qualified applicants who obtained their PhD some time ago. The fellowship provides two to three years' support for clinically qualified and active professionals to undertake specialised or further research training in the biomedical sciences within the UK.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Clinicalresearchtraining/index.htm>

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**MRC** **09 October 2009**  
Methodology research fellowship Unspecified

This is a postdoctoral fellowship aimed at providing a period of specialist training in health research methodology. The fellowship provide the fellow's competitive salary, research training costs, research consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment and all other relevant costs under full economic costs.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Methodologyresearch/index.htm>

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**MRC** **09 October 2009**  
Population health scientist fellowship Unspecified

The scheme is open to early career researchers in order to acquire formal multidisciplinary research training in a range of disciplines related to population health. Fellowships may be held at pre- or postdoctoral level and are awarded for periods of up to four years.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Populationhealthscientist/index.htm>

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**MRC** **25 September 2009**  
Senior non-clinical fellowship Salary Based

This award supports non-clinical researchers wishing to conduct independent research projects. The award has a duration of five years and provides funding for the fellow's personal salary, support staff costs, consumables expenses and capital equipment, travel costs, and other appropriate items under full economic costing principles.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Seniornonclinical/index.htm>

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**MRC / NIHR****25 September 2009**

ESRC/MRC/NIHR early career postdoctoral fellowships in health economics

Unspecified

These fellowships provide early-career support to help individuals to begin to establish a track record in the field and to undertake further training. The fellowship provides personal salary, consumable expenses, travel and other costs appropriate for the research work and training under full economic costs.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Earlycareerpostdoctoral/index.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****20 October 2009**

Biomedical ethics research fellowships

Unspecified

These support scholars not yet in tenured or otherwise long-term established academic posts wishing to undertake a period of postdoctoral research. Fellowships last for up to three years and include a salary and essential research expenses, such as travel and fieldwork costs.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/Biomedical-ethics/UK-grant-schemes/WTD003884.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****28 September 2009**

Intermediate clinical fellowships

Salary Based

These enable medical, dental or veterinary graduates to continue their research interests at a postdoctoral level in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility in the UK or RoI. Fellowships provide support for research expenses and the fellow's salary for a period of four to five years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004402.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust**£350,000.00 **28 October 2009**

Postdoctoral training fellowships for MB/PhD graduates

Specified Amount

This scheme provides an opportunity for newly qualified MB/PhD graduates to make an early start in developing their independent research careers. Fellowships are for up to four years, and are worth a maximum amount of £350 000.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTX050468.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****21 September 2009**

Research career development fellowships in basic biomedical science

Unspecified

This scheme enables postdoctoral scientists to become independent research scientists. The proposed research should fall within the trust's science remit. Fellowships are tenable for up to five years and provide a basic salary, research expenses and costs for research assistance and travel.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004431.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****20 October 2009**

Research fellowships in the history of medicine

Unspecified

These support postdoctoral scholars, not in tenured or otherwise long-term established academic posts, who wish to carry out an extended period of research on a specific project. Awards last up to three years and provide a salary and research expenses, including travel.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/WTD003793.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****18 September 2009**

Senior research fellowships in clinical science

Unspecified

These help clinical investigators to further develop their research potential and establish themselves as leading investigators in clinical academic medicine. Fellowships are tenable for up to five years. Awards cover employment costs; costs of the research programme and a flexible funding allowance.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004445.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****£250,000.00 02 October 2009**

Sir Henry Wellcome postdoctoral fellowships

Specified Amount

These provide a unique opportunity for the most promising newly qualified postdoctoral researchers to make an early start in developing their independent research careers, working in the best laboratories in the UK and overseas. Fellowships are tenable for four years and provide an award of £250,000 to fund a basic salary and research expenses.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTX033549.htm>

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**Research Funding****Deadline**

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**Alzheimer's Research Trust****£2,000.00 02 October 2009**

Scientific Conference Grants

Specified Amount

These provide funding of up to £2,000 to assist with the costs of organising or hosting a scientific conference.

<http://www.alzheimers-research.org.uk/research/howtoapply/>

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**Arthritis Research Campaign****£20,000.00 21 September 2009**

Allied health professionals educational travel award

Specified Amount

The following awards are available: grants of up to £500 and grants of up to £2,000.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/forms/AHPEducationalTravel.asp>

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**Arthritis Research Campaign****26 October 2009**

Equipment grants

Unspecified

The Arthritis Research Campaign invites applications for its equipment grants. These grants support the purchase of major items of equipment, costing in excess of £30,000, which will facilitate multiple projects. Requests for small items of essential equipment, costing less than £30,000, and needed for specific projects, should be included in a project, fellowship or programme grant proposal.

Applications will be considered only from established UK units with a track record of research in arthritis and musculoskeletal disease, and the equipment must be able to make a lasting impact on research over a period of many years. Grants towards the partial cost of a piece of equipment may also be considered.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/applicants/ResearchGrants.asp>

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**Arthritis Research Campaign** £300,000.00 **26 October 2009**

Project grants Specified Amount

The Arthritis Research Campaign invites applications for its project grants. These support projects seeking answers to single questions or small groups of related questions. Funding is available for clinical projects, relating to pathogenesis, diagnosis or treatment, as well as projects of a more fundamental scientific nature, provided they offer promise of advancement in the understanding of arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases. Awards are worth up to £300,000 for a duration of up to three years. Grants will provide salaries for postdoctoral researchers and cover technical assistance, running costs and equipment up to a value of £30,000. Grants may be held at universities, hospitals or recognised academic institutes in the UK.

<http://www.arc-research.org.uk/applicants/ResearchGrants.asp>

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**Association for International Cancer Research** **30 October 2009**

Project Grants Unspecified

These are made to support research into the causes, mechanisms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer. There is no upper limit for funding, but most grants have been awarded with total budgets of between £150,000 and £200,000.

<http://www.aicr.org.uk/information.stm>

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**BBSRC** **29 September 2009**

Bioinformatics and biological resources fund Unspecified

The fund supports the establishment, maintenance and enhancement of resources required by researchers working in the biosciences in the UK. Grants are available for up to five years. A total budget of up to £6.5 million to fund 10-12 resources has been allocated to this call.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/bioinformatics\\_biological\\_resources\\_fund.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/bioinformatics_biological_resources_fund.html)

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**BBSRC** £150,000.00 **30 October 2009**

Follow-on fund Specified Amount

The scheme supports further scientific or technical development and other activities essential to securing commercial opportunities such as licensing, seed or venture finance. Individual grants will be typically in the range of £80,000 to £120,000 (awarded at 80 per cent of full economic cost value) over a period of up to 12 months.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/commercialisation/follow\\_on.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/commercialisation/follow_on.html)

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**BBSRC** £50,000.00 **13 October 2009**

Industry interchange programme Specified Amount

The programme supports the short-term exchange, in either direction, of researchers between the science base and industry. Awards are typically worth up to £50,000.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people\\_information/industry\\_interchange.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people_information/industry_interchange.html)

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**BBSRC****14 October 2009**

New investigator scheme

Unspecified

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites proposals under its new investigator scheme. This assists early-career researchers, ie newly employed university lecturers, fellows and researchers in institutes of BBSRC at band 5 or above (and their equivalents in Medical Research Council and Natural Environment Research Council institutes), to secure their first major element of funding for research. Proposals should preferably address one of the priority areas identified by BBSRC's scientific committees. The committees' respective remits are: animal systems, health and wellbeing; plants, microbes, food and sustainability; technological and methodological development; molecules, cells and industrial biotechnology.

Applicants must not have received competitive research funding from any source, as a principal investigator, that included postdoctoral research assistant staff support costs.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/new\\_investigator.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/new_investigator.html)

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**BBSRC****30 September 2009**

Parliamentary fellowships

Unspecified

Fellowships provide the opportunity for BBSRC-funded PhD students to undertake a three month secondment to POST, with the aim of working on a policy topic of interest to the fellow and POST by producing a short briefing note (POSTnote) for Parliamentarians. Successful applicants will receive a three month extension to their PhD funding, as well as travel and accommodation costs, if required.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people\\_information/policy\\_placements.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people_information/policy_placements.html)

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**BBSRC**2,000,000.00 **14 October 2009**

Responsive research grants

Specified Amount

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites applications for responsive research grants of up to £2 million full economic cost value. Proposals should preferably address one of the priority areas identified by BBSRC's scientific committees. The committees' respective remits are: animal systems, health and wellbeing; plants, microbes, food and sustainability; technological and methodological development; molecules, cells and industrial biotechnology. Individual applicants must be resident in the UK and hold an appointment which extends beyond the period of the research grant at either an eligible higher education institute, research council institute or independent research organisation at lecturer level or equivalent and above.

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/deadlines.html>

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**BBSRC****22 September 2009**

Short training courses at masters level in the biosciences

Unspecified

This initiative is part of BBSRC's modular training for industry scheme which aims to provide flexible, up to date, technical training to graduates employed in UK industry. Evidence of industrial demand is a key requirement of funding, and priority will be given to proposals within a subject area identified by industry.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/training/modular\\_training.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/training/modular_training.html)

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**BBSRC / Wellcome Trust****23 September 2009**

Insect pollinators initiative

Unspecified

The funders will commit up to £10 million over five years to support multidisciplinary research in this area under the auspices of the living with environmental change partnership. Projects may last up to five years. The normal project duration is expected to be three years. The average funding level will be 75 per cent of full economic costs.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/insect\\_pollinators\\_initiative.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2009/insect_pollinators_initiative.html)

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**BDF Newlife** £120,000.00 **09 October 2009**

Full Grants Specified Amount

Proposals should be relevant to the aetiology, prevention and treatment of birth defects. Applications into areas such as foetal loss and late onset genetic disorders will only be funded in exceptional circumstances. Grants will not exceed £120,000 for a project duration of one to two years.

[http://www.bdfnewlife.co.uk/docs/research\\_area/apply\\_grant\\_1.htm](http://www.bdfnewlife.co.uk/docs/research_area/apply_grant_1.htm)

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**Breast Cancer Campaign** £250,000.00 **05 October 2009**

Food, nutrition and prevention of cancer research project grants Specified Amount

Grants will be for a maximum of £250,000 for up to four years, with no more than £75,000 available in any one year.

<http://www.wcrf.org/research>

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**Breast Cancer Campaign** £20,000.00 **18 September 2009**

Small pilot grants Specified Amount

These allow established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas in the field of breast cancer research. Grants will be awarded for research aimed at testing hypotheses for up to a year to provide sufficient data for a full application to BCC. Awards are for up to £20,000.

<http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/whatwedo/smallpilotgrants/>

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**British Academy** **30 September 2009**

British Academy/JSPS joint project awards Unspecified

These support collaborative research projects in the humanities and social sciences between UK and Japanese scholars. Up to £5,000 will be available per project per annum.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/japan.cfm>

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**British Academy** **30 September 2009**

Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science/BA postdoctoral fellowship for foreign researchers Unspecified

The scheme is intended to support research in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Awards last 12 to 24 months and provide: a round-trip air ticket; a monthly maintenance stipend of 364,000 yen; a settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen; a domestic research travel allowance of 58,500 yen per year; accident and sickness insurance cover.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/jspspdfnfa.cfm>

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**British Academy** £2,500.00 **30 September 2009**

Joint projects with the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas Specified Amount

Grants support joint projects of up to two years duration between British and Spanish scholars, in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Up to £2,500 will be available.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/csicnfa.cfm>

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**British Academy** £8,000.00 **30 September 2009**

Special joint projects: Australia Specified Amount

Visits in connection with joint projects may include jointly organised seminars, conferences or workshops as well as individual visits in either direction to undertake collaborative research. Up to £8,000 is available.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/AUSjp.cfm>

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**British Academy** £3,000.00 **30 September 2009**

Special joint projects: central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union Specified Amount

Eligible activities may include attendance at joint seminars, conferences or workshops as well as visits to undertake collaborative research. The British Academy provides up to £3,000 per year to cover travel and maintenance expenses for up to three years.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/ceefsujp.cfm>

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**British Academy / ESRC** **30 September 2009**

British Academy/ESRC joint project grants with Chinese partner academies Unspecified

The scheme provides funding for visits by scholars of postdoctoral status in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Visits in connection with joint projects may include jointly organised seminars, conferences or workshops as well as individual visits in either direction to undertake collaborative research.

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/chinajp.cfm>

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**British Epilepsy Association** £1,500.00 **09 October 2009**

Postgraduate research bursaries Specified Amount

These are awarded to students and other qualified individuals wishing to undertake non-laboratory based research into healthcare, medical, social or psychological aspects of epilepsy. Bursaries are worth £1,500.

<http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/research/awards.html>

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**British Epilepsy Association** £70,000.00 **09 October 2009**

Research Project Grants Specified Amount

Under this scheme, proposals are invited for non-laboratory based research projects into the causes and cures for epilepsy. Up to £70,000 is available.

<http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/research/awards.html>

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**British Epilepsy Association** £200.00 **09 October 2009**

Travel Bursaries Specified Amount

These support postgraduate students, nurses, healthcare staff and young researchers undertaking non-laboratory epilepsy research, who wish to present their work at UK and international conferences. Bursaries are worth up to £200 each.

<http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/research/awards.html>

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**British Society for Human Genetics** **01 October 2009**

General Travel Awards Unspecified

Priority for these awards will be given to young investigators presenting results at major meetings. Applicants must have been members of the society for at least one year.

[http://www.bshg.org.uk/society/travel\\_awards.htm](http://www.bshg.org.uk/society/travel_awards.htm)

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**British Society for Immunology** £500.00 **01 October 2009**

Communicating Immunology Grants Specified Amount

These enable individuals who are members of the Society to host events aimed at communicating immunology to the general public or schools. Up to £500 is available

<http://bsi.immunology.org/Page.aspx?pid=247>



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**British Society of Rheology** **31 October 2009**

Student Travel Grants Unspecified

The aim of these grants is to enable students to present their research at a conference that contains a strong rheological element. Applicants must be student members of the society.

<http://cspcbsr2.ncl.ac.uk/bsr/frontend/travel.asp>

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**Cancer Research UK** **30 October 2009**

Biological sciences programme grants Unspecified

These are intended to provide long-term support for broad, multidisciplinary research where the aim is to answer an interrelated set of questions.

[http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/basic\\_biology\\_research/programme\\_bsc/](http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/basic_biology_research/programme_bsc/)

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**Cancer Research UK** £100,000.00 **30 October 2009**

Biological sciences project grants Specified Amount

These provide support for a defined piece of work with objectives that are hypothesis driven and can be achieved in the time specified. Grants should not exceed £100,000 per annum.

[http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/basic\\_biology\\_research/project\\_bsc/](http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/basic_biology_research/project_bsc/)

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**Cancer Research UK** **02 October 2009**

New Agent Committee Trials Unspecified

NAC will consider proposals for scientifically-driven trials of any novel cancer agents. Grants last an average of two years and will provide support for an NAC trial at a UK university or clinical centre.

[http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/clinicaltrialsfund/new\\_agents\\_funding/](http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/clinicaltrialsfund/new_agents_funding/)

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**Cancer Research UK** **25 September 2009**

Tobacco advisory group project grant Unspecified

Project grants provide support for a defined piece of work with objectives that can be achieved in the time specified, where there is a direct policy relevance to tobacco control. There is no set funding value, although grants are normally in the range of £10,000 to £30,000 and rarely exceed £50,000 per annum.

[http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/public\\_health\\_policy\\_funding/project\\_grant\\_tag/](http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/public_health_policy_funding/project_grant_tag/)

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**EPSRC** **20 October 2009**

Healthcare partnerships first call Unspecified

This call supports collaborative proposals which address an important healthcare issue. The budget for this call is £8 million, with five to 15 projects expected to be supported.

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/healthcare.htm>

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**ESRC** £2,000.00 **08 October 2009**

ESRC festival of social science Specified Amount

The overarching objectives of the festival are to: promote and increase awareness of ESRC and social science, and its impact on UK society; increase public awareness and understanding of, and engagement with, social science amongst ESRC user groups. Funding of up to £2,000 is available to ESRC funded award holders, postgraduate students and those working in ESRC funded investments.

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/FSS/default.aspx>

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**ESRC** £100,000.00 **01 October 2009**

Follow-on funding scheme Specified Amount

The scheme provides funding to undertake additional knowledge transfer and impact generation activities that can demonstrate the potential for significant economic, social, policy or practice benefits. Awards of up to £100,000 (at 80 per cent of full economic costs) will be made for a maximum of 12 months.

[http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/FoF.aspx?ComponentId=27622&SourcePageId=5964#0](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/FoF.aspx?ComponentId=27622&SourcePageId=5964#0)

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**European Science Foundation** **25 September 2009**

Functional genomics science meetings programme Unspecified

Grants support the organisation of science meetings, including workshops, schools, conferences, with a clear connection to the programme.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/ffg/science-meetings/call-for-proposals.html>

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**European Science Foundation** **25 September 2009**

Functional genomics short visits and exchange grants Unspecified

Funding is available for scientists wishing to undertake work of high scientific quality in the area of functional genomics through short visit and exchange grants.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/life-earth-and-environmental-sciences-lesc/current-esf-research-networking-programmes-in-life-earth-and-environmental-sciences/ffg/grants/call-for-applications.html>

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**European Science Foundation** **22 October 2009**

Research networking programmes Unspecified

These bring together nationally funded research activities, in order to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure at the European level. Funding is worth between 105,000 euros and 130,000 euros per annum over four to five years.

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/rnp-call-for-proposals.html>

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**ildren Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases (Climb)** £15,000.00 **30 October 2009**

Research Grants Specified Amount

These support research into metabolic diseases. Grants are worth up to £15,000, and Climb is unlikely to fund salaries at a senior level.

<http://www.climb.org.uk/Research/Grants.htm>

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**Joseph Rowntree Foundation** £70,000.00 **29 September 2009**

Research on young people who do not drink or drink little Specified Amount

The aim of the programme is to fund one study focusing on why and how some young people do not drink to intoxication, and how this choice impacts on their lives. Up to £70,000 is available to fund one project of up to 18 months duration.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/young-people-no-drink>

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**Joseph Rowntree Foundation** £150,000.00 **29 September 2009**

Research on young people, alcohol and locality Specified Amount

The aim of this programme is to support research focusing on the influence of locality on the drinking and drinking cultures of young people ages 15-24. Up to £150,000 is available to fund a project of up to 18 months duration.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/young-people-alcohol-locality>

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**Leverhulme Trust** **15 October 2009**

Visiting professorships Unspecified

These enable UK universities to host an internationally distinguished academic from overseas in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution.

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/visiting\\_professorships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/visiting_professorships/)

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**Motor Neurone Disease Association** £255,000.00 **23 October 2009**

Project Grants Specified Amount

These support research of the highest scientific merit and greatest clinical or translational relevance to motor neurone disease. Proposals should not exceed £85,000 per annum and £255,000 in total over three years.

[http://www.mndassociation.org/research/for\\_researchers/research\\_grants/more\\_about.html](http://www.mndassociation.org/research/for_researchers/research_grants/more_about.html)

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**MRC** **23 September 2009**

Developmental Clinical Studies - Neurosciences and Mental Health Unspecified

The Medical Research Council invites proposals for its Developmental Clinical Studies funding stream. Projects are for early stage clinical studies which are on the development pathway for a new therapeutic/ diagnostic/ device/ public health intervention (or a new indication for an existing intervention). Studies should be aimed at proof of concept. Interventions may include drug or cell-based treatments, vaccines, devices and instruments, diagnostics, surgical, dietary, psychological interventions, and novel applications of existing therapeutics. Projects should be milestone based, lasting up to 2-3 years. There is no limit to the amount of funding for each project. For further information and assistance in preparing proposals please contact Dr Lindsay Smith, email: l.s.smith.2@bham.ac.uk or tel: 46976.

[http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/DCS/index.htm#P107\\_10449](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/DCS/index.htm#P107_10449)

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**MRC** £600,000.00 **23 September 2009**

New investigator research grants -Neurosciences and Mental Health Specified Amount

These assist clinical and non-clinical researchers to establish themselves as independent principal investigators. Awards will have a duration of three years. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is £600,000 full economic costs. MRC will usually meet up to 80 per cent of FEC.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/NIRG/index.htm>

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**MRC** **23 September 2009**

Research grants -Neurosciences and Mental Health Unspecified

These support short- and long-term focused projects and also broader-based programmes. Grants may last up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Funding at a rate of 80 per cent of full economic costs will be provided to cover a salary, consumables, equipment, travel and data costs.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Researchgrant/index.htm>

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**MRC** £75,000.00 **16 October 2009**

Research leader fellowship scheme Specified Amount

The scheme enables experienced research active scientists to exchange knowledge and forge successful partnerships between industry and academia. Personal awards of up to £75,000 are available.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/PEP/index.htm>

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**MRC** **25 September 2009**

Special training fellowship in bioinformatics, neuroinformatics, health informatics and computatio Unspecified

Fellowships usually last for three years or occasionally up to four years when there is special justification. Funding is provided for the fellow's personal salary, research training support costs, travel and all other relevant expenses under full economic costing regime.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Specialtraining/index.htm>

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**National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animal** £3,000.00 **21 October 2009**

NC3Rs/ Laboratory Animal Science Association small awards scheme Specified Amount

Funds are available to support research and training in the three Rs and animal welfare.

<http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/page.asp?id=51>

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**Research Council UK** £10,000.00 **02 October 2009**

Placement Fellowship Scheme Pilot Specified Amount

The aim of the scheme is to assist local authorities in meeting their key strategic challenges. Up to £10,000 is available per placement.

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/cmsweb/downloads/rcuk/innovation/larci/PLACEMENTPILOTAUG09.pdf>

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**Research Councils UK** £12,000.00 **22 October 2009**

Grants for UK-China summer schools Specified Amount

The scheme will facilitate attendance by residents of one country at a summer-school type activity in the other country, planned and run jointly by a UK and a Chinese institution under a formal collaboration agreement. Each award will provide a maximum of £12,000 towards the cost of travel and subsistence for visitors from the sending country.

[http://www.rcuk.cn/rcuk/fore/s\\_project\\_cnt\\_en.php?pro\\_id=32](http://www.rcuk.cn/rcuk/fore/s_project_cnt_en.php?pro_id=32)

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**The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation** **31 October 2009**

Butterfield Awards for UK-Japan Collaboration in Medicine and Health Unspecified

The principle intention of the programme is to enable Japanese and British researchers, practitioners, policy makers and voluntary sector workers to share experience and advance knowledge and good practice, and to facilitate UK-Japan professional exchanges and small-scale collaborations. Applications can be in any relevant field of medicine and health. Projects in the economics and management of health care, public health and the interface between medical and social care are particularly welcome. Grants are not available to fund laboratory consumables nor for the purely clinical costs of joint research projects but are intended, for example, to help towards travel and living expenses of such research collaborations, or towards seminars, conferences, workshops or publications.

Please contact the Research and Knowledge Transfer Office for further details if you are interested in applying.

<http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

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**Wellcome Trust** **20 October 2009**

Biomedical ethics university awards Unspecified

These allow universities in the UK and RoI to attract or retain outstanding research staff at early to mid-stage in their career by providing support for up to five years. The trust provides the applicant's full salary for three years, 50 per cent in the fourth year and 25 per cent in the fifth year.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/Biomedical-ethics/UK-grant-schemes/WTX030597.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust** £30,000.00 **23 October 2009**

Engaging science: people awards Specified Amount

Projects are worth up to £30,000 each and have a maximum duration of three years. Eligible activities include: workshops, talks, discussions and exhibitions in public venues; deliberative or opinion gathering projects.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/People-Awards/>

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**Wellcome Trust** **09 October 2009**

Engaging science: society awards Unspecified

Awards support ambitious and creative projects that engage people with developments in biomedical science, on a national or regional scale. The theme for this year's awards is eating. The awards are worth over £30,000 and last a maximum period of three years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Society-Awards/>

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**Wellcome Trust** **02 October 2009**

Health Innovation Challenge Fund Unspecified

The first theme under this programme is advancing genetic discoveries into clinical practice. A budget of £20 million has been allocated to this call. The Department of Health will fund universities at 80 per cent of fEC. The Wellcome Trust will fund the directly incurred costs and other allowable costs.

[http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm?utm\\_campaign=hicf&utm\\_source=hicf&utm\\_medium=hicf](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm?utm_campaign=hicf&utm_source=hicf&utm_medium=hicf)

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**Wellcome Trust** **01 October 2009**

History of Medicine Programme Grants Unspecified

These provide support for five years for extensive or long-term research, and encourage researchers to pursue new ideas and avenues. Grants cover expenses for salaries, travel, attendance at meetings and equipment.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Research-support/WTD003789.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust** **20 October 2009**

History of medicine public engagement awards Unspecified

This scheme enables the history of medicine to reach wider audiences such as schools, the public and the media. Proposals may involve a wide range of approaches, such as television, radio, exhibitions, theatre, websites, educational resources, lecture and debate series. Funding will normally exceed £30,000 per award.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Public-engagement/WTD003791.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust** **20 October 2009**History of medicine university awards Unspecified

These allow universities in the UK, RoI or the Netherlands to attract outstanding research staff at early to mid-stage in their career by providing support for up to five years. The trust provides the applicant's full salary for three years, 50 per cent in the fourth year and 25 per cent in the fifth year.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/WTD003805.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust** £30,000.00 **30 October 2009**International engagement awards Specified Amount

Projects could involve: communities and members of the public; science communicators, health and science journalists; healthcare professionals, educators, field workers, community workers; policy and decision makers. Grants are worth up to £30 000, for projects lasting a maximum of three years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/International-Engagement-Awards/>

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**Wellcome Trust** **21 September 2009**Research career re-entry fellowships in biomedical science Unspecified

These are intended to give postdoctoral scientists the opportunity to return to research after a break of at least two years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004380.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust** **20 October 2009**Short-term research leave awards in the history of medicine for clinicians and scientists Unspecified

This scheme enables clinicians or scientists to undertake a short period of full-time research at a centre or department with academic expertise in medical history. The focus should be on the history of 20th century medicine and medical science. Awards will last for three to four months and provide the salary of a locum or replacement lecturer, plus a set amount for travel to conferences.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Research-support/WTD003761.htm>

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**Studentships/Scholars** **Deadline****Alzheimer's Research Trust** **30 October 2009**PhD scholarship Unspecified

Projects may be in any area of research in the full translational research pathway including the basic disease process, early detection, identifying risk factors, alleviation and mechanisms of symptoms and progress towards effective treatments in Alzheimer's and related dementias.

<http://www.alzheimers-research.org.uk/research/howtoapply/>

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**BBSRC** **08 October 2009**Industrial case studentships Unspecified

The studentships will be awarded in the form of flexible doctoral training grants commencing in the 2009/10 academic year. The awards support bioscience graduates to undertake research leading to a PhD on a subject selected and supervised jointly by academic and industrial partners.

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/case.html>

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**BBSRC** **29 October 2009**Masters training grants Unspecified

These support postgraduate training at masters level in areas of strategic importance for the UK biosciences. This competition awards studentship funding to support masters programmes between 2010-12.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/masters\\_training\\_grants.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/masters_training_grants.html)

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**BBSRC** **08 October 2009**Targeted priority studentships Unspecified

In 2009, studentships are available in the priority area of bioprocessing. Awards will be made in the form of doctoral training grants. They will last for four years, commencing in the 2010/11 academic year.

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/targeted.html>

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**British Epilepsy Association** £75,000.00 **09 October 2009**PhD Studentships Specified Amount

These awards provide funding for two to three year PhD studentships. Funding of £75,000 is allocated for the PhD. Funding will cover tuition fees at £3,390, maintenance stipend of £13,290 outside London and £15,290 within London, and £1,000 research budget.

<http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/research/awards.html>

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**Diabetes UK** **30 September 2009**Studentships Unspecified

These are for three years and allow students to undertake research work for a PhD. The awards cover fees, maintenance grant (currently £15,000 in London and £13,000 outside London per annum for the first year) and research expenses (currently £10,000 per annum).

[http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For\\_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/PhD-studentship/](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For_researchers/Applying-for-a-grant/PhD-studentship/)

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**Motor Neurone Disease Association** £24,833.00 **23 October 2009**PhD studentship awards Specified Amount

These enable registered students to undertake full-time research for a PhD. A stipend of £15,000 (£16,000 in London) is provided per year, as is £7,500 per year for laboratory costs and £1,000 over three years for conference attendance. The association will also cover relevant tuition or bench fees for UK students.

[http://www.mndassociation.org/research/for\\_researchers/research\\_grants/more\\_about\\_phd.html](http://www.mndassociation.org/research/for_researchers/research_grants/more_about_phd.html)

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**MRC** **02 October 2009**Doctoral Training Grant Unspecified

These are awarded as cash sums to research organisations and can be used to support research studentships with varied stipends, durations and other costs. Research organisations will be able to apply for up to the equivalent value of three studentships per year for up to two years of intake. The budget for this call is approximately £3.9 million.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Studentships/DTG/index.htm>

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**MRC****16 October 2009**

Industrial Case studentships

Unspecified

These aim to provide PhD students with a challenging training experience within the context of a mutually beneficial collaboration between academic and industry research programme leaders.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Studentships/IndustrialCASE/index.htm>

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**Wellcome Trust****25 September 2009**

Research training fellowships for medical, dental and veterinary or clinical psychology graduates

Unspecified

The Wellcome Trust invites applications for its research training fellowships 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. The scheme encourages applications 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.

Candidates should normally be no more than 10 years from the date of their first medical, dental or veterinary qualification and should have completed general professional training. Fellowships last two to three years, or exceptionally four years for those individuals also undertaking relevant masters training or a diploma course. Grants provide the fellow's salary and support for research expenses.

The awards are open to individuals with a relevant connection to the EEA for fellowships to be held in a UK or RoI institution.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004435.htm>



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**Programme Grants for Applied Research** are prestigious awards of up to £2m over a period of three to five years, directed towards leading researchers who can demonstrate an impressive track-record of achievement in applied health research. Each programme funds a series of related projects, which form a coherent theme in an area of priority or need for the NHS. <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/programmegrants/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Competition launch	Outline 1 submission deadline	Notification of outcome outline application	Full application deadline	Notification of outcome of full application
<b>Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 7</b>	3-5 yrs	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2009	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2009, 5pm	Early December 2009	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2010, 5pm	July 2010
<b>Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 8</b>	3-5 yrs	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2010, 5pm	Mid May 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2010, 5pm	Late March 2011

### Programme Development Grants

NIHR Programme Development Grants are awards of up to enable a research team to undertake preparatory work that will position them to submit a successful Programme Grant application in a subsequent funding competition. <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/developmentgrants/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Competition launch	Grant submission deadline	Review of Grant Application	Notification of outcome of application	
<b>Programme Development Grants – Competition 2</b>	6-18 months	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2009, 5pm	February 2010	March 2010	
<b>Programme Development Grants – Competition 3</b>	6-18 months	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2010, 5pm	June 2010	July 2010	

### Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme

The RfPB programme is national response-mode programme for high quality investigator-led research projects that address issues of importance to the NHS. It funds research into everyday practice in the health service. Proposals are identified by health service staff, and developed by them with appropriate academic input. All proposals must show evidence from systematic reviews to ensure patient safety and value for money.

Funds are available on a population basis. Applications are assessed and processed by a regional committee. Committees covering each of the ten Government Office regions have been established. Professor Celia Davies, National Programme Director oversees the Programme.

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Applications are accepted at any time and will be considered at the next available Regional Committee. All researchers in England are eligible to apply. Joint applications from NHS researchers with academic partners are welcome although funding will normally be awarded to the NHS partner.

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/rfpb/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Intend to submit Deadline	Submission Deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome	Start Date
<b>Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Competition 10</b>	3 years	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2009 5pm	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2009 5pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2009 5pm	Mid February 2010	
<b>Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Competition 11</b>	3 years	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2009, 5pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2010, 5pm	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010, 5pm	July 2010	
<b>Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Competition 12</b>	3 years	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2010, 5pm	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2010, 5pm	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2010, 5pm	November 2010	

**The Invention for Innovation (i4i)** programme brings together the work of several previous programmes, including the New and Emerging Applications of Technology (NEAT) and the Health Technology Devices (HTD) programmes, with a new investment stream. The programme will help accelerate the take-up and use of proven new treatments and devices by the NHS. The i4i programme has three response-mode funding streams:

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/i4i/default.cfm>

### **Future Product Development – Stream 1 (FPD1)**

The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite project proposals of up to 12 months to investigate first whether a piece of prior basic research or an innovative use of an existing technology could provide a solution to an existing or emerging healthcare need.

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/i4i/default.cfm>

Call	Duration	Call opens	Submission deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome	
<b>Invention for Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development Stream 1 (FPD1) 4<sup>th</sup> Call</b>	Max 12 months	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2009	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2009, 5pm	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2009, 5pm	Mid-late February 2010	

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<p><b>Future Product Development – Stream 3a (FPD3a)</b>            The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite FPD3a project proposals lasting up to 1 year and is a collaboration between at least one industry and one research (academic or clinical) partner to determine the commercial viability of a proposed device or technology, with the development of a robust route to market and a strong, appropriate consortium being the main deliverables. Costs can be no more than £100k in total and a maximum of 75% funding is available.</p>						
Call	Duration	Call opens	Submission deadline	Declaration & Signatures Deadline	Outcome	
Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development 3 <sup>rd</sup> call - Stream 3a (FPD3a) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	3 years	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2009	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	November 2009	
<p><b>Future Product Development – Stream 3b (FPD3b)</b>            The Invention for Innovation Programme wishes to invite FPD3b outline project proposals of up to 3 years which should build upon the results of a completed assessment of feasibility and is a collaboration between at least one industry and one academic research partner (academic or clinical). This will provide further evidence of the capability to deliver improved healthcare outcomes and commercial and intellectual property exploitation. Funding to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs, and £100k-£300k per year is available. Please note that FPD3b is a two stage process and that applicants successful at the outline stage will be invited to submit a full proposal. Deadlines for submission of full proposals and notification dates will be made known in due course.</p>						
Call	Duration	Call opens for outline proposal	Submission deadline for outline proposals	Outcome for Outline proposals		
Innovation Research Programme – Future Product Development 4 <sup>th</sup> call - Stream 3b (FPD3b) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	1 year	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2009	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	November 2009		

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## HTA-

**Standard call for proposals** - Primary research submissions are first made in outline, with shortlisted research teams invited to submit full proposals for consideration by the Board. For evidence synthesis, full proposals are usually invited from the start.

All submissions must reach the HTA offices **before 1pm on Friday 2 October 2009**. Please note that applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

### **Primary Research (Outline proposals)**

09/70 Interventions to reduce the fear of falling in the elderly

09/71 Family based interventions for young people who misuse alcohol and/or other substances

09/72 Home safety programmes for people with visual impairment

09/73 Which patients with hereditary haemochromatosis are at greatest risk of developing clinical disease

09/74 The whispered voice test for triage of hearing impairment

09/75 The microbiological diagnosis of infection due to a diabetic foot ulcer

09/76 Case finding for depression in vulnerable adolescents

09/77 Ankle and foot orthoses for older people with balance problems

09/80 Physical activity programmes for individuals with dementia

09/81 Self-managed therapy packages for obsessive-compulsive disorder

09/82 Sustained-release naltrexone for opioid dependence

### **Evidence Synthesis (full proposals)**

09/78 Allergen immunotherapy

09/79 Ablative therapies for liver metastases

The relevant commissioning briefs can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/topics.shtml> and further call details at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/index.shtml>

### **Themed calls for proposals –**

Obesity: The HTA programme will be inviting research proposals in the area of obesity on **10 November 2009**. More details can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/themedcalls/obesity.shtml>

### **Clinical Evaluation and Trials**

HTA Clinical Trials has expanded its remit to become the HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials funding stream and grants are now available for evaluation studies falling within the remit of the HTA programme, as well as normal clinical trials. Outline proposals for the HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials workstream to assess the effectiveness of treatments and tests within the NHS are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**The next cut off-deadline is Wednesday 21 October 2009 - 1pm**

Further information can be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/clinicaltrials/index.shtml>

- Wednesday 21 October - 1pm
- Thursday 28 January - 1pm
- Tuesday 13 April – 1 pm with a topic focus on palliative and supportive care.

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## The DH Policy Research Programme (PRP)

**The Policy Research Programme (PRP)** is commissioned and funded by the Department of Health (DH) to provide the evidence base for policy development on public health and social care issues. The programme provides information to policy makers and Ministers in the DH.

### **HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR ALL – EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRES**

Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs) are partnerships that bring together a small number of health and academic partners to focus on the integration of world-class research, teaching, and patient care. The key aim is to help speed up the process of translating developments in research into benefits for patients and the local community and to promote the uptake of discoveries within the NHS and across the world. Five AHSCs were designated in March 2009 by the Secretary of State for Health, following recommendations by an international panel of experts.

**To help us understand how effectively these partnerships are working and to inform future designation policy, the Department of Health is inviting research proposals for a single evaluation project in two parts:**

- an evaluation of the progress of each of the AHSCs as they work to deliver on the vision they set out to the international designation panel;
- a comparative study of the AHSCs, including an evaluation of the designation policy itself.

This is part of an overall programme of *High Quality Care for All* evaluation projects to be undertaken within the period April 2009 - March 2012. The deadline for receipt of full applications is 5.00pm on **Monday 21 September 2009**.

To see a copy of the research specification, please go to: [https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp\\_ahsc/Evaluation%20of%20AHSCs%20-%20Final%20research%20brief.pdf](https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp_ahsc/Evaluation%20of%20AHSCs%20-%20Final%20research%20brief.pdf)

### **NATIONAL EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY DEMONSTRATOR SITES**

The Department of Health (DH) invites proposals for a national evaluation of the National Dementia Strategy (NDS) Demonstrator Sites which will be operational from the Autumn 2009. This study requires both a formative and summative evaluation to provide an assessment of the implementation of two new service models - dementia advisers and peer support networks - and the extent to which they contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the NDS. Up to £650,000 is available for the work over a period of two and a half years.

To see more information please see: <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/prp/default.cfm>

To see a copy of the research specification, please go to: [https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp\\_ndsd\\_docs/NationalDementiaStrategyITT.pdf](https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp_ndsd_docs/NationalDementiaStrategyITT.pdf)

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5.00pm on **Monday 12 October 2009**

### **MENTAL CAPACITY ACT BEST INTERESTS DECISIONS - SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES: RESEARCH TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT**

Best Interests Decisions are a key feature of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and are an indicator of the successful implementation of the MCA. The Department of Health wishes to commission research to examine how they are being carried out in a wide variety of settings in relation to people with a wide variety of conditions and who lack capacity. Up to £250,000 inclusive is available for this study. Ideally the successful application will be able to undertake the study over a maximum of 18 months, commencing early 2010.

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To see more information please see: <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/prp/default.cfm>

To see a copy of the research specification, please go to: [https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp\\_mca\\_docs/PRP%20MCA%20-%20Research%20Brief.pdf](https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp_mca_docs/PRP%20MCA%20-%20Research%20Brief.pdf)

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5.00pm **Monday 19 October 2009**

## **EVALUATION OF THE ALCOHOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Alcohol Improvement Programme (AIP) was launched in 2008 to provide a wide range of resources to Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and other local stakeholders to support them in reducing the rate of alcohol related admissions to hospital. The Department of Health Policy Research Programme wishes to commission research to evaluate the extent to which the AIP as a whole, as well as its constituent parts, is a cost-effective and appropriate model for driving through positive change and support to the NHS in reducing the harm caused by alcohol. Up to £300,000 inclusive is available for this study. Ideally, the successful application will be able to undertake the study over a maximum of 18 months, commencing early 2010.

For further information please click on the following link to access the [research brief](#). Once registered, please login to the NIHR CCF extranet, click on the 'PRP' link in the left hand menu and then the 'PRP AIP' link to access the application form and guidance notes.

To see more information please see: <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/prp/default.cfm>

To see a copy of the research specification, please go to: [https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp\\_aip\\_docs/PRP%20AIP%20-%20Research%20Brief.pdf](https://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/docdatabase/prp/prp_aip_docs/PRP%20AIP%20-%20Research%20Brief.pdf)

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5.00pm **Monday 26 October 2009**

## **Public Health Research (PHR) Programme –**

**Researcher-led calls** the next round cut off date to submit outline proposals is **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**. Funds both primary research projects and Evidence synthesis projects. For further details please see: [http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher\\_led.asp](http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/researcher_led.asp)

### **Commissioned research calls**

The next commissioned call for applications in response to specific research questions will be advertised after the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Programme Advisory Board.

### **Obesity themed call**

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Public Health Research (PHR) programmes will be advertising a joint themed call for obesity in the autumn of 2009 with a closing date for applications in January 2010. For more information please see: [http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/obesity\\_themed.asp](http://www.phr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/obesity_themed.asp)

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## Health Services Research (HSR) Programme

The ultimate aim of the NIHR Health Services Research (HSR) programme is to lead to an increase in service quality and patient safety through better ways of planning and providing health services. The HSR programme will fund both primary research and evidence syntheses, depending on the availability of existing research and the most appropriate way of responding to important knowledge gaps. The HSR programme will fund all types of study proposals expected to enhance knowledge and understanding in the field of HSR. The types of projects that the HSR programme may fund include:

- Cultural and organisational issues around patient safety;
- Applied methodology research (that falls outside the MRC-NIHR Methodology Research Programme remit) such as development of patient-reported health status measures and specific risk adjustment models for existing databases;
- Making better use of existing research knowledge through modeling;
- Knowledge exchange/transfer within organisations;
- Measurement of quality improvement;

First call for expressions of interest in submitting research proposals, expression of interest are made online. If EoI are made will receive feedback for outline proposal. Will fund both primary research projects and Evidence synthesis projects. 5 year programme. Details can be found at: <http://www.netscc.ac.uk/hsr/>

## The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme

The EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting 'science driven' studies with an expectation of substantial health gain. The clinical studies are likely to be mostly randomised controlled trials but other forms of evaluation appropriate for the intervention under study will also be supported.

The EME programme aims to support excellent clinical science with an ultimate view to improving health or patient care. Its remit includes clinical trials and evaluative studies - in patients - which:

- evaluate clinical efficacy of interventions (where proof of concept in humans has already been achieved);
- add significantly to our understanding of biological or behavioral mechanisms and processes;
- explore new scientific or clinical principles;
- include the development or testing of new methodologies.

All are welcome to submit a preliminary application at any time, however there will be three submission deadlines each year.

The submission deadline for consideration in the next round is **1pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**.

Further details can be found at: <http://www.eme.ac.uk/funding/index.htm>

PLEASE NOTE: Full proposals may only be submitted by invitation from the EME Board, after a preliminary application has been considered.

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## NHS Physical Environment Research Programme

The NHS Physical Environment Research Programme aims to improve the patient environment by encouraging the exploration of topics related to the physical environment within the primary and secondary healthcare sectors.

New proposals are currently encouraged in the following areas with an overarching emphasis on economic and sustainable issues: Infection control, Decontamination, Sustainability, Older people, Mental health and learning disabilities, Space and design, Strategy for the physical environment  
Other topics will be considered for funding but they must relate directly to the built environment or address issues of practical concern.

Further details can be found at: [http://www.nihr.ac.uk/research/Pages/NHS\\_physical\\_environment.aspx](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/research/Pages/NHS_physical_environment.aspx)

<b>Closing date:</b>	<b>Advisory Panel Meetings:</b>
18 September 2009	January 2010
18 December 2009	April 2010
19 March 2010	July 2010
18 June 2010	October 2010
17 September 2010	January 2011
17 December 2010	April 2011

## Research Capacity Development Programme

Further details can be found at: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/>

- **NIHR Integrated Academic Training** (ACF's and CL's). The second round of the ACF recruitment is now open, please contact your deanery . For more details please see: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/intetacatrain/2009acfsecondround>
- **Fellowship scheme** – Anticipated launch of 3<sup>rd</sup> round will be approximately mid to late October 2009. Available; Doctoral Research Fellowship (NIHR-DRF), Post-Doctoral Fellowship (NIHR-PDF), Career Development Fellowship (NIHR-CDF), Senior Research Fellowship (NIHR-SRF)
- **NIHR Clinician Scientist Award Round 9** – Details about round 10 will be published in **early 2010**. Further details about the scheme can be found at: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/natclinsciencescheme/>
- **NIHR Clinical Academic Training Pathway for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professions:**
  - Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship. Next anticipated call for applications is likely to be in **January 2010**.
  - Clinical lectureship awards: Another Clinical Lectureship award will open next year, **2010**.
- **CSO Healthcare Scientists Research Fellowship** Competition: The Chief Scientific Officer for the Department of Health, supported by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), is launching the second round of the CSO Healthcare Scientists Research Fellowship Competition. The scheme supports the development of healthcare scientist research capacity and capability building, by providing funding to undertake research for patient benefit.



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The Fellowships will support NHS Healthcare Scientists who already have some research experience and wish to bridge clinical or service careers and research. There are two award levels: funding for individual **doctoral level research** and funding for individual **postdoctoral research projects**. Fellowships must be undertaken with the support of the relevant NHS line-manager and an appropriate academic partner. The research proposed must be of direct relevance to the NHS with the potential to improve service or clinical outcome. Applications are invited from individuals working in England from one of the three main Healthcare Scientist disciplines: Life Sciences, Physiological Sciences, or Physical Sciences / Engineering. Further information can be found at: <http://www.nccrcd.nhs.uk/hcs/>

- **ESRC/MRC NIHR Early Career fellowship in economics of health:** The ESRC/MRC NIHR fellowship is a personal award aiming to provide an opportunity for successful applicants to pursue a career in health economics. The fellowship provides early career support to help individuals begin to establish a track record in the field and to undertake further training. Deadline for submission of applications is **25th September 2009**. Further details can be found at: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Earlycareerpostdoctoral/index.htm>

### **Methodology Research Programme (MRP) with MRC**

**Investigator lead research** - A research grant can be awarded for any period of up to five years, but those of two years or less are for proof of principle or pilot work only. Further information can be found at: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Initiatives/MRP/index.htm>

Deadline dates:

<b>Submissions by 4pm on</b>	<b>Peer-review</b>	<b>Panel meeting</b>
14 October 2009	November – February	March 2010
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	March – June	July 2010

**Needs-led commissions** - there are currently four open commissions

1. Methods to specify the targeted differences in randomised controlled trials
2. Methods for the recruitment and retention of under-represented groups into public health and health services research studies
3. Methods to assess the impacts of user involvement in health and social care research
4. Methods of extrapolating RCT evidence for use in economic evaluation models

Deadline for commissioned proposals: **14<sup>th</sup> October 2009**. Further details for all three commissions see: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Initiatives/MRP/index.htm>

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## Service Delivery and Organisation programme (SDO)

### Priority Areas Panel

The Priority Areas Panel will help meet the challenge of commissioning high quality research relevant to NHS needs. The Priority Areas Panel considers the need for research in a number of broad thematic areas, identified through the programme's research needs assessment and prioritisation processes. The Priority Areas Panel's remit includes assisting with the development of commissioning briefs, as well as assessing areas of importance and need to the NHS within the SDO remit. Research proposals are now sought on the following topic.

### **MF261: SDO Management Fellowships - Evaluation of a Knowledge Mobilisation and Capacity Building Initiative**

Further details and the SDO outline proposal web form can found on: <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/mf261.html>

All submissions for the above topic must reach the SDO offices **before 1pm on Thursday 8 October 2009**. Please note that applications received after these deadlines will not be considered. Proposals will be considered by the Commissioning Board in January 2010. The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to applicants by March 2010.

### NHS Evaluations Panel

The NHS Evaluations Panel will help meet the challenge of commissioning high quality research relevant to NHS needs. This panel considers the need for scientific evaluations of specific initiatives and innovations arising from developments in the NHS. Some evaluations will be identified and initiated by the programme, and some will originate from NHS organisations such as strategic health authorities, the NHS Institute, individual NHS trusts, primary care trusts and commissioning bodies.

### **EV2001: First call for proposals for research into promising innovations in healthcare delivery in the NHS**

Further details and the SDO NHS Evaluations full proposal web form can be found on: <http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/ev2001.html>

All submissions for the above topic must reach the SDO offices **before 1pm on Thursday 5 November 2009**. Please note that applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Proposals will be considered by the NHS Evaluations Panel in December 2009. The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to applicants by early January 2010. Shortlisted applicants will be considered by the SDO Commissioning Board in March 2010.