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Grants Advice drop-in session

Thursday 19 March, 10:00–14:30

(Internal to ICH and GOSH only!)

[R&D Grants Advice team](#) is hosting a drop-in session for researchers at ICH and GOSH. If you are planning on applying for a grant or fellowship or would like to explore funding opportunities, come see us to discuss your ideas and needs.

- The Lagoon (staff side) 10:00-11:30
- R&D Office (PUW, 2nd floor, ICH) 12:00-14:30

This is on a first come first serve basis, but do [drop us an email](#) if you would like to book a specific slot. You are always welcome to get in touch to see us anytime if you cannot attend the drop in session.

We particularly encourage researchers who are planning on applying for the upcoming [NIHR Doctoral and Advanced Fellowships](#) (open April 2020) to attend! Please note, we cannot provide advice about PhD programmes at ICH or elsewhere.

NIHR | Research Design Service London

We recently attended NIHR Fellowship Information session where researchers had an opportunity to hear about different fellowships on offer and get the top tips from programme managers, a successful applicant and Chair of the NIHR DF selection committee. There were some useful tips on how to make a strong applications and choose your supervision, training and research environment.

PPI got an extra special highlight! It was stressed that you should NOT underestimate the importance of PPI, your application will be rejected without it (a third of interview time is allocated to questions about PPI in presence of PPI members). You can use [RDS PPI training](#) to strengthen your PPI. Or get in touch with our local PPI support (research.ppi@gosh.nhs.uk). Or do both.

Next fellowship information event will take place on [10 Sept 2020](#). In the meantime, do not hesitate to get in touch with [Grants Advice team](#) to get support with your application for the upcoming NIHR Doctoral and Advanced fellowships!



If you need tissue for research, you can use the [UKCRC Tissue Directory](#) to find tissue held within UK universities, hospitals and charities. It contains over 200 UK human sample resources (tissue banks, biorepositories, biobanks, cohort studies, research tissue banks, etc). Using a specific [disease term](#) or searching 'fit and well' will enable you to find existing tissue samples or organisations that can collect bespoke collections. An [A-Z of human sample resources](#) is also available. [Find out more](#) or email contact@biobankinguk.org



Economic and Social Research Council

In April 2020 the [ESRC is planning to announce](#) an open competition

for Research Centres. The competition will be open to applications of excellent quality in any area of social science within the ESRC remit. The call will also include a highlight notice in the area of demographic change, in particular 'connecting generations'.

The ESRC will publish full call details in April 2020. UCL is likely to be limited to submitting up to three bids - internal triage details will be announced in due course.



Medical Research Council

[Discontinuation of MRC Skills Development Fellowships](#)

Effective immediately, MRC has made the decision to discontinue funding for Skills Development Fellowships and instead provide more funding for our other Fellowship schemes. According to MRC, this does mean that there will be a skills gap between PhD-level fellowships and postdoctoral researchers of a more established track record. There are currently no plans of providing an alternative funding as MRC fund over 2,000 post-docs supported through research and programme grants.

HIGHLIGHTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Please note, **ALL research must be registered with the R&D office at least 15 days before the funder deadline**



GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY



[GOSH Charity/Wellcome Sanger Institute Partnership Grants](#)

Deadline: 2 April 2020

Applications to pump-prime collaborative projects which aim to use single-cell transcriptomics to understand the aetiology, development or mechanism of rare disease in children with the long-term aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of rare disease.

Applicants can request up to £50,000 for materials and consumables, access charges and travel between the institutes, for ~2 years.

Please contact the Grants team at GOSHCC at grants@gosh.org if you require more information. **Open to GOSH and ICH only!**

NIHR | National Institute for Health Research

[IAT Clinical Lectureships in Medicine 2020](#) **Apply now**

The NIHR has allocated funding for 100 Clinical Lectureships (CLs) for recruitment in 2020/21. NIHR CLs fund: SpR/StR doctors in higher specialty training with a PhD/MD and provide up to 4 years salary, with a £1,000 per annum bursary for conferences and 50% protected academic time.

[HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship](#) **Deadline: 22 April 2020**

Open to healthcare professionals to undertake a PhD.

[HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Lectureship](#) and [HEE/NIHR ICA Senior Clinical Lectureship](#)

Deadline: 22 April 2020

Open to healthcare professionals (not doctors) supporting those in the early and later stages of their post-doctoral career to spend up to 60% of their time on academic work.



[Berkeley Fellowship](#)

Deadline: 22 March 2020

Applications are invited from medical graduates working in a UK academic institution or hospital to undertake clinically-related research and/or for visits to medical institutions or hospitals in any part of the world, (except Oxford or Cambridge), to learn a research or clinical technique not available at the candidate's home institution. Funding is available for 3-12 months with a max £30,000.



[Precision AMR seed project funding](#)

Deadline: 1 May 2020

Funding up to £16,000 primarily for consumables and additional facility costs, and can include staff costs. Projects across anti-microbial resistant research, for example in microbiology, fungal and behavioural work as well as data science. Lead applicant must hold a substantive contract with either UCL, UCLH and GOSH. Co-applicants may be other researchers, students, or external collaborators.

Click here for more funding opportunities

NIHR | Great Ormond Street Hospital Biomedical Research Centre

[NIHR GOSH BRC PhD Studentship - Tissue Engineering](#)

Deadline: 6 April 2020

Two 3-year PhD Studentships are available within the Developmental Biology and Cancer programme at UCL GOS ICH and within the 'Advanced Treatments for Structural Malformation and Tissue Damage' research theme within the GOSH BRC. The projects available will start in October 2020. To apply, please send a current CV including the contact details of two professional referees as well as a cover letter to BRC@gosh.nhs.uk.

[GOSH BRC Catalyst Fellowship](#)

Deadline: 20 April 2020

Support for trainees with a PhD (or MD) to spend 12 months on a research project aligned with NIHR GOSH BRC Research Themes.



UK Research and Innovation

[UKRI Sandpit - Digital Technologies for Health and Care](#)

Deadline: 4 May 2020

The theme for this sandpit is novel digital technologies for improved self-monitoring and health management.

Example Research ideas to be explored include:

- Management of mental health alongside management of chronic disease at the physical level
- Address issues with adoption of digital technologies for health and care
- Empowering people with respect to their health and care data
- Issues of behavioural change that facilitate maintenance of good physical and mental health
- Digital technologies which enhance early interventions, improve clinical outcomes, supports clinical decisions

It is expected that up to £1.2 million of UKRI funding will be made available to fund research projects arising from this sandpit. Each project funded is expected to be in the region of £400,000.



[UCL TRO—Biologics TIN Pilot Data Scheme](#)

Deadline: 6 April 2020

Applications for £5-20k translational projects of duration up to 6 months. Early Career Researchers (PhDs and non-tenured) are invited to apply with an aim to establish data that can be used towards larger bids through internal translational funding (e.g. Therapeutic Acceleration Support Fund, EPSRC IAA) or other external funding sources.

Remit of this Call: Monoclonal antibodies, proteins and oligonucleotides therapies. Excluding cell and gene therapies and small molecules. For any queries on remit, please contact Biologics TIN Coordinator Dr Laurent Dupays: l.dupays@ucl.ac.uk

Please ensure you acknowledge the BRC in your publications! NIHR Great Ormond Street Hospital Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) has provided important infrastructure funding for research at the Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (ICH) and Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), since we were first awarded BRC-status in 2007. This research infrastructure contributes to all research that goes on at the ICH and GOSH, and it is very important that it is acknowledged in all our publications, including conference and meeting abstracts. Full details of how to acknowledge the BRC can be found [here](#).

Useful contacts

Project registration and pre-award queries: email Ellen or call x2684 or visit <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/ResearchRegistration>

Grants Advice Service For support with grant applications email [Grants Advice](#), call Peter x42199 or Valerie x42705 or visit <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/Grants-Advice>

Clinical Research Adoptions Committee (CRAC): visit <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/CRAC>

Research Governance enquiries (incl. ethics, R&D approvals and research passports) email [Research Governance](#)

Commercial Contracts and Industry collaborations email [Vanshree Patel](#) or call x42271 or email [UCLB](#) Senior Business Manager [David Phillips](#) or Business Manager

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Patient Public Involvement (PPI) Support: email research.ppi@gosh.nhs.uk

Find other contacts on our website: <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/Grants-Advice>