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Co-ordinated University bids

Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists in the United Kingdom (deadline: 6 June 2018)

The Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists in the United Kingdom provide up to US$100,000 in unrestricted funds to innovative young researchers in chemistry, physical sciences & engineering, and life sciences. Oxford can only submit one nomination for each of the three subjects. Applicants should submit a 200 word rationale for their nomination, a four-side CV, a 1,000 word research summary and the names of two nominators to research@mpls.ox.ac.uk by noon on Wednesday 6 June.

> More details

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Internal funding
Oppenheimer Fund (deadline: 31 October 2018)

The Oppenheimer Fund provides funding for senior members of the University to visit one or more universities in South Africa or for senior members of South African universities to visit Oxford. The next deadline for applications is **Wednesday 31 October**.

> More details

Competition and awards

The Inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards (extended deadline: 29 May 2018)

The Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards seek to recognise and celebrate high-quality research-led innovation at all levels. Research-led innovation may take many forms, including: the creation of new products or models; entrepreneurial activity; social enterprise; influencing policy; or cultural engagement. Entry is via [IRAMS](#) by 2pm on **Tuesday 29 May**.

> More details

Policy, processes and resources

New report with data from X5 broken down by gender

A [new report](#) has been created to show an analysis of gender data from X5. This report has been developed in partnership with colleagues in the divisions and the Equality and Diversity Unit, and shows applications, awards and success rates by gender, financial year and award type, with the facility to search for schemes and funders. In addition (departmental) data can be benchmarked against divisions or the whole University.

Please see [our website](#) for information on access to BI reports.
Pricing research for industrial funders

The University’s Research & Innovation Committee has approved an amendment to the X5 pricing template for industrial funders to set the default rate for those funders at 120% of FEC. The aim is to encourage the recovery of a surplus from industrial funders and further reduce the volume of research undertaken at less than FEC. This does not alter the University’s stated policy on industrial funders which remains that departments should seek to recover a minimum of 100% FEC from industrial funders.

New on Funding Insight: British Academy and Jisc’s Digital Research in the Humanities, Alzheimer’s Research UK’s Travelling Research Fellowship, and winning an ESRC Research Grant

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Ken Emond of the British Academy on the Digital Research in the Humanities scheme, run in partnership with Jisc
• Edward Pinches of Alzheimer’s Research UK on the rarely awarded Travelling Research Fellowship
• Rita Griffiths of the University of Bath on her successful application for an ESRC Research Grant

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BBSRC: members sought for committees and pool of experts
BBSRC is looking for people to join its Pool of Experts, Research Committee E and Follow-on Fund Committee. The deadline for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 12 June.

> More details

**BBSRC: strategic review of bioimaging in the UK**

BBSRC has published the report of a strategic review of bioimaging in the UK.

> More details

**EC/Horizon 2020 news, Brexit round-up, consultations, events and deadlines: see Oxford Gateway to Europe**

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.

**EPSRC: recruitment of Strategic Advisory Network members**

EPSRC is looking to recruit new members to its Strategic Advisory Network.

> More details

**ESRC: review recommends investment in longitudinal studies**

A comprehensive, independent review has recommended that the ESRC should continue to fund its world-leading social science longitudinal studies.

> More details

**MRC: health data research review**
The MRC has published a new report on health data research in the UK, detailing key activities and major investments.

> More details

**NIH: funding levels for FY 2018**

NIH has received a 9% increase in funding on FY 2017, with a total of $37.311 billion.

> More details

**NIH: legislative mandates in effect for FY 2018**

The NIH has published updated conditions to the use of funds from its grants for the fiscal year ending on 30 September 2018.

> More details

**NIH: policy on change of director or PI status**

The NIH has issued a reminder that prior approval is required for any change in status of the PD/PI or other senior/key personnel if this has an impact on their ability to carry out the approved research at and on behalf of the recipient institution.

> More details

**NIH: transition to new human subjects system**

NIH has developed a new Human Subjects System (HSS), which consolidates human subjects and clinical trial information in one place. HSS will replace the Inclusion Management System (IMS), used for reporting participant sex/gender, race, and ethnicity information, from 9 June 2018.

> More details
NIHR: new guide to patient and public involvement

A new guide has been launched to help researchers improve patient and public involvement (PPI) in their studies. Guidance for Researchers: Feedback provides advice on keeping patients, carers, service users and members of public informed of research progress.

> More details

Research England: QR and HEIF allocations for 2018-19

Research England has published further details on QR and HEIF funding for individual higher education institutions for 2018-19.

> More details

UKRI: diversity data published

UKRI has published the Research Councils’ fourth annual update of diversity data and is recruiting members for a new external advisory group on equality, diversity and inclusion.

> More details

UKRI: framework document published

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and UKRI have published a framework document that sets out governance arrangements between the two organisations.

> More details

UKRI: strategic prospectus launch

UKRI has set out its plans to strengthen the UK’s world-leading knowledge economy and deliver impact across society in its strategic prospectus.
Wellcome: policies to promote positive research cultures

Wellcome has introduced a new policy to clarify its responsibilities as a funder in relation to bullying and harassment to complement recently updated guidelines on good research practice.

Wellcome: sharing clinical trial data

Wellcome has joined ClinicalStudyDataRequest.com (CSDR), a data-sharing initiative involving academic research funders and pharmaceutical companies, and has updated its policy on clinical trials.

More news from funders on Research Professional

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

The next issue of RS News will be circulated on Friday 15 June. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 11 June.