Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2019

The following list of upcoming opportunities is not exhaustive. Please check funder websites and also explore GRANTfinder 4 Education via RESEARCHConnect through the Research Coordinaton Office pages here.

Fellowships

If you are interested in applying for any of the fellowship schemes below and would like support with your application, please contact the SLMS Research Facilitators (slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk).

Medical Research Council (MRC) Clinician Scientist Fellowship - deadline 10 Jan

Early Career, open to clinical researchers across MRC remit, up to five years funding. 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.

European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant - deadline 7 Feb

Intermediate career stage (7-12 years post PhD) moving to established researcher, up to 2.5 Million Euros, up to five years funding. Novel, ground breaking, high risk/high gain research across any discipline (clinical and non-clinical).

Wellcome Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship - deadline 11 Feb

Open to medical, dental, veterinary and clinical psychology graduates, early (stage 1) to intermediate (stage 2) career stage, continuing research at postdoctoral level and develop scientific independence. Up to 8 years funding, flexibility to balance research and clinical responsibilities.

Wellcome Investigator Award (IA) & Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) - deadline for both 28 Feb

IA – Senior career stage, Up to 7 years flexible duration of funding, up to £3Million (doesn’t cover salaries), can be joint with another researcher. The IA enables independent researchers with a compelling research vision to tackle the most important questions in science.

SRF – Senior career stage, Up to 7 years (with possibility of 5 year renewal), covers salary and expenses (50% salary covered in renewals). SRFs support independent researchers who want to tackle the most important questions in science and who are leaders in their field.

Wellcome Sir Henry Dale Fellowship - Deadline (Prelim) 2 Apr

Intermediate career stage, up to 5 years funding, salary covered. 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.

MRC Senior Clinical Fellowship (SCF) & Clinician Scientist Fellowship (R2) (CSF) – Deadline for both 3 Apr
Intermediate career stage, five years of funding covering salary and research expenses. 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.

For CSF see details on January deadline above.

**Wellcome Sir Henry Wellcome Fellowships** (Prelim) 17 Apr

Early career stage, up to 4 years, up to £300K. 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.

**MRC Career Development Award (CDA) & Senior Non Clinical Fellowship (SNCF)- Deadline for both 25 Apr**

CDA -Intermediate career stage, up to 5 years funding, salary covered, non-clinical across the MRC research remit. 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.

SNCF -Senior career stage, up to 7 years funding. 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.

**Other open funder calls for early 2019**

**Royal Society Apex Awards** –Deadline 18 December 2018

In partnership with the other Academies and with generous support from the Leverhulme Trust, the APEX award (Academies Partnership in Supporting Excellence in Cross-disciplinary research award) scheme offers established independent researchers, with a strong track record in their respective area, an exciting opportunity to pursue genuine interdisciplinary and curiosity-driven research to benefit wider society. Particular emphasis on the boundary between science and engineering and social sciences and humanities, with focus on interdisciplinary projects that wouldn’t be supported by conventional research programmes. Up to £100K to support salaries with no more than 25% for associated research costs. Projects can be up to 24 months.

**BBSRC Innovator of the Year** - Deadline 30 January 2019

BBSRC Innovator of the Year recognises and rewards individuals and small teams who have harnessed the potential of their excellent research. Winners in each category will receive a **£10,000** award, with a further **£10,000** for the overall winner, the BBSRC Innovator of the Year

**EPSRC Building Collaboration at the Physics of Life Interface** – Intention to submit deadline 15 January, deadline 12 February 2019

This is the first of two calls for proposals from a UKRI Physics of Life fund to support internationally leading research that requires collaborative, interdisciplinary working to address key challenges at
the interface of physics and the life sciences. This call will fund high-quality proposals that demonstrate deep integration of cutting edge experimental, theoretical and/or computational physics with life sciences research to advance our understanding of living systems in biological or biomedical contexts. This UKRI call, led by EPSRC with support from BBSRC and MRC, is making available up to £15 million, to include £13.2 million of resource funding and £1.8 million of capital funding.

While there is no institutional limit on UCL’s number of submissions, UKRI expect us to maintain a ‘strategic overview’ to avoid overlap in scope or requested equipment, and to ensure that only the most competitive bids are submitted. As such, anyone intending to apply to this call should contact slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk

Browse other available funding opportunities by some of the main SLMS funders:

NIHR, MRC, BBSRC, Wellcome, Royal Society

Internally Managed Calls

The Rosetrees Trust Interdisciplinary Prize 2019 – Internal deadline 18 January 2018

The Rosetrees Trust has invited UCL to submit one application to its 2019 Interdisciplinary Prize call which aims to stimulate collaborative research between Medicine and Mathematics or Computing and or Artificial Intelligence. The aim is to develop collaborative studies between researchers in different fields. The best project will receive an award of £250,000 over three years. We would particularly like to encourage early stage career researchers to apply.

Internal outline proposals should be submitted to the BEAMS research facilitation team (ovpr.beams@ucl.ac.uk) by 12pm on Friday 18 January 2019. The deadline for the full application is the 28th February 2019.

Applications:

- Must be collaborative studies between Medicine and Mathematics or Computing and or Artificial Intelligence.
- Can relate to any disease or medical condition which affects a significant proportion of the population.
- Must be truly interdisciplinary in nature, and clearly represent collaboration between across the School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS) and The School of the Built Environment, Engineering and Mathematical and Physical Sciences (BEAMS).
- Should have two named lead applicants.

Outline proposals should consist of a two-page technical report including the project background, the researchers involved, nature of interdisciplinarity, the plan of research study and the plan for clinical translation. Full application details and guidance available on the SLMS Internally Managed Calls pages.