

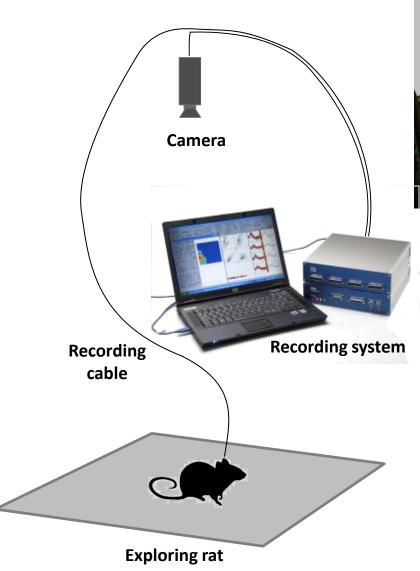
# BBSRC vs MRC funding – my experience

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## The type of work I do











#### Basic science ...

- Memory
- Spatial cognition
- Sensory integration

### ...but with ultimately clinical relevance

- Amnesia
- Alzheimer's disease
- Topographical disorientation
- Navigation
- PTSD

## \*UCL

#### **Funding history**

2000 Wellcome £163k

2001 BBSRC new investigator £194k

2001 BBSRC PhD student

2004 BBSRC £439k as co-I on collaborative grant (IABB scheme)

2008 EU FP7 grant £319k co-l

2008 Wellcome £162k

2010 BBSRC PhD student

2011 MRC £348k

2011 BBSRC CASE PhD

2012 BBSRC £345k

2012 BBSRC PhD students from the DTP (one primary, one

secondary)

2013 NC3Rs £72 as co-l

2014 Wellcome £1m

Slightly mixed feelings about the 3 months internship



#### Also:

2012 Appointed to the BBSRC "Pool of Experts" grant review panel, Animal Sciences committee

2015 Became permanent member



### Some things I have learned:

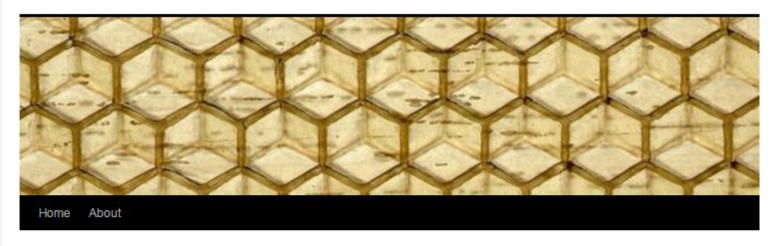
- There doesn't seem to be an "agenda"
- The panel come across as sincere and unbiased
- Discussions mostly focus on quality of science and value for money
- Impact!



### This inspired me to blog about grant-writing!

https://corticalia.wordpress.com/2015/09/01/how-to-write-a-winning-grant-proposal/

Corticalia Musings on science



← No more jokes in my lectures

#### How to write a winning grant proposal

Posted on September 1, 2015

I have been doing a fair bit of grant-reviewing lately, as well as having won a few grants of my own in the past, and have been slowly building up a template of what a winning grant looks like. Here are some thoughts about what does and doesn't work.

First - think about who are you writing for

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