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Co-ordinated University bids


The Connecting Capability Fund is a competitive £85m fund for university collaboration in research commercialisation to contribute to the delivery of the government's Industrial Strategy. Bids are invited for £3–5m, three-year projects, with funds to be spent by March 2021.

The internal deadline for proposals is Wednesday 24 May.
For more information and details of how to apply see the co-ordinated bids page.
Workshops, training and information sessions

Wellcome Trust visit, 26 May 2017

Professor Jim Smith, Wellcome Trust Director of Science, will be giving a talk at 1pm on Friday 26 May at the Sherrington Building in South Parks Road. This will be followed at 2pm by sessions on early career researchers, innovation, and the humanities and social sciences.

For full details of the event and to book a place see the Eventbrite page.

Internal funding opportunities

STFC Impact Acceleration Account (deadline: 8 June 2017)

The STFC IAA provides funding for activities that increase the impact of STFC-funded (or partly funded) research.

The deadline for applications for this round is Thursday 8 June.

For more information see our internal funding pages.

MRC Confidence in Concept internal fund (deadline: 3 July 2017)

The MRC Confidence in Concept internal fund 2017 is open for applications. The fund will support projects that accelerate the translation from discovery research to translational development projects by supporting preliminary work or feasibility studies to establish the viability of an approach. The deadline for applications is Monday 3 July.

For more information see the Medical Sciences Division website.

Open Access

Benefits of depositing in ORA

The purpose of ORA (the Oxford University Research Archive) is to store and disseminate digital copies of Oxford research publications. Recent usage patterns show that it offers benefits beyond compliance with HEFCE policy, including publicity for authors, the promotion of research via social media, and global reach.

For more information see the Open Access website.

Other news

IRAMS - new system for applying for internal funding

Divisions and Research Services have worked with IT Services to deliver a purpose-built system for managing internal research funds and external grants with institutional quotas called IRAMS (Internal Research Award Management System). In the coming months, IRAMS will become the system for a variety of funds and the next John Fell Fund round will be using IRAMS.

For more information see Electronic submission of grant applications.

Global smart city competition (deadline: 20 June 2017)

Oxford City Council, as part of the Smart Oxford initiative, has launched a global smart city competition, sponsored by the University and other local organisations. Ideas are invited on the theme ‘shared city’ to help make Oxford more liveable, open and collaborative.

More information can be found on the Smart Oxford website.
The impacts of ‘purdah’ on researchers and research communications

The Public Affairs Directorate has provided guidance for communication officers on the impact of what is known as the regulated period before an election (or ‘purdah’). This includes advice of direct relevance to researchers. If your activity is funded by a government grant, strict rules may well apply during the election. Other government and non-government funders may also have guidelines that apply during the regulated period.

Guidance from RCUK is available on their website.

New on Funding Insight: MRC applications, the Jean Monnet fellowships, and resubmissions

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

- Keisuke Kaji of the University of Edinburgh on how he won a seven-year £4m MRC senior fellowship
- Information on the Jean Monnet fellowships at the European University Institute’s Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
- Advice on whether to resubmit an unsuccessful research grant application

Funder-specific news

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For any EC, FP7 and Horizon 2020-related news / consultations, events and deadlines, including factsheets specifically aimed at Oxford researchers and research support staff, please see the Oxford Gateway to Europe website. The website is also regularly updated with the latest about Brexit.

NERC: Science Board nominations invited

NERC is inviting applications from across the NERC science remit to join its key scientific advisory board, the Science Board, to commence appointment in October 2017.

For more information see the NERC website.

NIH: New grant application forms and instructions

NIH has announced changes to its grant application form and application guide instructions, effective for calls with deadlines from 25 January 2018.

For more information see the NIH website.

More news from funders on Research Professional

You can find more news from top research funders on Research Professional.