

Post-doctoral Fellowships – Clinical

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CSO	NRS/University Senior Clinical Academic Fellowship	Clinical	Senior (must have a PhD, postdoctoral experience and be looking to develop an independent programme)	Deadline TBC Salary costs plus five years of support for an RA (£35K/year), consumables (£23K/year) and a contribution to the costs of one PhD student (£60K)	15
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MRC	Clinician Scientist Fellowship	Clinical	Intermediate/Senior (applicant must already hold a PhD)	Jan/Apr/Sep annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 4 years	20
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MRC	Career Development Award	Both	Usually post-doctoral, but may make exceptions based on level of experience	Apr/Sep annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 5 years	24
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Society for the study of Addiction	Academic Fellowship	Both	All levels (must hold a PhD)	13 th March Salary costs and up to £15k of research expenses over 3 years	30
Stroke Association	Postdoctoral Fellowship	Both	Junior/Intermediate (maximum of 6 years post PhD experience)	Deadline TBC £215k over 3 years	32
Versus Arthritis	Foundation Fellowships	Non-Clinical & Non-medical clinicians	Junior (final year or recently graduated PhD students)	16 th April No specified limit, up to 3 years	34
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Wellcome Trust	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship	Both	Junior/Intermediate (final year PhDs or early stage Post Docs)	Apr/Oct annual deadlines £300k over 4 years	37
Wellcome Trust	Sir Henry Dale Fellowship	Both	Intermediate/Senior (already driving a	May/Aug/Nov annual deadlines	38

			research programme)	No specified limit over 5 years	
Wellcome Trust	Research Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science	Both	Junior/Intermediate (for Post Docs who do not hold established posts)	Jan/Jun annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 3 years	39
Wellcome Trust	Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship	Clinical	Intermediate (post CCT with PhD thesis submitted)	Feb/Aug annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 8 years	40

Post-doctoral Fellowships – Non Clinical

Funder	Scheme	Scientific/Clinical	Career Stage	Deadlines/Funding	Page(s)
AMS	Springboard	Non-Clinical	Intermediate (within 4 years of appointment to first independent salaried position)	Internal selection process begins Feb/March Up to £100k over 2 years	7
CRUK	Population Research Postdoctoral Fellowship	Both	Junior/Intermediate (must have a PhD or be about to complete)	Deadline TBC No specified limit over 3 years	12
ESRC	New Investigator Grant	Non-Clinical	Junior/Intermediate (early career researchers who have yet to make transition to independent researcher)	Open Call £300k, up to 5 years	17
MRC	New Investigator Research Grant	Both	Junior/Intermediate (no eligibility rules based on post-doc experience but most applicants are expected to have a PhD)	Jun/Nov annual deadlines 50% of salary costs and reasonable research expenses over 3 years	22
MRC	Career Development Award	Both	Usually post-doctoral, but may make exceptions based on level of experience	Apr/Sep annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 5 years	24

MRC	Senior Non-Clinical Fellowship	Non-Clinical	Senior (proven track record of leading an independent research programme)	Apr/Sep annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 5 years	25
Royal Society	University Research Fellowship	Non-Clinical	Intermediate (3-8 years research experience since your PhD)	3 rd September 80% of basic salary costs and up to £97k of research expenses over 5 years	28
Society for the study of Addiction	Academic Fellowship	Both	All levels (must hold a PhD)	13 th March Salary costs and up to £15k of research expenses over 3 years	30
Stroke Association	Postdoctoral Fellowship	Both	Junior/Intermediate (maximum of 6 years post PhD experience)	Deadline TBC £215k over 3 years	32
Versus Arthritis	Foundation Fellowships	Non-Clinical & Non-medical clinicians	Junior (final year or recently graduated PhD students)	16 th April No specified limit, up to 3 years	34
Versus Arthritis	Career Development Fellowships	Non-Clinical & Non-medical clinicians	Junior/Intermediate (at least 3 years post PhD experience)	Deadline TBC No specified limit, up to 5 years	35
Wellcome Trust	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship	Both	Junior/Intermediate (final year PhDs or early stage Post Docs)	Apr/Oct annual deadlines £300k over 4 years	37
Wellcome Trust	Sir Henry Dale Fellowship	Both	Intermediate/Senior (already driving a research programme)	May/Aug/Nov annual deadlines No specified limit over 5 years	38
Wellcome Trust	Research Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science	Both	Junior/Intermediate (for Post Docs who do not hold established posts)	Jan/Jun annual deadlines No specified limit, up to 3 years	39

Funder – Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS)

AMS are the independent body in the UK representing the diversity of medical science. Their mission is to advance biomedical health research and its translation into benefits for society



Springboard

Summary

Springboard is a scheme to support biomedical researchers newly appointed to their first independent position. The scheme seeks to embrace the breadth of biomedical research and welcomes applications that contribute to the Academy's mission to improve health through research.

Entry Requirements

*There is an internal selection process – details will be communicated by email to all potential applicants.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- Hold an academic post that incorporates research
- Be in your first independent (salaried) position (i.e. group-leader level, line managed not supervised)
- Be within 4 years (FTE) of appointment to this position
- Have sufficient time remaining in your current post to complete the proposed Springboard project

And you must not:

- Hold a clinical contract
- Be in receipt of substantial research funding as the Principal or Co- Investigator exceeding £150,000 for the two year Springboard award (excluding your personal salary, overhead and indirect costs)

Eligible institutions may put forward up to 4 applications per round; you must be nominated by your institution in order to submit an application to the Academy.

Grant Overview

This scheme is targeted at those who are in the early stages of their first independent research position and have not yet obtained substantial research funding support from other sources, such as large research grants or large fellowships (for more information, please see the eligibility criteria).

The maximum amount available is £100,000 over two years towards your research costs and professional development. For example, funds can be used towards the employment of support staff, purchase of consumables and equipment, access to technical support, training and travel; funds cannot be used to pay for your personal salary costs.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, and how to apply:

<https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/springboard>

Funder – British Heart Foundation (BHF)

BHF fund over £100m of research each year into all heart and circulatory diseases and the things that cause them. Heart diseases, Strokes, Vascular Dementia and Diabetes are priority areas for them



Clinical Research Training Fellowships

Summary

To provide a foundation in research training for medically qualified graduates in an established research institution in the UK.

Entry requirements

- Application should usually be after Foundation year two, but before award of a CCT.

Grant Overview

- Usually three years to complete a PhD, although applications for two years to complete an MD or equivalent will be considered.

Award may include

- Salary of applicant.
- Research consumables directly attributable to the project, usually less than £10,000 per year, but larger amounts will be considered if fully justified.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/research/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/clinical-research-training-fellowships>

Intermediate Clinical Research Fellowships

Summary

To provide a career opportunity in an established research institution in the UK for individuals with an established research record who intend to become leaders in academic medical research.

Entry Requirements

- Successful PhD (or MD) plus NTN and at least two years completed specialist training, but usually no more than two years after CCT.
- NTN will be exchanged for NTN(A) on appointment, and the individual may progress to consultant level during the fellowship.

Grant Overview

- Five years duration, with the possibility of a two year extension if a strong case can be made (e.g. that this will lead to a competitive application for a more senior personal award). At least 50% of time must be devoted to research.
- Part of the award may be spent overseas subject to a justified case being made.
- In the established UK-based home institution, the candidate must have the support of a named senior investigator who will guarantee access to space and resources and provide scientific guidance for the duration of their fellowship. This individual should be named on the application form as a 'Supervisor' and provide an appropriate letter of support as part of the application.
- In an overseas/second UK institution, the candidate must additionally have the support of a named senior investigator who will guarantee access to space and resources and provide scientific guidance for the duration of the stay. This individual should provide an appropriate letter of support as part of the application.
- The fellowship may be taken up on a part-time employment basis, where appropriate, following discussion and agreement with us and the employing institution. For more information, read about the BHF's [Flexible working policies](#).

Award may include

- Salary of applicant (if after CCT, normally up to 10 PAs).
- Salary for technician or research assistant if required and fully justified.
- Research consumables, directly attributable to the project. Consumables will not normally be provided overseas; facilities should be provided by the host department.
- Research equipment essential for the project. Equipment will not be provided overseas; facilities must be provided by the host department.

For overseas visits of up to six months:

- Economy class travel expenses for the fellow only.
- A justified subsistence allowance.

For overseas visits of more than six months:

- One return economy fare for the fellow and immediate family.
- A reasonable contribution to healthcare insurance (e.g. applicable to USA).
- Housing contribution up to £3,000.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/research/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/intermediate-clinical-research-fellowships>

Senior Clinical Research Fellowships

Summary

To provide a career opportunity in an established research institution in the UK for outstanding individuals who are expected to reach Readership or Chair level within 10 years.

Entry Requirements

- Usually three to six years successful post-doctoral research, with CCT.
- Likely to have held a Clinical Lectureship or Intermediate Fellowship.

Grant Overview

- Five years, with the possibility of competitive renewal for up to 5 years. On renewal it will be expected that the host institution will provide at least 50% of the fellow's salary.
- Within the first five years, part of the award may be spent overseas subject to a justified case being made.
- The fellowship may be taken up on a part-time employment basis, where appropriate, following discussion and agreement with us and the employing institution. For more information, read about the BHF's [Flexible working policies](#).

Award may include

- Salary of applicant.
- Salary of technician or research assistant if required and fully justified.
- Research consumables directly attributable to the project. Consumables will not normally be provided overseas; facilities should be provided by the host department.
- Research equipment essential for the project. Equipment will not be provided overseas; facilities must be provided by the host department.

For overseas visits of up to six months:

- Economy class travel expenses for the fellow only.
- A justified subsistence allowance.

For overseas visits of more than six months:

- One return economy fare for the fellow and immediate family.
- A reasonable contribution to healthcare insurance (e.g. applicable to USA).
- Housing contribution up to £3,000.

Link to fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/research/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/senior-clinical-research-fellowship>

Funder – Cancer Research UK (CRUK)

The world's largest charity dedicated to saving lives through research. Their vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.



Population Research Postdoctoral Fellowship

Summary

The Population Research Postdoctoral Fellowship supports outstanding postdoctoral researchers to develop their careers in the field of population research. Population Research Postdoctoral Fellowships can be awarded in the areas of:

- Early diagnosis
- Prevention
- Epidemiology

Entry Requirements

You should:

- Be a scientist, clinician or healthcare worker in a UK university, medical school, hospital or research institution
- Have a PhD or be about to complete your PhD (or equivalent higher research degree)

Grant Overview

Funding is provided for:

- Salary costs
- Salary costs for a Research Assistant (if well justified)
- Associated running expenses

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, and how to apply:

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/population-research-postdoctoral-fellowship>

Funder - Chief Scientist Office (CSO)

CSO is part of the Scottish Government Health Directorates. Their vision is to support and increase the level of high-quality health research conducted in Scotland. This is for the health and financial benefits so that Scotland is recognised globally as a 'come to place' for health science.



CSO Clinical Academic Fellowships

Summary

This scheme has been developed to nurture a cadre of research-led clinical academics capable of going on to lead development in their discipline by providing the opportunity to undertake a PhD.

Entry Requirements

- Individuals working in primary or secondary care, in all disciplines in medicine, including surgical disciplines and dentistry. Applicants who are GPs are eligible for a period of **up to 4** years post CCT.
- Medical specialists or dentists are required to hold a Scottish NTN
- Residence eligibility is required for the duration of the award. Applicants who do not hold right of residence or settled status in the United Kingdom should discuss with the Postgraduate Dean responsible for their clinical specialist training.

Grant Overview

- Awards are 3 years in duration and are made to individuals and 'hosted' by an institution nominated by the award holder (the Grantholder). The Grantholder must be in Scotland and awards will not be transferable outwith Scotland.
- The scheme will not fund work overseas and costs must remain within the limits described below.
- The research to be carried out under the award should be patient or healthcare oriented research (including into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and management of disease).

Award may include

- Basic salary costs, does not include pay supplements.
- Research costs up to £30k over three years
- PhD registration fees
- Additional research training costs of up to £2,000
- Award allows for two sessions per week of clinical duties, however the candidate is not paid additional EPAs for this.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, and how to apply:

<https://www.cso.scot.nhs.uk/personal-awards-initiative/clinical-academic-fellowships/>

NES/CSO Postdoctoral Clinical Lectureships

Summary

To provide the opportunity for research time for medical doctors who have completed a research degree (PhD or MD) and are currently working towards the completion of speciality training. The posts will have 50% protected academic time and will be available until the CCT is reached. They are part of the normal SCREDS establishment in Scotland, and will be from the already existing pool of training posts.

Entry Requirements

- Have completed a PhD or MD
- Be in a speciality registrar in training with a Scottish NTN number
- Find a University supervisor and write a research proposal
- Have written commitment from the appropriate Deanery office and the NHS employer that a clinical academic lectureship position will be supported, agreeing the required time commitments for clinical practice, research and teaching and reviewing the CCT date.

Grant Overview

Funding will cover

- 50% of the applicant's salary
- up to £10k/year consumable money
- Travel money to attend up to 2 conferences where they are presenting work

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.cso.scot.nhs.uk/personal-awards-initiative/cso-nes-scl/>

NRS Career Research Fellowship

Summary

To support General Practitioners and NHS-funded clinical staff in developing a research career within their post. The award provides funding for protected time to contribute to, conduct and lead clinical research. This will strengthen the research culture in the NHS and increase capacity in priority areas.

Entry Requirements

- For qualified doctors, nurses, AHPs, pharmacists, biomedical/clinical scientists, public health specialists and psychologists
- For staff who are not currently research active and who would like to incorporate research into their post
- GPs and Consultants must be in receipt of their CCT
- Non-medical applicants must be registered with the relevant professional body

Grant Overview

The scheme will allow the successful applicants protected time to engage in the following activities:

- clinical research planning and protocol development
- grant writing
- carrying out clinical research
- leading or hosting multi-centre trials as Chief Investigator or local Principal Investigator
- participation in commercial research NRS – delivering research excellence
- dissemination of research findings, such as writing papers and presentations at major national and international scientific meetings

Funding will cover

- 0.2 whole time equivalent (WTE) for a period of up to three years

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.cso.scot.nhs.uk/personal-awards-initiative/nrs-career-researcher-fellowships/>

NRS/University Senior Clinical Academic Fellowship

Summary

The scheme is funded by a partnership between the Chief Scientist's Office, Scottish NHS Boards (which together support NRS) and the universities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews. Applications are invited from outstanding early career clinical academics (medical or dental) for five-year tenure track senior research fellowships to be held in one of the five Scottish universities with Medical or Dental Schools. The Academy of Medical Sciences is assisting in this scheme and those appointed will be invited to join the Academy's Mentoring programme.

Entry Requirements

To apply, all applicants should have:

- post-doctoral (PhD/MD) research experience
- a strong publication record in your discipline
- have won competitive research or fellowship funding prior to application

All applicants require support from the Head of the Medical/Dental School. Potential applicants are encouraged to make specific enquires of each of the partner universities

Grant Overview

Funding will cover:

- Five years of protected time in which to develop an internationally competitive research programme
- Five years of support for a research assistant at £35K/year total salary costs,
- Research consumables at £23K/year
- Contribution to the costs of one PhD student over the five year period (£60K)

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.cso.scot.nhs.uk/sscf2019/>

Funder – Economic and Social Research Council

ESRC are the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues. They support independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and society.



New Investigator Grants

Summary

New Investigator Grants are specifically aimed at supporting those looking to make the transition to an independent researcher through managing their first major research project.

Entry Requirements

The call is open to high-quality candidates from anywhere in the world who have a maximum of four years' postdoctoral experience and the support of an eligible UK research organisation.

Grant Overview

Proposals are welcomed across the full disciplinary range of the social sciences and at the interface with the wider sciences, however the social sciences must represent at least 50 per cent of the research focus and effort. Grants range from £100,000 to £300,000 and are awarded at 80% of Full Economic Cost.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/new-investigator-grants/>

Funder - Medical Research Council (MRC)

The MRC support research across the entire spectrum of medical sciences, in universities, and hospitals, in MRC-units, centres, and institutes in the UK, and Africa.



Clinical Research Training Fellowship (Pre-Doc)

Summary

The CRTF supports clinicians, including (but not limited to) medics, surgeons, dentists, clinical psychologists, public health specialty trainees, allied health professionals, nurses, midwives and veterinarians, to undertake a PhD or other higher research degree.

The scheme also provides a route for post-doctoral applicants who achieved their PhD some time ago but who have not been research active since due to clinical training commitments to reacquire research skills. There are a number of [Jointly-Funded Fellowships](#) available each round involving organisations such as Parkinson's UK and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Entry Requirements

- Fellowship is aimed at medics, surgeons, dentists, clinical psychologists, public health specialty trainees, allied health professionals, nurses, midwives and veterinarians
- Non-EEA applicants are eligible under Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa route.

Grant Overview

Funding will cover:

- Salary costs commensurate with your stage of training, up to but not including NHS consultant level
- Up to £20,000 per year for consumables, equipment, conference travel, PhD and other course fees.
- Certain costs may be requested in addition to the £20,000 per annum:
 - the costs incurred by undertaking training at an overseas centre/2nd centre/industry placement
 - the purchase and maintenance cost of animals (excluding additional experimental costs, related consumables, project licences etc, which must be requested within the £20,000 per annum)
 - costs associated with healthy volunteer studies, where commensurate costs for patient studies would be met by local clinical research networks
 - Only these costs can be applied for above the £20,000 per annum limit. There is no limit on the costs that can be requested under these 3 headings, however the overall costs requested should be at a level appropriate to support a PhD project.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinical-research-training-fellowship-crtf/>

Clinical Research Training Fellowship (Post-Doc)

Summary

A secondary arm to the CRTF scheme offers applicants who obtained their PhD some time ago but have not been research active since a valuable opportunity to reacquire research skills and develop outputs to then be competitive at the Clinician Scientist Fellowship level.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants will be clinically qualified individuals who received a PhD (or equivalent) usually five or more years ago.
- Applicants will be at a similar career stage to pre-doctoral applicants, as outlined in the section above.
- Applicants will not have undertaken substantial periods of academic research since their PhD. Applicants who have held/hold an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship or equivalent since their PhD may be considered.

Grant Overview

At the post-doctoral level, the fellowship provides a salary, commensurate with the stage of training, up to but not including NHS consultant level, research expenses, and travel costs at an appropriate level for the research, under full economic costing (FEC).

There are no limits for the costs post-doctoral CRTF proposals may request, though in costing proposals applicants should consider that their application will be considered in open competition with pre-doctoral applications.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinical-research-training-fellowship-crtf/>

Senior Clinical Fellowship (SCF)

Summary

The SCF supports talented medically and other clinically qualified professionals, with an effective track record of internationally competitive independent research, to make the transition to research leadership.

A SCF provides funding for a challenging research programme, **and** an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Entry Requirements

- Open to hospital doctors, dentists, general practitioners, nurses, midwives and members of the allied health professions. Veterinarians may apply where they have equivalent qualifications and experience, and their project is of relevance to human health
- No eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. To be considered suitable for the scheme, applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to leadership career stage in the [applicant skills and experience](#) table
- Applicants will have gained a PhD (or equivalent), generally at least five years prior to their application, and have undertaken a significant period of post-doctoral research since. Please see the [Fellowship Application Guidance](#) for further detail regarding what is expected in terms of post-doctoral experience.
- Non-EEA applicants are eligible under Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa route.

Grant Overview

The SCF provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

Applicants are particularly encouraged to consider the opportunities the fellowship offers to establish collaborative networks and for cross-sector development, as the award will support a period of research overseas, at a second UK institution, or within industry where appropriate for the research project.

Awards are made under the [full economic costing framework \(FEC\)](#). There is no limit to the funding that can be requested under the scheme, but requests should be appropriate to the project and sufficiently justified in terms of delivering the objectives of the research proposal.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/senior-clinical-fellowship-scf/>

Clinician Scientist Fellowship (CSF)

Summary

The CSF develops talented medically and other clinically qualified professionals who have gained a higher research degree to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition to independent investigator. Applications are invited for the standard CSFs, the [Tenure Track CSFs](#), or the [jointly funded CSFs](#), all of which are considered in open competition.

A CSF provides funding for a challenging research programme, **and** an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Applicants wishing to retain an existing position and combine this with research funding, should consider funding options under one of the [grant schemes](#). You may wish to pay particular attention to the [New Investigator Research Grant scheme](#), which aims to support individuals wanting to transition to independence.

Entry Requirements

- No eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. To be considered suitable for the scheme, applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to independence career stage in the [applicant skills and experience](#) table
- All applicants must have obtained a PhD (or equivalent), or expect to have done so, by the time they take up the award
- Applicants must have obtained a PhD (or equivalent), or expect to have done so, by the time they take up the award
- Applicants may not have held a comparable intermediate fellowship (from any organisation) previously
- Non-EEA applicants are eligible under Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa route.

Grant Overview

The CSF provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

In the case of a Tenure Track award the final year of the fellow's salary is met by the host Research Organisation. All other costs associated with the final year of the fellowship are met by the CSF award.

Applicants are particularly encouraged to consider the opportunities the fellowship offers to establish collaborative networks and for cross-sector development, as the award will support a period of research overseas, at a second UK institution, or within industry where appropriate for the research project.

Awards are made under the [full economic costing framework \(FEC\)](#). There is no limit to the funding that can be requested under the scheme, but requests should be appropriate to the project and sufficiently justified in terms of delivering the objectives of the research proposal.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinician-scientist-fellowship-csf/>

New Investigator Research Grant (NIRG)

Summary

The New Investigator Research Grant (NIRG) is aimed at researchers who are capable of becoming independent Principal Investigators and who are now ready to take the next step towards that goal. You can apply across all areas of the [MRC's remit](#).

Applicants are expected to combine time spent on the NIRG with a portfolio of other activities, such as time spent on other research grants or clinical duties, teaching, administration duties, or other time spent in faculty (this list is not exhaustive). As such, applicants are normally expected to request up to, but no more than, 50% of their contracted working time on the NIRG.

A NIRG is normally of three years duration and is not renewable. Exceptionally, applications for a longer period of time may be accepted if the case supporting the transition to independence and scientific rationale is sufficiently justified. NIRGs do not normally last for less than three years as it is unlikely a shorter period of time will fully enable the transition to independence to be achieved.

The scheme does not cover research involving trials of clinical treatments. If your proposed research will lead directly to a separately funded clinical trial, you must contact an MRC programme manager to discuss your eligibility.

To enable NIRG applicants to combine their research project with other activities, applicants can spend **up to** 50% of their contracted working time on the NIRG. MRC salary contribution will be commensurate with the time attributed to the NIRG, and is capped at 50% of NIRG applicant's total contracted working time. If applicants wish to attribute more than 50% of their contracted working time to the NIRG, a strong scientific rationale must be provided and the host institution is expected to underwrite the additional time.

The remaining time (and therefore salary) not attributed to the NIRG must be underwritten by the host organisation. The overall portfolio of activities and the associated time commitments across the various activities must be made clear in the application, together with how this wider portfolio will contribute to the transition to independence. The case put forward will be assessed through peer review in the context of how this will enable the applicant to establish their independence within a career structure supported by the host institution.

Entry Requirements

- To be considered suitable for the scheme, applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to independence career stage, as set out in the [Applicant skills and experience](#) table. Eligible applicants also need to provide a clear rationale of why a NIRG will best support their long term career goals and chosen career route, see [Supporting Key Career Stages](#)
- Applicants who have already achieved independence, usually evidenced by [substantial grant income](#) as a Principal Investigator and / or having already established their own research group, are not eligible

- There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. The minimum formal qualification required is a graduate degree. Most applicants are also expected to have a PhD or an MD. Applicants can hold a lecturer appointment, a junior fellowship, or be in another research staff position. Applicants who hold, or have held early career training fellowships, such as MRC skills development fellowships, are eligible to apply. If you are unsure whether your current funding or position makes you ineligible, please contact the subject-relevant MRC programme manager
- It is essential that the NIRG applicant is the sole intellectual leader of the proposed project. Multidisciplinarity may be an important aspect of a project, and one which facilitates career development into a new field. Co-Investigators are therefore permitted on NIRGs, but only when they bring expertise to the project which is outside the applicant's field. The applicant's current supervisor or lab head should not be a Co-Investigator on the proposal, but if they are providing expertise to the project the appropriate details can be included in the Case for Support. Other researchers may also be included as named collaborators in the Case for Support.

Grant Overview

Under the NIRG scheme you may request support for:

- MRC salary contribution commensurate with the time attributed to the NIRG, capped at a maximum of 50% of the applicant's total contracted working time. The amount of time attributed to the NIRG project (and therefore the proportion of salary requested on the grant) must be commensurate with the requirements of the project and will be assessed by peer review. The individual's working time not supported by the NIRG must be underwritten by the RO
- The salary for the hours directly attributable to the project of any co-investigators
- Support for additional research or technical posts
- Consumables and equipment
- Travel costs
- Data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.

There is no arbitrary limit to the funding that can be requested under the scheme, but requests should be appropriate to the project and sufficiently justified in terms of delivering the objectives of the research proposal in the Justification of Resources.

Please note that costs for PhD studentships cannot be requested within NIRGs.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/funding/how-we-fund-research/new-investigator-research-grant/>

Career Development Award (CDA): Transition to independence

Summary

The CDA supports talented post-doctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator.

A CDA provides funding for a challenging research programme, **and** an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

You can apply across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research.

Entry Requirements

- There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. To be considered suitable for the scheme, applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate that their skills and experience at the time of their application match those of the transition to independence career stage in the [applicant skills and experience](#) table
- Applicants are normally expected to hold a PhD, however, in some cases applicants without a PhD may be considered if they are able to clearly demonstrate their skills and experience match those of the transition to independence career stage in the [applicant skills and experience](#) table. Individuals should contact fellows@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk to discuss their suitability for the scheme prior to applying.
- Non-EEA applicants are eligible under Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa route.

Grant Overview

The CDA provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

Applicants are particularly encouraged to consider the opportunities the fellowship offers to establish collaborative networks and for cross-sector development, as the award will support a period of research overseas, at a second UK institution, or within industry where appropriate for the research project.

Awards are made under the [full economic costing framework \(FEC\)](#). There is no limit to the funding that can be requested under the scheme, but requests should be appropriate to the project and sufficiently justified in terms of delivering the objectives of the research proposal.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/non-clinical-fellowships/career-development-award-cda-transition-to-independence/>

Senior Non-Clinical Fellowship (SNCF)

Summary

The SNCF supports researchers with a track record of effectively leading their own independent research to make the transition to research leadership and become an internationally recognised leader in their field.

An SNCF provides funding for a challenging research programme, **and** an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research. Please refer to our current [research strategy](#) for more information.

Entry Requirements

- To be within remit of the scheme, and therefore eligible to apply, all applicants must be leading their own research group as an independent investigator, primarily demonstrated by senior / communicating authorship on publications which do not include previous supervisors, and previous success in obtaining research/fellowship funding as PI. Applicants must be able to clearly explain how they will use the [fellowship](#) to transition to leadership and move to the next level in their careers
- Applicants should hold a PhD (or equivalent); there are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience
- A fellowship is not merely a large personal "grant." The awards are for five years and applicants must show a commitment to developing the breadth of their research careers as well as excellence in depth. We recognise that plans for the later stages of a fellowship may be less detailed than those for the earlier years; nevertheless, applicants should have ambitious and credible ideas for developing themselves as research leaders – scientists with vision and the ability to drive change
- Non-EEA applicants are eligible under Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) visa route.

Grant Overview

The SNCF provides full personal salary costs, together with support for research staff, consumables expenses, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project.

Applicants are particularly encouraged to consider the opportunities the fellowship offers to establish collaborative networks and for cross-sector development, as the award will support a period of research overseas, at a second UK institution, or within industry where appropriate for the research project.

Awards are made under the [full economic costing framework \(FEC\)](#). There is no limit to the funding that can be requested under the scheme, but requests should be appropriate to the project and sufficiently justified in terms of delivering the objectives of the research proposal. Advice from the programme manager is available via fellows@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/non-clinical-fellowships/senior-non-clinical-fellowship-sncf/>

Funder - Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The College helps qualified doctors to pursue their careers in specialist (internal) medicine through medical examinations, education and training. It also provide resources and information to support and facilitate professional development for physicians throughout their careers.



JMAS Sim Fellowship

Summary

The John, Margaret, Alfred and Stewart Sim Fellowship provides funding for any graduates in Medicine and Science to research the causes or treatment of depression. The College also welcomes applications linking long-term/chronic conditions with depression.

Eligibility

The College is keen that this fund fosters mental health research and the academic careers of early or intermediate researchers. There is no geographical or organisational restriction on the use of funding.

Grant Overview

Applicants may request funding for up to three years, with a total cost of up to £200,000, including salary costs and essential research expenses. Indirect costs are not funded.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/college/jmas-sim-fellowship>

Funder – The Royal Society

The Royal Society is a Fellowship of many of the world's most eminent scientists and is the oldest scientific academy in continuous existence.



University Research Fellowship

Summary

The scheme offers you the opportunity to:

- Build an independent research career
- Focus on your own research, with a limit on administrative and teaching duties
- Hold your fellowship on a part-time basis to suit personal circumstances

Eligibility

Research must be within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics. For a full list, please see the [breakdown of subject groups and areas](#) supported by the Royal Society.

You can apply for this scheme if you:

- Have between three to eight years of research experience since your PhD by the closing date of the round. Career breaks are taken into account, please refer to the scheme notes for further detail
- Do not hold a permanent post in a university or not for profit research organisation
- Do not hold, or have not previously held, an equivalent fellowship that provides an opportunity to establish an independent research group and therefore independent researcher status

Grant Overview

Funding is initially provided for five years with the opportunity to apply for an extension of an additional three years.

The scheme provides:

- Research Fellows salary: 80% of the basic salary costs up to £40,681.46 in the first year, estates costs and indirect costs
- Research expenses:
 - Contribution to research expenses of £13,000 in year one and £11,000 per year thereafter
- Research assistance:
 - Contribution to a postdoctoral research assistant and/or a four-year PhD studentship
 - Equipment costs
 - Support for public engagement activities

- Funding for training and professional development for the Research Fellow and any staff or students supported by the grant

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/university-research/>

Funder – Society for the Study of Addiction

The mission of the Society is to broaden and promote the scientific understanding of addiction, and we particularly aim to help clinicians and policy makers get research evidence into practice.



Academic Fellowships

Summary

The SSA academic fellowship scheme was established to provide opportunities for high-calibre post-doctoral addictions academics (either clinical or non-clinical) to pursue post-doctoral career development in addiction science in a UK university or UK university affiliated NHS clinical setting and which will, in the opinion of the trustees, further the aims of the SSA.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be current members or student associates of the SSA.
- Applicants must be resident in the UK.
- Applications must always be for employment and supervision by a UK University for the fellowship component of the applicant's appointment (they may also have a separate part-time appointment in a clinical service where research studies may be carried out in a clinical NHS setting).
- An applicant wishing to be considered on the clinical academic fellowship track will be expected to secure partial funding support for continued clinical activity and further clinical training, with the level of SSA support reduced to a part-time component, equivalent in value to the non-clinical academic track.
- Employees of the alcohol, tobacco and gambling industries are not eligible for the scheme.
- Applicants for an academic fellowship must describe in advance the area of academic development and the anticipated academic product and how it will support the aims of the Society as well as meeting university criteria for academic excellence.
- Applicants will be expected already to hold a higher degree (e.g. PhD) in an area of study of direct relevance to the addictions field.
- academic fellows are required to report to the executive council on the progress and the outcome of their higher addictions academic work
- In the event that an academic fellow's focus of study changes, so that it no longer has a clear addictions basis, funding by the SSA will cease.
- The successful candidate must declare the SSA's support clearly, and will be expected to describe themselves as an SSA academic fellow.

Grant Overview

The annual funding will provide a basic academic salary, in accordance with the criteria and scales of the host university – in the £35-45,000 annual salary range plus £10,000 mandatory expenditure of national insurance and superannuation etc. The Society will make available an additional 'Project Costs' budget up to a maximum of £15,000 over the duration of a Fellowship. Any expenditure from this extra budget must be applied for separately on each occasion with itemised detail regarding costings, showing why and how each instance is necessary and relevant to the aims of the Fellowship. In the first instance this extra budget is to help cover project costs, but in exceptional circumstances

the Fellowship panel may agree to it being used to enable attendance at relevant conferences or other networking activities related to a Fellowship project, subject to a maximum of £2,000 per annum with the requirement that the Fellow seeks prior approval and must as a minimum present a poster at the event, and ideally be more involved – e.g. by giving an oral presentation or organising a workshop.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.addiction-ssa.org/funding/academic-fellowships/>

Funder – Stroke Association

The Stroke Association provide specialist support, fund critical research and campaign to make sure people affected by stroke get the very best care and support to rebuild their lives.



Postdoctoral Fellowships

Summary

Postdoctoral Fellowships (formerly called Senior Research Training Fellowships) are intended to provide outstanding postdoctoral candidates the necessary skills and training for the development of an independent career in academic stroke research.

The award allows Fellows to hold research funds in their own name, and undertake an independent research project under the supervision of an established member of the stroke research community. It is a condition of the award that the Fellow seeks to obtain further research funds during the tenure of the award, in order to consolidate and advance their career.

The Stroke Association supports Fellows who plan to conduct stroke research into clinical and applied health, including social care research. This includes research that is conducted to answer specific questions relating to day-to-day practice in health services or community settings, and which has the potential to have an impact on the health or well-being of people affected by stroke. A clear trajectory to patient benefit is essential.

They welcome applications from allied health professionals and nurses, psychologists, pharmacists, and other applied researchers including but not limited to: implementation scientists, health economists, digital health and computer scientists. The Stroke Association will not fund basic or pre-clinical research through this wholly-funded Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme. This does not apply to our joint Clinical Fellowship programmes with the Medical Research Council (MRC) or Association of British Neurologists (ABN), which are open to research across the whole pathway.

Eligibility

Applicants are not eligible to apply to this funding scheme if they currently hold a permanent contract with the university. For example, if you are in a permanent Research Associate role, you are not eligible for this scheme.

Physicians and similar medical professionals are not eligible to apply for a Postdoctoral Fellowship. Applicants should have submitted their **PhD thesis** prior to the deadline for applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship. All applicants will need to have been **awarded their PhD** before beginning their Postdoctoral Fellowship, should they be successful after interview. Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to those who have undertaken **up to** maximum 6 years active research subsequent to obtaining their PhD qualification, excluding career breaks and other periods of leave such as sickness and maternity.

Fellows must have one lead supervisor who bears overall responsibility for the training and the research project. Additional supervisors are recommended.

Applicants must include a named mentor and a support letter from the mentor in the application form. You will be asked to justify the appropriateness of your choice of mentor. (Mentoring is a widely used development tool that can have a beneficial impact on effectiveness, confidence and career advancement. We have found that researchers who have a mentor have a greater clarity of purpose and productivity, have increased sector knowledge, and are better prepared to reach their career aspirations.)

Applicants will be asked to give details of whether they have involved their local Research Design Service (RDS) or Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) in the development of the research proposal, including details of any discussions they have had with the RDS/CTU, improvements to the proposal as a result of the advice offered and their ongoing involvement in the project. Please note: for clinical trial applications, the involvement of a CTU is mandatory and applicants will need to outline their lead supervisor's track record in running clinical studies and the expected role of the supervisor in ensuring the study will recruit to target and stay on track.

Grant Overview

The maximum funding amount that can be applied for is £215,000 over a period of 3 to 5 years. Fellowships may be taken up on a part-time, pro-rata basis but the minimum working hours would be equivalent to 0.6 FTE i.e. Applicants cannot apply for the full amount if they want to work part time over 3 years only. If they would like to do this, the cost of the award will be reduced accordingly.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/research/our-funding-schemes/postdoctoral-fellowships>

Funder – Versus Arthritis

Versus Arthritis is the UK's largest charity dedicated to supporting people with arthritis. Their approach to research funding is aimed at transforming musculoskeletal research to produce a greater impact for people living with arthritis.



Foundation Fellowships

Summary

Foundation fellowships aim to retain the best postdoctoral researchers in areas of research relevant to arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases and provide an opportunity for fellows to develop independent research ideas at an early stage in their career.

Eligibility

Foundation fellowships are open to basic science and other non-medical (including nurses, allied health professionals and veterinary surgeons) PhD students in the final year of PhD training, or within one year of completing their PhD at the time of application. These fellowships can not be taken up until the PhD has been awarded.

Foundation fellowships should be associated with an established sponsor, within a multidisciplinary research group in a UK university department, hospital or research institute. The proposed sponsor of the foundation fellowship must not be the applicant's previous PhD supervisor. Versus Arthritis will give preference to applicants who wish to move to another laboratory in the UK. If remaining at the same institution, applicants will ideally move department, and additionally be expected to spend a period of time in another laboratory, preferably abroad. We reserve the right to reject applications that do not fully meet the eligibility criteria.

Please note, medically or surgically qualified individuals that are practising medicine, are not eligible to apply for this scheme.

Grant Overview

Fellowships are awarded for 3 years and there is no formal limit on costs. You can apply for:

- Personal salary costs.
- Reasonable research costs (not including conference attendance costs which can be applied for post award)

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.versusarthritis.org/media/21982/foundation-fellowship-application-guidance-jan2020.pdf>

Career Development Fellowships

Summary

Career development fellowships aim to attract and retain talented postdoctoral basic scientists, vets, nurses and allied health professionals in research relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions, and provide them with the opportunity to develop an independent research career and progress towards higher-level appointments.

Eligibility

Applicants should normally have at least three years' postdoctoral research experience. Applicants should be associated with an established sponsor, within a multidisciplinary research group in a UK university department, hospital or research institute. Please note, medically or surgically qualified individuals that are practising medicine, aren't eligible to apply for this scheme.

Grant Overview

Fellowships are awarded for 5 years and there is no formal limit on costs. You can apply for:

- Personal salary costs (maximum starting salary of spine point 43)
- Reasonable research costs (not including conference attendance costs which can be applied for post award)

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/research-funding-and-policy/fellowships-and-career-support/types-of-fellowship/>

Clinical Research Fellowships

Summary

Clinical research fellowships are our entry level scheme for talented medical and non-medical healthcare professionals. They're awarded to encourage clinically qualified professionals into an academic research career in any discipline relevant to arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions. They aim to provide training in clinical and/or laboratory research techniques leading to a higher degree (usually a PhD).

Eligibility

Applications are now open to both medical and non-medical healthcare professionals. Medical graduates are expected to apply usually during speciality training (including surgeons/surgical trainees), whilst non-medical healthcare professionals need to have at least one year's experience of clinical practice. Non-medical healthcare professions that are eligible to apply include: dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, occupational therapists, podiatrists, prosthetists and orthotists, psychologists, veterinary surgeons, radiographers and pharmacists.

All applicants should be associated with an established sponsor, within a multidisciplinary research group in a UK university department, hospital or research institute.

Grant Overview

Fellowships are awarded for 3 years and there is no formal limit on costs. You can apply for:

- Personal salary costs (Consultant level salaries and salaries above NHS Band 7 will not be funded)
- Reasonable research costs (not including conference attendance costs which can be applied for post award)

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://www.versusarthritis.org/media/21678/clinical-research-fellowship-application-guidance-2020.pdf>

Funder - Wellcome Trust

Wellcome exists to improve health by helping great ideas to thrive.

They support researchers, take on big health challenges, campaign for better science, and help everyone get involved with science and health research.



Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowships

Summary

This scheme offers recently qualified postdoctoral researchers the opportunity to start independent research careers, working in some of the best research environments in the world.

Eligibility

Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowships are aimed at researchers who want to undertake a guided period of research and will go on to lead their own independent research. You must either be in the final year of your PhD studies or be an early-career researcher with some initial postdoctoral experience. You should have started to make important contributions to your area of research, e.g. publications, patents, software development or an impact on policy. You must have an eligible sponsoring organisation in the UK or Republic of Ireland that will administer the fellowship for the full duration of the award.

You must also:

- Be a UK or European Economic Area national.

Or

- Have a PhD from a UK or Republic of Ireland university.

You can't usually apply if:

- You hold an established post.
- You have held or are currently completing a nationally competitive fellowship at the same level as this fellowship.
- You're currently applying for another Wellcome fellowship or a Royal Society University Research Fellowship.
- You can't apply if you want to combine research with a continuing clinical career in medicine, psychology, dentistry or veterinary practice.

Grant Overview

The Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship is for four years and can be held on a part-time basis. An award of £250,000 provides support for:

- A basic salary and a £2,500 supplement per year for personal support.
- Research expenses (consumables, travel, etc.).

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/sir-henry-wellcome-postdoctoral-fellowships>

Sir Henry Dale Fellowships

Summary

This scheme provides support for postdoctoral researchers who aim to become independent scientists leading their own groups. The scheme is a partnership between the Royal Society and the Wellcome Trust.

Eligibility

You can apply for a Sir Henry Dale Fellowship if you're already driving your own research and you're ready to lead an independent research programme. You must have a PhD and significant postdoctoral research experience. You should have made important contributions to your area of research, e.g. publications, patents, software development or an impact on policy. You must have sponsorship from a head of department or equivalent at an eligible host organisation in the UK. If you're proposing to stay in your current department, you should describe in your application how this proposal will further your independent scientific career.

You can't usually apply if:

- You hold an established post.
- You have held or are currently completing a nationally competitive fellowship at the same level as this fellowship.
- You're currently applying for another Wellcome fellowship or a Royal Society University Research Fellowship.
- You can't apply if you want to combine research with a continuing clinical career in medicine, psychology, dentistry or veterinary practice.

Grant Overview

A Sir Henry Dale Fellowship is for five years. It may be held on a part-time basis and you can apply for renewal for an additional three years. The award includes:

- Basic salary.
- Fellowship supplement.
- Research expenses (inc. one research post).
- £11k p.a. towards indirect and estate costs.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/sir-henry-dale-fellowships>

Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Science

Summary

This scheme supports postdoctoral researchers in health-related humanities and social sciences who do not hold established posts.

Eligibility

You can apply for a Research Fellowship if you're a postdoctoral researcher who wants to carry out an extended period of research on your own project. You must not have a permanent contract, or a contract that will last longer than the Fellowship. In most cases, applicants should have been awarded a PhD before they apply.

Grant Overview

This Research Fellowship is for three years and can be held on a part-time basis over a longer period. An award of up to £275,000 will cover:

- Basic salary costs.
- Research expenses (consumables, travel, etc.).

You can also apply for [Research Enrichment funding](#) to increase the impact of your work through activities in public engagement, open research, and diversity and inclusion.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/research-fellowships-humanities-and-social-science>

Clinical Research Career Development Fellowships

Summary

This scheme enables medical, dental, veterinary and clinical psychology graduates to continue their research at postdoctoral level and develop scientific independence. It provides support for up to eight years and the flexibility to balance research and clinical responsibilities.

Eligibility

You can apply for a Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship if you've completed your thesis for a higher degree (preferably a PhD). If you're currently writing your thesis, you must have submitted it by the full application deadline. You must want a clinical academic career.

In addition:

- Medical and dental candidates should either have a national training number (NTN) and be enrolled on a recognised UK training programme or have a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), or the equivalent, and General Medical Council (GMC) registration with a licence to practice.
- Veterinary candidates should have a degree in veterinary medicine (eg BVSc, BVM&S, BVMS, BVetMed or VetMB), be registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and have some experience in clinical practice.
- Clinical psychology candidates must have obtained a professional doctorate-level qualification in clinical psychology accredited by the British Psychological Society and be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

If you're still doing your clinical training, you:

- Should have a clear plan for completing it.
- Can tailor your fellowship to combine clinical training with your research.

All candidates for this fellowship should have:

- A strong track record in their area of research relative to career stage
- Sponsorship from an [eligible host organisation](#) in the UK or Republic of Ireland.

You can't usually apply if you:

- Hold a nationally competitive fellowship at an equivalent level, supported by another UK funding body.
- Hold an established academic post (although we're willing to consider a preliminary application if you can justify moving to a different organisation).
- Are currently applying for another Wellcome Trust fellowship.

What Wellcome are looking for:

A Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship is split into two stages, related to the experience of the researchers.

Progression from stage 1 to stage 2 involves a formal application and competitive interview. This process, called the 'gate', is flexible because there is no set duration for each stage.

When you apply to stage 1, you'll need to estimate when you intend to apply to stage 2. Depending on your progress, you may want to apply earlier. For those holding the fellowship full time:

- Neither stage can be held for longer than 5 years.
- The total length of the fellowship can't exceed 8 years.

Candidates who are ready to lead an independent research programme can apply to stage 2 directly, without doing stage 1 first.

Stage 1 – Exploration and consolidation

If you're an early postdoctoral researcher, you can apply for an initial phase of funding that provides research expenses and salary support. This will help you consolidate your research experience and explore new areas of research.

At the end of stage 1, you should be able to show that you have:

- The research maturity to lead an independent research programme.
- The potential to be an independent leader in your area of research.

Stage 2 – Early independence

To obtain a stage 2 fellowship, you must show that you are ready to lead an independent research programme. Stage 2 funding can include support for a research assistant or nurse.

At the end of stage 2, you should:

- Have achieved international standing in your area of research.
- Be leading your own research programme.

Grant Overview

The Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship provides funding for up to eight years in total. In most cases:

- Stage 1 funding will range from £80,000 to £140,000 a year.
- Stage 2 funding will range from £160,000 to £250,000 a year.

Support can include:

- Basic salary.
- Research expenses directly related to your proposal (consumables, travel, etc.)
- Funding for one research post (postdoctoral, graduate RA or technician) at stage 2.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/clinical-research-career-development-fellowships>

Research Fellowships for Health Professionals

Summary

This scheme offers practicing health professionals the opportunity to carry out humanities or social science research, in any area of health.

Eligibility

You can apply for a Research Fellowship if you're a practicing health professional with some research experience. The research you propose should aim to improve understanding of health and disease using humanities or social science methods.

You must want to do one of the following:

- A PhD. You must have a relevant Master's degree or equivalent research experience; or
- A project at postdoctoral level. You must have a relevant PhD or equivalent research experience.

Research areas can include but are not limited to:

- How social, environmental and political structures determine health
- How governments, communities and individuals respond to disease and pursue wellbeing
- The cultural meanings and significance of sickness and health
- The challenges of modern biomedicine

Your proposal can be relevant to your immediate working environment. It can also have elements of applied research, but this should not be the main focus. For example, they're unlikely to fund a project focused on developing an intervention.

You can't apply if

- You hold a permanent academic post; or

- You've received support for your doctoral studies from another funding body.

Grant Overview

This Research Fellowship is for three years and can be held on a part-time basis over a longer period. An award of up to £400,000 provides support for:

- Basic salary
- Research expenses (consumables, travel, etc.).
- PhD registration fees
- General training costs

You can also apply for [Research Enrichment funding](#) to increase the impact of your work through activities in public engagement, open research, and diversity and inclusion.

Link to Fellowship

Includes details on deadlines, how to apply and the assessment criteria:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/research-fellowships-health-professionals>