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Grants Advice team

Grants Advice	Pre-award/ Project Registration	Post-award/ R&D Governance	NIHR GOSH BRC Funding

All new research applications must be registered with R&D at **least 15 days before the funder deadline**. R&D office is closed and all staff are working remotely or across various parts in the Trust. Please contact relevant teams by email if you require support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, EVENTS

N.B.: UCL Easter closure days
Please note that UCL will be closed for a longer period this Easter break, between 9AM Fri 2nd April with offices reopening on Monday 12th April. Therefore, please be aware of internal deadlines for grant submissions with deadlines over this period.
Draft application and costs need to be on Worktribe 10 working days before the deadline and 5 days before with Research Services for approvals.

NIHR | Research Design Service London

WEBINAR: NIHR Fellowship information session
Thursday 11 March, 13:00-16:00
An information webinar for applicants to NIHR Fellowships. This is a great opportunity to learn about the upcoming schemes, hear from previous applicants, and network with RDS London.

HIGHLIGHTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mental Health Research UK—PhD Scholarships 2022
Deadline: 31 March 2021 (internal)
Funding for a four year PhD studentship, which includes home student tuition fees and stipend for the first three years, and then stipend and thesis fee for the fourth year as a writing-up year. Two types of fellowships are available:
- John Grace QC Scholarship 2022 – New approaches to treating schizophrenia
- Impact of COVD-19 on understanding mental health, race and intersectionality

Applicants must be eligible PIs, students do not apply directly.
UCL may only submit one application for each Scholarship, and therefore are running an internal selection process.

Cystic Fibrosis Trust Strategic Research Centre
Deadline: 26 April 2021
Funding to establish virtual centres of excellence in cystic fibrosis research to tackle multidisciplinary research issues of strategic relevance.
The centres should typically comprise a lead PI (based at an eligible research active academic institution), together with 4-5 Co-Is working with young scientists or researchers (eg PhD students, research assistants, early stage career professionals or early postdoctoral scientists). The programme will provide funding of up to £750,000 to support the stipends/salaries of the early-career/young researchers in training for the duration of the centre, which should be three to four years. Funding may include four-year PhD studentships based at UK institutions, to cover stipend for the student, fees and research costs.

UKRI Medical Research Council
A number of MRC responsive mode grants across all scientific remits are available with deadlines in May 2021.
Molecular and cellular medicine—5 May 2021
New Investigator award (for newly appointed lecturers)
Research Grant—grants up to £1M for 3-4 years
Programme Grant—£1M for 5 year programmes
Partnership Grant—Funding for 1-5 years for collaborative research
Infections and immunity—12 May 2021
New Investigator award (for newly appointed lecturers)
Research Grant—grants up to £1M for 3-4 years
Programme Grant—£1M for 5 year programmes
Partnership Grant—Funding for 1-5 years for collaborative research
Population and systems medicine—19 May 2021
New Investigator award (for newly appointed lecturers)
Research Grant—grants up to £1M for 3-4 years
Programme Grant—£1M for 5 year programmes
Partnership Grant—Funding for 1-5 years for collaborative research
Neurosciences and mental health—26 May 2021
New Investigator award (for newly appointed lecturers)
Research Grant—grants up to £1M for 3-4 years
Programme Grant—£1M for 5 year programmes
Partnership Grant—Funding for 1-5 years for collaborative research

EoI: National Mouse Genetics Network clusters
Deadline: 24 March 2021
Applications to become either a research cluster leader or an associate member. The MRC is investing more than £20 million over five years in a major new National Mouse Genetics Network for disease modelling, to accelerate our understanding of human disease.
Experimental medicine grants
Deadline: 28 April 2021
Funding to investigate the causes, progression and treatment of human disease.

BMA foundation grants 2021
Deadline: 7 May 2021
Applications are invited from medical practitioners and/ or research scientists for research in progress or prospective research. Each grant provides £65,000 for a research area. The following topics invite applications from UK-registered medical practitioners or research scientists:
- Gastroenterology
- Viral diseases of respiratory system
- Mental health through clinical trials
- Antimicrobials
- Schizophrenia
- Mental health of medical students
- Stroke

Grants below are open to members of the BMA who are UK-registered medical practitioners:
- Rheumatism and arthritis
- Paediatric research
- Asthma
- Heart disease
- Neurological disorders

2021 MS Society grant round
Opens soon
The charity will be offering £1 million for new awards this year, to support the MS research community and offer hope to people affected by MS through funding the highest quality, most relevant MS research.

GOSHCC/LifeArc Translational Research Accelerator Grants
Deadline: 16 April 2021
A total of £1M available to fund a small number of translational projects for up to 3 years in duration. The scheme is designed to support applications on the translational pathway with the expectation that researchers will continue to develop their therapy/ diagnostic after GOSH charity/LifeArc funding, either by securing further funding from external translational schemes (from funders such as the Medical Research Council, National Institute for Health Research, Innovate UK and others), or partnering with/ licensing to industry.

Transforming UK food systems for health and environment
Deadline: 22 April 2021 (EOI)
Funding for 2-3 years to support interdisciplinary research into interventions that will transform the UK food system. Your project should bring together elements from both of these areas:
- production, processing, manufacturing, food environments
- healthier diets and consumption

Investigating the mechanisms to prevent hypersensitivities to food
Deadline: 8 April 2021
Funding for up to 3 years to reduce and prevent food hypersensitivities. UK-based researchers must apply as part of a transnational consortium of three to six partners.
Projects should focus on one of the following:
- understanding the mechanisms that induce or prevent food intolerances and allergies
- improving methods to determine or detect adverse reactions
- the impact of food ingredients and food processing.

The UK part of the project must be within BBSRC, MRC or FSA's remit.
4-5 projects are expected to be funded.