

Fellowships schemes relevant to Faculty of Science

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If you are interested in applying to any of the fellowship schemes below, please familiarise yourself with the application requirements of the awarding body via the web-links and with the University's internal costing and approval processes (<http://www.shef.ac.uk/ris/application/pricing/index.html>).

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RCUK Fellowships

BBSRC

BBSRC New Investigator Scheme
Closing date 11 January 2012
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. Deadlines are in line with responsive mode deadlines ie. Jan, May, Oct.
Award type Young investigator awards
This assists early-career researchers - ie newly employed university lecturers, lecturer level equivalent fellows whose awards were secured in open competition, and researchers in Research Council institutes at the unified Research Council band E or its equivalent - to secure their first major element of research funding.
http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/new-investigator.aspx
BBSRC Industrial Impact Fellowships
Closing date 6 Sep 11
6 September was the deadline for the last round in the programme's current form. Will provide updated information when available.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Academic-Industry links
This scheme enables highly skilled research and technology leaders to transfer their skills and experience from the industrial sector to BBSRC-funded centres, institutes or academic departments. Fellowships are in the range of £200,000 and £400,000 each at full economic
http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people-information/industrial-impact-fellowships.aspx
BBSRC David Phillips Fellowships
Closing date Anticipated Sept 2012
This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
Aimed at scientists who have demonstrated high potential and who wish to establish themselves as independent researchers. Applicants should not exceed 10 years in active postgraduate research studies and postdoctoral research employment and have no less than 3 years of active postdoctoral research experience. Particularly encourage proposals that are aligned with BBSRC's overarching strategic priorities.
http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/david-phillips.aspx

EPSRC

EPSRC Fellowships (new approach)
Closing date No formal closing date but see below
Deadline information Although there is no formal closing date, the University will be operating an internal support process which will tie in with EPSRC's panel meetings, at which applications will be considered following prioritisation via external review. Until further notice, deadlines in respect of the University process are expected to be the first week of September and March each year.
Award type Directed grants for individual investigators, Postdoctoral training fellowships, Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships
Postdoctoral, early career and established career fellowships are available in a variety of subject areas. Candidates need to establish whether applications are currently invited in their research area and at their career stage. See http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellows/Pages/areas.aspx
http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellows/Pages/default.aspx

MRC

MRC Jointly funded clinical research training fellowship
Closing date 19 Jan 12
Deadline information ---
Award type Postdoctoral training fellowships, Financial aid for postgraduate students, Directed grants for individual investigators
These enable clinically qualified, active professionals to undertake specialised or further research training in motor neurone disease. Fellowships are for a period of up to three years. Applicants wishing to conduct patient orientated fellowships may apply for four years funding.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Jointlyfundedclinicalresearchtraining/index.htm
MRC Clinical research training fellowships
Closing date 19 Jan 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm.
Award type Predoctoral training fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships
These aim to train and develop outstanding medically and other clinically qualified professionals to become rigorous scientists, able to relate their research to clinical medicine and to the improvement of health and wellbeing. The minimum period for a fellowship is 24 months.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Clinicalresearchtraining/index.htm
MRC Career development award
Closing date TBC
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated twice a year.

Award type Mid-Career fellowships
This provides up to five years' support for outstanding post-doctoral researchers who wish to consolidate their research skills and make the transition from post-doctoral research trainee to independent investigator. The fellowship provides salary, support staff, consumables, travel costs and capital equipment appropriate for the research project under full economic costs.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Careerdevelopmentaward/index.htm
MRC Senior non-clinical fellowship
Closing date TBC
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated twice a year.
Award type Senior fellowships, Travel for research purposes
This is a highly prestigious award for non-clinical researchers of exceptional ability. The award covers salary, research support staff, research consumables expenses and capital equipment, travel costs, and other appropriate items under full economic costs at a UK research organisation.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Seniornonclinical/index.htm
MRC Special training fellowship in biomedical informatics (bioinformatics, neuroinformatics, and health informatics)
Closing date Anticipated October 12
Deadline information !! Call has not yet been announced by sponsor but this is the approximate deadline we expect. Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Postdoctoral training fellowships, Travel for research purposes
This supports specialist multi-disciplinary training aimed at creating a research workforce able to take forward new developments in the fields of bioinformatics, neuroinformatics, health informatics and computational biology. The fellowship lasts for a period of up to four years and covers salary payable up to NHS consultant level, research training support costs, travel costs, and all other relevant costs under full economic costs.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Specialtraining/index.htm
MRC Methodology research fellowship
Closing date Anticipated Oct 12
Deadline information !! Call has not yet been announced by sponsor but this is the approximate deadline we expect. Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Personal development, Predoctoral training fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships
The scheme is aimed at researchers with a grounding in health research, not necessarily in a methodological discipline, who wish to undertake a period of specialist training in the development and investigation of innovative research methods. The fellowship lasts up to four years and covers salary, training costs, consumables, travel costs and capital equipment, and all other relevant costs under full economic costs.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Methodologyresearch/index.htm

MRC Clinician scientist fellowships
Closing date 26 April 2012
Deadline information. Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
The scheme aims to develop outstanding medically and other clinically qualified professionals to establish themselves as independent researchers. Fellowships cover salary, support staff, consumables, travel and capital equipment under full economic costs.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Clinicianscientist/index.htm
Senior clinical fellowship
Closing date 26 April 2012
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Senior fellowships
This aims to develop outstanding medically and other clinically qualified professionals such that they become research leaders. Support is provided for five years.
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Seniorclinical/index.htm

NERC

NERC Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
Closing date 1 Nov 2011
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. Repeated once a year
Award type Early-Career fellowships
Early career development awards of up to three years, to provide further post-doctoral experience and to support outstanding environmental scientists as they become independent investigators.
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/typesofaward.asp
NERC Advanced Research Fellowships
Closing date 1 Nov 2011
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. Repeated once a year
Award type Early/Mid-Career fellowships
Awarded for up to five years, to enable outstanding early/mid career researchers to develop into team leaders of international standing.
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/typesofaward.asp
NERC SEPA policy placement fellowship
Closing date 14 October 2011
Deadline information ---
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Travel for research purposes, Directed grants for individual investigators

This allows a scientist to work with SEPA within its science and strategy directorate based in Stirling, Scotland for approximately six months, on a project for promoting SEPA's engagement in environment and human health research. The fellowship will cover salary costs, and arrangements will be made to cover travel and subsistence expenses on a case by case basis.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/using/publicsector/placements.asp>

STFC

STFC Science in Society Fellowship

Closing date Anticipated Mar 12

Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.

Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Publish, edit, translate, disseminate

The aim of the scheme is to contribute to STFC's science in society programme by investing in good communicators with research credibility so that they act as champions or ambassadors for STFC's science, technology, engineering and mathematics work to public audiences.

<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/Funding+and+Grants/532.aspx>

STFC Innovations Partnership Scheme (IPS) Fellowships

Closing date This call is repeated 4 times a year. Check website for next closing date.

Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated 4 times a year.

Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Institutional development, Technology innovation/development, Academic-Industry links

These provide the opportunity to spend up to four years focused on: transferring the technologies developed through STFC research funding to industry and to other academic disciplines; developing institutions' capacities for knowledge transfer from particle physics and astronomy; engaging with industry to identify R&D opportunities for technologies that may enable the STFC mission.

<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/Funding+and+Grants/19227.aspx>

Charities

Daphne Jackson Foundation

Daphne Jackson Trust/BBSRC Research fellowships for returning engineers and scientists

Closing date No specific deadline

Deadline information No specific deadline

Award type Predoctoral training fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships

The fellowships last for two years and assist graduates and postgraduates who have had careers in science, engineering or technology to return to similar employment after a career break. Candidates must present a research proposal relevant to present day needs in industry and academia. Fellowships cover a salary with a small additional allowance for expenses such as conference attendance.

<http://www.daphnejackson.org/fellowships/>

Leverhulme

Leverhulme Major research fellowships in the humanities and social sciences
Closing date 10 May 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships
These enable well-established and distinguished researchers in the disciplines of the humanities and social sciences to devote themselves to a single research project of outstanding originality and significance. Fellowships are for a period of two to three years and cover salary costs, and research expenses up to £5,000 per year.
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/MRF/MRF.cfm
Leverhulme Emeritus fellowships
Closing date 2 Feb 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Senior fellowships, Publish, edit, translate, disseminate
These assist senior established researchers to complete a research project that has already been begun and to prepare the results for publication. The fellowship is worth up to £22,000 for a period of three to 24 months.
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/EM/EM.cfm
Leverhulme Early career fellowships
Closing date 8 Mar 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
These aim to provide career development opportunities for those who are at a relatively early stage of their academic careers but with a proven record of research. The trust will contribute 50 per cent of each fellow's total salary costs up to £23,000 per annum and the balance is to be paid by the host institution. Fellows may also request annual research expenses of up to £6,000. Fellowships are normally tenable for either two or three years on a full-time basis
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/ECF/ECF.cfm
Leverhulme Research fellowships
Closing date 10 Nov 11
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships
These support experienced researchers, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. Fellowships are worth up to £45,000 for a period of three to 24 months. Awards may cover research expenses or a contribution towards replacement costs or loss of earnings.
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/RF/RF.cfm
Leverhulme Study abroad fellowships
Closing date 10 Nov 11
Deadline information Deadline time: 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.

Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Travel for research purposes
These support a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment. Fellowships are worth up to £22,000 for a period of three to 12 months. Eligible costs include replacement cover, travel, maintenance and research expenses.
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/SAF/SAF.cfm

Royal Society

Royal Society Industry Fellowships
Closing date 24 October 11
Deadline information This call is repeated 2 times a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Academic-Industry links, Networking/collaboration
The scheme aims to enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between those in industry and those in academia. Awards can be for any period up to two years full-time or pro rata.
http://royalsociety.org/Industry-Fellowships/
Royal Society Dorothy Hodgekin Fellowship
Closing date Anticipated Jan 2012 (will open in Nov 11)
Deadline information This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
These enable excellent early-career scientists and engineers to conduct research in all areas of the life and physical sciences, excluding clinical medicine. Funding will cover the fellow's salary, estates and indirect costs, as well as research expenses worth up to £13,000 for the first year and up to £11,000 annually thereafter, for a maximum of four years.
http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/dorothy-hodgkin/
Royal Society University Research Fellowship
Closing date Anticipated Sep 12 (expect will open in July 12)
Deadline information !! Call has not yet been announced by sponsor but this is the approximate deadline we expect. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
These enable outstanding scientists to build an independent research career. Awards are tenable for five years in the first instance and cover the fellow's salary, estates and indirect costs at a rate of 80 per cent of full economic costs. Research expenses will also be provided, at a maximum value of £13,000 for the first year and £11,000 annually thereafter.
http://royalsociety.org/University-Research-Fellowships/
Royal Society Newton International Fellowship
Closing date Anticipated Apr 12
Deadline information ---
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Directed grants for individual investigators

Awards enable early stage postdoctoral researchers to work at UK research institutions for a period of two years. Awards provide £24,000 per year for subsistence costs, and £8,000 per year for research expenses, as well as a one-off payment of £2,000 for relocation expenses.

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/newton-international/>

Royal Society/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship

Closing date Anticipated Jan 12 (confirmed will open towards end of 2011)

Deadline information !! Call has not yet been announced by sponsor but this is the approximate deadline we expect. This call is repeated once a year.

Award type Senior fellowships

This scheme provides opportunities for academics in all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine, to be relieved of their teaching and administrative duties while conducting full-time research. Fellowships provide a reimbursement of the candidate's salary costs to their employing institution and research expenses worth up to £2,500.

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/leverhulme-trust-senior-research/>

Royal Society of Edinburgh

Royal Society of Edinburgh Enterprise Fellowships

Closing date 23 Nov 11

Deadline information Deadline time: 5pm. Call historically issued twice per year

Award type Predoctoral training fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships, Academic-Industry links

http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/638_BBSRCEnterpriseFellowships.html

Wellcome

Wellcome Research training fellowships

Closing date 3 February 12

Deadline information This call is repeated 3 times a year.

Award type Predoctoral training fellowships

These are for medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology graduates who have little or no research training, but who wish to develop a long-term career in academic medicine. Fellowships provide research expenses and salary for a period of two to three years.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Clinical-fellowships/WTD004435.htm>

Wellcome Career Re-entry Scholarships

Closing date TBC

Deadline information This call is repeated 2 times a year.

Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships

These support postdoctoral scientists who have recently decided to recommence a scientific research career after a break of at least two years. Fellowships are tenable for two to four years and include salary and research expenses.

http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004380.htm
Wellcome Research career development fellowships in basic biomedical science
Closing date TBC
Deadline information This call is repeated 2 times a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
These enable postdoctoral scientists to become independent researchers and undertake high-quality research. Fellowships are tenable for up to five years and provide a basic salary, research expenses and costs for research assistance and travel.
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004431.htm
Wellcome Trust/Massachusetts Institute of Technology postdoctoral fellowships
Closing date Anticipated 1 July 2012
Deadline information This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships, Travel for research purposes
These enable postdoctoral scientists to undertake research at the interfaces between biology/medicine and mathematics, engineering, computer, physical or chemical sciences, firstly at MIT and then at a UK institution. The fellowship is for four years, with the fellow based at MIT for two to three years before returning to a host institution in the UK for the remainder
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/International-fellowships/WTX054661.htm
Wellcome Sir Henry Wellcome postdoctoral fellowships
Closing date 01 Nov 11
Deadline information Deadline: preliminary applications 1 November 2011; invited full applications 31 January 2012. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships
These provide a unique opportunity for the most promising newly qualified postdoctoral researchers to make an early start in developing their independent research careers, working in the best laboratories in the UK and overseas. Fellowships are tenable for four years and provide an award of £250,000 to fund a basic salary and research expenses.
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTX033549.htm
Wellcome New investigator awards in biomedical science
Closing date Rolling deadline four times per year
Deadline information Rolling deadline four times per year - see website for upcoming dates
Award type Young investigator awards, Directed grants for individual investigators
These will provide support that is flexible and at a level and length sufficient to enable exceptional researchers to address the most important questions about health and disease. Awards are worth between £100,000 and £425,000 per year for a period of up to seven years.
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/investigator-awards/wtx059284.htm

Wellcome Principal research fellowship
Closing date Applicants can express an interest in this award at any time.
Deadline information Applicants can express an interest in this award at any time. Interviews for Principal Research Fellowships will normally be held in June and December.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships
The purpose of the award is to provide long-term support for researchers of international standing who have a well-established track record in research at the highest level. Fellowships consist of a personal salary and research programme funding for an initial period of seven years. The trust may supplement the grant with a PRF distinction award of up to £50,000.
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Principal-research-fellowships/index.htm
Wellcome Senior investigator awards in biomedical science
Closing date Rolling deadline four times per year
Deadline information Rolling deadline four times per year - see website for upcoming dates
Award type Directed grants for individual investigators
These will provide support that is flexible and at a level and length sufficient to enable exceptional researchers to address the most important questions about health and disease. Awards are worth between £100,000 and £425,000 per year for a period of up to seven years.
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/investigator-awards/wtx059285.htm
Senior Research Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Science
Closing date June 2012 (Anticipated preliminary application deadline)
Deadline information This call is repeated once per year.
Award type Mid-Career (5 - 10 year post-doc)
This scheme provides support for outstanding postdoctoral scientists based in academic institutions in the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI). Candidates are expected to have an excellent track record in their scientific field and be able to demonstrate their ability to carry out independent research
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004442.htm

European

CERN

CERN Junior fellowship programme
Closing date TBC
Deadline information Applications normally considered twice a year. Check website
Award type Predoctoral fellowships, Access to laboratories, telescopes etc., Directed grants for individual investigators
These enable holders of a bachelor's science degree or higher, with not more than four years of experience, to work in a research group. Fellowships are granted for one year initially and are normally extended for a second year.

https://ert.cern.ch/browse_www/wd_portal.show_page?p_web_site_id=1&p_text_id=5
CERN Senior fellowship programme
Closing date TBC
Deadline information Applications normally considered twice a year. Check website
Award type Predoctoral fellowships, Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Access to laboratories, telescopes etc., Directed grants for individual investigators
These support researchers in experimental or theoretical physics or advanced development work in a broad range of applied science, computing and engineering.
https://ert.cern.ch/browse_www/wd_portal.show_page?p_web_site_id=1&p_text_id=5

European Space Agency

ESA Postdoctoral research fellowships
Closing date No specific deadline
Deadline information No specific deadline
Award type Early career
Offers young scientists and engineers the possibility of carrying out research in a variety of disciplines related to space science, space applications or space technology. The Agency has an internal and an external fellowship programme, both for two years, with no possibility of an extension. ESA hosts approximately 20 external and 30 internal fellowships at any given time.
http://www.esa.int/esaMI/Careers_at_ESA/SEMNMIFTFQG_0.html

FP7 Marie Curie

FP7 Marie Curie international incoming fellowships (IIF)
Closing date Anticipated Aug 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 5pm Brussels time. Consult national contact points for any country-specific deadlines. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Postdoctoral training fellowships, Travel for research purposes, Directed grants for individual investigators, Networking/collaboration
These enable researchers from third countries to visit member state or associated country research organisations in order to undertake cooperative scientific research with European investigators. The indicative budget for the 2011 call was €40 million. URL relating to 2011 scheme is below:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IIF
FP7 Marie Curie international outgoing fellowships for career development (IOF)
Closing date Anticipated Aug 12
Deadline information Deadline time: 5pm Brussels time. Consult national contact points for any country-specific deadlines. This call is repeated once a year.
Award type Networking/collaboration, Postdoctoral training fellowships, Mid-Career fellowships, Senior fellowships, Directed grants for individual investigators, Travel for research purposes

These enable researchers who are nationals of member states or associated countries to visit third country research organisations in order to acquire knowledge and training. The indicative budget for the 2011 call was €40 million.

URL relating to 2011 scheme is below:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IOF>

FP7 Marie Curie intra-European fellowships for career development (IEF)

Closing date Anticipated Aug 12

Deadline information Deadline: 5pm Brussels time. Consult national contact points for any country-specific deadlines. This call is repeated once a year.

Award type Postdoctoral training fellowships, Travel for research purposes, Directed grants for individual investigators, Networking/collaboration

Grants enable experienced science and technology researchers to undertake career development and advanced training activities by moving from one member state or associated country to another. The indicative budget for the 2011 call was €109.85 million and visits may last for 12 to 24 months.

URL relating to 2011 scheme is below:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IEF>