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Grants Advice team



Grants Advisory Service

R&D Project Registration

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



EVENT: Foulkes Foundation and the Crick Institute seminar — Foulkes Foundation Fellowships

Tuesday 9 February 2021, 16:00-17:00

The Foulkes Foundation supports outstanding post-doctoral scientists wishing to undertake a medical degree and will provide funding to support personal maintenance to study medicine.

This seminar will discuss how researchers interested in pursuing medical training can apply for funding. Registration will be required to join the talk, so please allow a few minutes before the session starts to register and join using Zoom link shared with you directly via email.



UK Research and Innovation

NEWS: Submitting COVID-19 proposals to UKRI

UKRI published guidance for researchers seeking to conduct COVID-19 related research following the closure of its rolling call. In the new year, applicants can support their research ideas through:

- normal UKRI [funding streams](#)
- Seed funding for urgent applications up to £80,000 for 6 months for proposals that require urgent collection of data/samples, or where a rapid turnaround is essential to deliver significant contribution to understanding and response to the pandemic.
- Further UKRI strategic COVID-19 funding calls that are anticipated in 2021, as well as future funding calls by research councils



EVENT: CRUK-NCI 2021 Cancer Grand Challenges information session

Tuesday 12 January 2021, 11:00-12:00

In partnership with CRUK, the NCI will co-fund [Cancer Grand Challenges](#), an international research initiative to address major, unresolved questions in cancer research. CGCs are developed through engagement with the scientific community to identify urgent research questions and the program is designed to support international, multidisciplinary teams with awards up to £20 million (~\$25M) over 5 years.

This pre-application webinar will be conducted to provide clarity around the funding programme including:

- Unique program features and requirements
- Unique application and review process
- Joint NCI and CRUK management of active awards

The event will conclude with Q&A session, with program staff from both CRUK and NCI available to answer questions. Questions may also be submitted in advance of the webinar at info@cancergrandchallenges.org.



Great Ormond Street Hospital Biomedical Research Centre

EVENT: GOSH BRC's Rare Disease Cohorts - Virtual Theme Meeting

Thursday 11 February 2021, 10:00-12:00

This session will focus on the impacts of the theme during the current BRC cycle, and the 5 pump prime projects funded by RDC will provide a brief summary of their work to date. GOS-ICH community will also have an opportunity to discuss transforming RDC into a Data Science theme for the next BRC renewal. Professor Neil Sebire will present on this vision. Link to the event will be shared shortly.



NEWS: Brexit deal—research programmes

UK/EU deal has been announced in late December. Whilst full details are to be published, it was confirmed that the UK will no longer be eligible to participate in Erasmus programme. Positive collaborative news came with confirmation that the UK will be eligible to participate in a number of flagship EU programmes, including Horizon Europe, the Euratom research and training program and the Copernicus space program, although this is subject to UK willingness to pay for membership.

HIGHLIGHTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship

Deadline: 1 March 2021

Support to biosciences and medical researchers

from the Middle East to undertake a short-term exchange visit between the UK and the Middle East. Open to clinical and non-clinical researchers early or mid stage of their career. Applicants will typically be at lecturer and/or post-doctoral level. Funding of £4,000 per fellowship to cover sustenance and airfare.



INTERNAL SELECTION: Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust Award for Translational Biomedical Research

Internal deadline: 19 January 2021

Funder deadline: 18 February 2021

Funding of up to £1M for advanced translational proposals in any discipline or disease area, which demonstrates a clear pathway to benefit for patients. [Internal selection process](#) is in place for UCL submissions led by [SLMS RCO](#). Interested applicants may be at any stage of their research career and have an institutionally-funded post for the duration of the award. **Signed letter of support by the relevant Divisional/ Institute Director confirming their support must be provided at internal triage stage.**



CRUK-NCI Cancer Grand Challenges

Deadline: 22 April 2021

Through a series of £20m awards, CRUK-NCI are offering an opportunity to solve cancer's most complex challenges. Researchers wishing to apply will need to select one of the nine challenges and submit an outline application. Shortlisted applicants will receive £30,000 in seed funding to work towards full proposal. Winning teams will be announced in early 2022 and will receive up to £20M over 5 years. This will fund research costs, salaries and equipment or licensing costs.



Medical Research Council

Upcoming MRC Fellowships

Clinical research training fellowships (early career)

Deadline: 7 April 2021

Supports clinicians to undertake a PhD/ other higher research degree, or currently not research active postdoctoral applicants to work in any scientific area of MRC aimed to improve human health. Funding is for 2-4 years (4 for patient-orientated projects) and includes salary (up to, but not including, NHS consultant level) and up to £20,000 per year for consumables, equipment, tuition fees, training.

Career development award (intermediate)

Deadline: 7 April 2021

Supports postdoctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to transition from PDRA to independent investigator. Award is for 5 years covering full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project. Joint co-funded awards are also available.

Clinician scientist fellowship (intermediate)

Deadline: 7 April 2021

Supports medically/ clinically qualified healthcare professionals with a higher research degree to transition into independent investigator. Funding is for 4 years (5 for patient-focused research) covering salary costs, research staff and expenses. Medical graduates should be of specialty registrar/consultant level. Nurses, midwives and other AHPs must have completed their professional training.



Grand Challenges ICODA COVID-19 Data Science

Call Deadline: 19 January 2021 (EOI)

This grant programme will support research studies that focus on addressing major questions about how to reduce the harm of COVID-19 and future pandemics through awards of up to \$100,000 for studies lasting for between 6-12 months. Successful applicants will have access to ICODA's digital workbench, as well as technical and wider support from ICODA and its partners. Proposals are welcomed from any country or region, with priority for those involving researchers and datasets from LMICs.

WEBINAR: An [Online Information Workshop](#) will take place on **7 January 2021, 14:00-15:20** to learn more about the initiative. To attend the event, please register [here](#). The event will be recorded and published on the ICODA website shortly afterwards.



Synthetic biology postdoctoral fellowship

No deadline

Fellowship funding for up to 3 years (no funding amount limit) focusing on the engineering challenges of delivering synthetic biology as a mature technology.

Applicants must have either a PhD or at least four years' experience in a relevant field by the start of your fellowship.

Eligible applicants can be from **UK higher education institutions**, research council institutes, UKRI-approved independent research organisations and **NHS bodies with research capacity**.

Useful contacts

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

Grants Advice Service For support with grant applications email [Grants Advice](mailto:GrantsAdvice) 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](mailto:ResearchGovernance)

Commercial Contracts and Industry collaborations email [Vanshree Patel](mailto:VanshreePatel) or email UCLB Senior Business Manager [David Phillips](mailto:DavidPhillips) or Business Manager [Dominik Leisi](mailto:DominikLeisi)

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

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

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