UCLH NIHR BRC Neuroscience programme: call for applications to the Consultant PA support scheme for 2017-2018

The UCLH NIHR BRC Neuroscience programme is issuing a call for applications to the Consultant PA support scheme for 2017-2018.

This is being issued with the caveat that the BRC itself, and thus our programme is renewed for 2017-2022. We should find out in the next couple of months, but wish to start to make plans for the next financial year. We are therefore issuing this call at the same time as the annual review of current PA holders and we will review all together in early autumn. This will help the trust and UCL with its plans for the coming year.

Any application must be aligned with the strategic objectives of the programme, which are vertical disease pillars - neurodegeneration, stroke, epilepsy and neuro-oncology and cross-cutting platforms – imaging, biomarkers, NIHR BioResource and bioinformatics.

Anyone wishing to make further enquiries can contact Prof Nicholas Wood, Programme Director [n.wood@ucl.ac.uk], and/or, if seeking to apply, to Dr Daniel Herron, Programme Operations Manager [daniel.herron@ucl.ac.uk] for the application form.

The deadline for submissions is 5.00pm Monday 10th September 2016

Recruitment for UCL Excellence Fellowships now open

Closing date: 29th August 2016

UCL's Excellence Fellowship Programme seeks to recruit the highest calibre early career researchers from across the globe, supporting them to establish their independent career and become the research leaders of the future.

- The Excellence Fellowship Programme currently supports fellows within the School of Life and Medical Sciences.
- Excellence Fellows can be from clinical and non-clinical backgrounds, and work across the full range of disciplines in life and medical sciences, including clinical, applied and population health science.
- Fellows are provided with a competitive salary and research expenses for three years.
- During the tenure of the award, Fellows are supported to obtain a competitive external fellowship or major personal award that will allow
The 2016 recruitment round for the UCL Excellence Fellowship Programme is now open (deadline, August 29, 5 pm). To apply, please see more information online.

More information

Neuroscience Careers Network

Neuroscience Careers Network mailing list

The UCL Neuroscience Careers Network (NCN) provides opportunities for neuroscientists to meet their peers, to share ideas, experience and initiate collaborations. It also provides a platform for careers advice and the dissemination of information regarding jobs, training and funding opportunities.

The NCN is organised by a committee made up of representatives from a variety of departments under the UCL Neuroscience Domain and includes both post-doctoral researchers and PIs.

Subscribe to the mailing list, to hear about events, workshops, job and funding opportunities.

Subscribe here: https://www.mailinglists.ucl.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/earlycareerneuro

Wellcome Trust Image Awards 2017 open for entries

The call for contributions for the Wellcome Image Awards 2017 is now open. The awards celebrate the aesthetic beauty of scientific images, the research behind them and the incredible techniques used to create them.

The awards, which were first held in 1997, celebrate the best in science image making.

Winners receive prizes up to £5,000, and the winning images are displayed in galleries and science centres across the UK and around the world.

All images accepted into Wellcome Images’ collections will be considered for the awards.

Images are judged on their:

- quality
- technique
• visual impact
• ability to communicate and engage.

The deadline for the 2017 Wellcome Image Awards is 11 September 2016. The winners will be announced in March 2017.

More information

New website for the BNA and BNA2017 Festival of Neuroscience information announced

The BNA are excited to announce the launch of their newly designed website, which goes live on 28th July and is located at the same address www.bna.org.uk.

The website provides a clean, fresh and modern look with improved content layout for easy navigation. Enhanced member features include a 'locker' which store details such as abstract submissions and meeting bookings. We also take this opportunity to introduce our Associate Member category - open to all those who have a genuine interest in neuroscience, but do not work in neuroscience in a professional capacity. You may be a teacher, mechanic, nurse, or business leader; the brain is endlessly fascinating for everyone!

BNA2017 FESTIVAL OF NEUROSCIENCE REGISTRATION OPENING SHORTLY

The BNA2017 Festival of Neuroscience is one of the largest international neuroscience meetings in Europe in 2017

BNA2017 delegates can expect a jam-packed scientific programme with the top experts in their field offering research findings from the hottest topics in neuroscience, as well as many other activities including public events and workshops.

Keep an eye on the website www.bna2017.org for more information!

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In the News

UCL researchers elected to British Academy

Four academics from UCL have recently been elected as Fellows of the British Academy, in recognition of their outstanding research.

British Academy Fellows
The new UCL fellows are:

- Professor Robyn Carston (UCL Linguistics)
- Professor Susanne Kuechler (UCL Anthropology)
- Professor Nilli Lavie (UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience)
- Professor Sophie Scott (UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience)

A total of 42 UK academics were elected as Fellows by the Academy during their 2016 Annual General Meeting.

The newly elected fellows will play a vital role in the work of the Academy by encouraging younger researchers, engaging in public discussion of the great issues and ideas of our time and contributing to policy reports.

Full story

Scientific meeting to commemorate the centenary of the death of Sir Victor Horsley
23rd November 2016

16th July 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the premature death, whilst serving his country near Basra, of Sir Victor Horsley.

Horsley has been called the 'Father of Neurosurgery' and he made extraordinary contributions to science, neurosurgery and British public life.

He was one of the Queen Square quadrumvirate, renowned around the world. A short scientific meeting and reception will be held in his memory on The meeting, with local and international speakers, will provide a modern reflection on Horsley's legacy today.

All are welcome and please save the date - a full programme and registration details will follow.

Professor Karl Friston awarded the Glass Brain Award from the Organisation of Human Brain Mapping

Professor Karl Friston (FRS), from the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, UCL Institute of Neurology has been awarded the Glass Brain Award from the Organisation of Human Brain Mapping, for his extraordinary lifetime accomplishments in the field of human brain mapping.

Professor Cathy Price, Director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, UCL Institute of Neurology, comments on his achievements:

"Friston’s groundbreaking work in statistics, computational modelling and theoretical neurobiology has resulted in seminal contributions in many areas of cognitive neuroscience and psychiatry.

Full story
Current Funding Opportunities

10 permanent positions for Senior Researchers - Ikerbasque Research Professors

Closing date: 12th September 2016

Ikerbasque, the Basque Foundation for Science, would like to inform you that we have launched a new international call to reinforce research and scientific career in the Basque Country (Europe). We offer:

- 10 permanent positions for Senior Researchers - Ikerbasque Research Professors.
  - Researchers with a solid research track and leadership capabilities
  - The applicants must have their PhD completed before January 2008
  - Permanent contract positions within any of the Basque Research Institutions
  - Deadline: September 12th

For further information, use this link: www.ikerbasque.net

NIHR fellowships: deadlines brought forward and webinar

Closing date: December 2016

The NIHR have announced that the deadlines for the next round (round 10) of their Fellowship Programme will be brought forward. Deadlines are normally in January each year, but for the next round the postdoctoral, career development and senior fellowship schemes will have deadlines in December 2016. The calls will be officially launched in October.

The NIHR recently held a webinar on their Fellowships schemes. This is available for all to view online (registration required) and the link can be found on the SLMS Research Facilitation webpages here. http://www.ucl.ac.uk/slms/slms-intranet/research/facilitation/looking-for-funding/presentations-from-funders.


UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars – August – September 2016

23 August, 2016 - ALS seminar: Nuclear transport disruption in C9orf72 ALS/FTD

Time: 13:00:00 -

Part of the ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Tom Lloyd, Dept. of Neurology, Neuroscience & Genetics, John Hopkins School of Medicine Host: Giampietro Schiavo

Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Debbie Hadley

Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email
8 September, 2016 - Supporting physical activity for people living with long term conditions
Time: 17:15:00 -
Speaker: Professor Leigh Hale, University of Otago UCL Partners Centre for Rehabilitation seminar
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

12 September, 2016 - Otto Wolff Lecture: The developing brain, from morphology to function
Time: 13:00:00 - 14:00:00
Speaker: Professor Petra S. Hüppi, Division of Development and Growth, Dept. of Pediatrics University Children’s Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland Tea & coffee available on the balcony from 12.30pm
Location: Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Rebecca Sage
Email: R.Sage@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

13 September, 2016 - Transcriptional profiling of early pathophysiological changes in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
Time: 12:00:00 -
Part of the ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Professor Kevin Talbot, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford. Host: Linda Greensmith
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
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Phone: Please email

19 September, 2016 - Bone marrow gene therapy - extending its application to multi system disorders
Time: 17:30:00 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker: Professor Bobby Gaspar, UCL ICH
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
Society for the Neurobiology of Language Annual Conference

17 – 20 August 2016
London

The Eighth Annual Meeting for the Neurobiology of Language will be held in London, England on August 17 – 20, 2016. The Meeting will be held at the UCL Institute of Education located in the Bloomsbury District of central London.

The meeting will feature three keynote sessions, as well as a panel discussion.

Scientific Program 2016

The eighth annual meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language will feature three keynote sessions, as well as a panel discussion:

Keynote Sessions
Mairéad MacSweeney - Insights into the neurobiology of language processing from deafness and sign language
David Attwell - The energetic design of the brain
Anne-Lise Giraud - Modelling neuronal oscillations to understand language neurodevelopmental disorders

More information and registration

6th Motivation and Cognitive Control (MCC) Symposium

24 - 26 August 2016, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Full Residential Conference fee includes 3 nights accommodation and social events:
£475 with 10% discount if booked by 6th May.

Full Non Residential Conference fee includes social events:
£365 with 10% discount if booked by 6th May.

More information

Computational Psychiatry Course

29 August - 2nd September 2016, Zurich, Switzerland

Registration for this year’s Computational Psychiatry Course in Zurich is now open, organized by the Translational Neuromodeling Unit (ETH and University of Zurich).

For the second time, the Translational Neuromodeling Unit (UZH/ETH) organizes a 5-day course which is designed to provide students with the necessary toolkit to master challenges in computational psychiatry research. This course will be practically useful for students (Master, PhD, Postdoc) who would like to apply modeling techniques to study learning, decision-making or brain physiology in patients with psychiatric disorders. The course will teach not only the theory of computational modeling, but also demonstrate open source software in application to example data sets. One whole day is designated for talks on psychiatry (mood
INCF Short course 2016

31 August - 1 September 2016, Reading

This year, the two-day INCF short course in neuroinformatics will be held in Reading, UK on August 31 - September 1, just before INCF's Neuroinformatics 2016.

The venue is Penta hotel, 5-10 minutes walk from Reading train station. Registration is free, with lunch included.

The course is intended for neuroscience researchers wishing to develop their interests in neuroinformatics as well as informatics researchers with a strong interest in neuroscience. The course is open to advanced students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members. Basic knowledge of neuroscience is a prerequisite.

Apply latest May 31!
https://www.incf.org/resources/training/incf-short-course-2016

British Myology Society Adult Muscle Teaching Day 2016

6 September 2016, Wolfson College, Oxford

Open to all who wish to learn more about muscle disorders that they will meet in everyday practice.

- Practical, real-world advice when faced with patients with muscle symptoms
- Expert clinicians

Programme includes: Clinical approach to the muscle patient, IBM, The ITU neuromuscular consult, Managing Myasthenia, Myotonic dystrophy and FSH, Myositis diagnosis, Efficient investigation, Statins update, Duchenne and similar problems in adulthood
To register: email cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk for a registration form along with payment instructions.

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British Myology Society Meeting 2016

6 - 7 September 2016, Wolfson College, Oxford

Our exciting programme combines latest developments in clinical practice, commissioning, big data, discussion of complex cases and state of the art updates from international speakers.
Registration open to BMS members
To register: email cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk for a registration form along with payment instructions.

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Professional Workshop on Hypothalamic Hamartomas

17 September 2016, Weston House, London

University College of London & Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas (Hope for HH) is pleased to present a Professional Workshop on Hypothalamic Hamartomas.

Leading HH experts will present the most up-to-date information concerning diagnosis, treatment, and management of hypothalamic hamartomas, as well as exciting research in imaging, genetics and surgery. The newest innovation in treatment - laser surgery - will be discussed by neurosurgeon Dan Curry who has treated 100+ HH cases in the United States.

The target audience is health care professionals including neurologists, neurosurgeons, paediatricians, endocrinologists, radiologists, RNs, case managers etc. J. Helen Cross, OBE, Prince of Wales Chair of Childhood Epilepsy and Deputy Head of UCL-ICH Neurosciences Unit is the event chairperson. Speakers, schedule, and registration are available here. CPD credit is available

http://www.hhuk2016.com/

Healthcare Efficiency Through Technology (HETT) show

28 September 2016
Olympia, London

Digital and technological transformation across health and social care

Learn, discuss and explore how the Government’s £4.2 billion investment in NHS IT is critical in moving to a paperless, locally focused and more patient-centred form of care.

For more information and registration visit the website:
http://www.hettshow.co.uk/?_ga=1.51971104.888277583.1469696383

BPNA NeoNATE Course

29 - 30 September 2016
Glasgow

This is a 2-day practical course for anyone who looks after neonates including:
Trainees
Consultant Paediatricians
Consultant Neonatologists
Consultant Paediatric Neurologists
Advanced Nurse Practitioners/Consultants

Topics covered include:
• the neurological examination in the neonate
• recognition of neonatal seizures
• interpretation of neonatal cerebral function monitoring and the use of standard EEG
• hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
• encephalopathy secondary to metabolic disorders
• haemorrhagic lesions
• perinatal stroke
• hydrocephalus
• neural tube defects
• neonatal seizures and epilepsies
• an approach to the floppy and the stiff baby
• central and neuromuscular motor disorders

The course has been developed by Consultant Paediatric Neurologists, Neonatologists, Paediatricians with an expertise in neonatal care, Paediatric Radiologists and Consultant Neurophysiologists.

For more information, please see: https://www.bpna.org.uk/neonate/index.php?contentid=1062

**The Lancet Neurology Conference - Preclinical neurodegenerative disease: towards prevention and early diagnosis**

**19 - 21 October 2016**  
Park Plaza Riverbank, London

The clinical symptoms of neurodegenerative diseases arise years after the onset of neuronal damage. By the time the patient receives a diagnosis, it might be too late to intervene and modify the advanced pathological state of disease. Researchers are now focusing on preventing and stopping the pathological processes in the brain at an earlier, asymptomatic state.

This conference aims to disseminate cutting-edge findings on preclinical neurodegenerative diseases—including Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Huntington’s disease. The event will provide a unique platform for specialists to come together across disciplines for an authoritative discussion of the methodological, regulatory, and ethical considerations of research in people at asymptomatic states of neurodegenerative disease.

Posters are invited to supplement the invited oral programme. Please submit abstracts by June 3, 2016.

[More information](#)

**1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research**

**18 – 22 November 2016**  
Paphos, Cyprus

1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research entitled *Magic Always Happens through our interdisciplinary approach to autism!*

Our conference takes a true “360 degrees” approach and it aims to bring together experts and luminaries from transdisciplinary scientific research, as well as from applied fields including academicians, psychologists, physicians, geneticists, speech therapists, civil engineers, architects, economists, law, technology, and many other subject matter experts. Together, we shall all discuss best practices and suggest ideal ways of working with, treating, educating, building for, and sustaining quality centers for autism excellence, among other.

[More information](#)
Spring Meeting for Clinician Scientists in Training

Thursday 23rd February 2017
Royal College of Physicians, London

Are you looking for a chance to present your research and network with your peers across all specialties?
The annual Spring Meeting for Clinician Scientists in Training is a unique cross specialty event, coordinated by the Academy of Medical Sciences, that enables budding clinical academics to develop the skills and networks to become independent researchers.

View films about the Spring Meeting at bit.ly/SpringMeeting2016
To register to attend and/or participate in one of the competitions please visit www.acmedsci.ac.uk/springmeeting
The Spring Meeting offers:

- A range of competitions (both oral and poster) for all career stages (pre-PhD, PhD and post-doc). All accepted abstracts are published in a special edition of The Lancet.
- Cash prizes, including a top prize of £2,500.
- Opportunities to be filmed or recorded about your research.
- A communications/networking masterclass the day before to learn skills to help you get the most out of the meeting.

Opportunity to network with your peers and Academy Fellows.

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