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**Newton Fund (British Council):** [Institutional](#) and [Researcher Links](#) [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]

*Opens: w/c 9 April 2018*

*Deadline: circa w/c 4 June 2018*

Preparations are underway for the next round of Institutional and Researcher Links, which provide funding for research and innovation collaborations between the UK and partner countries. This year there will be one “mega round”, as opposed to two separate calls. A document containing the indicative list of participating countries and priorities is available via [OneDrive](#).
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: Grand Challenges
Deadline: 2 May 2018

Earlier this month, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) announced a new wave of calls under the Grand Challenges programme, which focuses on key global health and development problems. The first three opportunities are under the Explorations strand, designed for very early-stage ideas with grants of $100,000 over 18 months:

- Affordable, Accessible and Appealing – The Next Generation of Nutrition
- Tools and Technologies for Broad-Scale Disease Surveillance of Crop Plants in Low-Income Countries
- Innovations in Immunisation Data Management, Use, and Improved Process Efficiency

There is also a call for Campylobacter spp. Transmission Dynamics in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, expected to fund maximum two-year grants.

Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation: Research Grants in the Humanities and Social Sciences [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]
Opens: March 2018

The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation funds humanities and social sciences research under two major objectives: the promotion of international understanding, and the realisation of a society where mankind respects and harmonises with nature under the concept ‘coexistence of nature and mankind’.

Individuals can apply for a research grant of up to ¥500,000 (c. £3,600). Around 50 of these are expected to be awarded. The scheme is open to doctoral students and researchers who are no more than five years on from being awarded their PhD. There are no restrictions on nationality or country of residence.

International Brain Research Organisation: Research Fellowships [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]
Deadline: Mid-June 2018

The International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) aims to foster neuroscience research in less scientifically funded countries by supporting excellent scientists – preferably from low, lower-middle or upper-middle income economies – that wish to broaden the scope of their training by working in first-class laboratories.

Three one-year fellowships are available annually for scientists aged 35 or under. Applications from candidates who have completed their PhD within the past three years and do not have postdoctoral experience are preferred. Fellows can receive up to €37,000 each for the purposes of travel and salary. Research hardware, software, laboratory supplies and other indirect costs are not covered.
JDRF: **Strategic Research Agreements for Type 1 Diabetes Research**

Next Project Concept deadlines: 1 August 2018, 1 November 2018 and 4 February 2019

JDRF accepts Project Concepts for its strategic research funding on a triannual basis. Awards are provided to single or multiple investigators, partnering with JDRF scientists, to address critical gaps, challenges and potential breakthroughs in type 1 diabetes research. The budget and duration of funding are variable, albeit not exceeding three years.

Funding is open to organisations worldwide, however applicants must hold a MD, PhD or equivalent and have a faculty position at a college, university, medical school, company or other research facility. If the applicant’s Project Concept is approved by JDRF, the applicant will be invited to submit a full research application.

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**Collaboration Opportunities, News and Events**

**Newton Fund (British Council): Invitation to International Research Workshops**

**Deadline: 15 April 2018**

A number of Researcher Links workshops recently opened to applications for attendance from early career researchers with up to 10 years post-PhD experience:

- 26-29 June, Pereira (Colombia) – [Social Innovation for Maintaining and Restoring Natural Capital in Latin America](#)
- 27-29 June, Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) – [Microfluidics, Nanomaterials, and Point-of-Care in Healthcare for Developing Countries](#)
- 11-13 July, Danang (Vietnam) – [Data Analytics for Future Cities Research](#)
- 16-20 July, Putrajaya (Malaysia) – [Innovative Design for Sustainable Food Systems to Improve Nutrition and Health](#)

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**International Development Committee: Definition and Administration of ODA Inquiry**

On 13 March, the House of Commons International Development Committee held an oral evidence session on overseas development assistance (ODA). The witness panel was comprised of representatives from the National Audit Office and National Security Secretariat, as well as Prof Diana Mitlin and Dr Emma Mawdsley from the Universities of Manchester and Cambridge respectively.

Prof Mitlin spoke of the excitement that Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) calls have been met with by academics, although noted that “perhaps in too many cases meeting ODA is a threshold” rather than an opportunity for reflection on how to maximise contributions to wellbeing in the global south. This was followed by a considerable discussion of the Cross-Government Prosperity Fund.

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**Previously Advertised Opportunities**
**GCRF**

(For open calls involving the member councils: [http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/gcrf/](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/gcrf/))

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**Newton Fund**

For all funding opportunities: [http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/)

Participating in [Newton Funded International Workshops](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/)

**BA-RS-AMS:** [Newton International Fellowships](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/)

**Deadline:** 27 March 2018

- AMS – Brazil, China, India, Mexico or South Africa
- BA – Any nationality (not UK citizen or UK-based)
- RS – Any nationality (not UK citizen or UK-based)

**Newton Fund (Met Office): Climate Science for Service Partnership China**

**Deadline:** 29 March 2018

- Aerosols and regional climate dynamics
- Attribution of extreme events and human impacts
- Land-Atmosphere Interactions and Processes
- Predictability of Regional Climate
- Regional Water Cycle

**Newton Fund (Met Office): Weather and Climate Science for Service Partnership Southeast Asia**

**Deadline:** 29 March 2018

**Newton Fund (MRC): UK-Kenya Joint Partnership on Non-Communicable Diseases**

**Deadline for expressions of interest:** 9 April 2018

**Deadline for full applications:** 9 May 2018

**Newton Fund (BBSRC): Enhancing Ruminant Livestock Productivity in Kenya**

**Deadline:** 10 April 2018

**Newton Fund (MRC-NERC): Atmospheric Pollution and Health in a Chinese Megacity**

**Deadline:** 25 April 2018

**Newton Fund (AHRC): Development through the Creative Economy in China**

**Deadline:** 26 April 2018

**Newton Fund (MRC-ESRC): UK-South Africa Joint Initiative on Mental Health**

**Deadline:** 2 May 2018

**Newton Fund (ESRC): Smart Cities in Mexico**

**Deadline (UK side):** 3 May 2018

**Newton Fund (RCUK): UK-China AMR Centre Partnerships Initiative** [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]
Opens: Early 2018

Newton Fund (British Council): Institutional and Researcher Links [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]
Opens: w/c 9 April 2018

Other Funders

ESRC: Understanding the Future of Canada-UK Trade Relationships
Deadline: 29 March 2018

Daiwa Foundation: Awards for UK-Japanese Collaborative Projects
Deadline: 31 March 2018

JPI HDHL: Nutrition and the Epigenome
Deadline: 12 April 2018

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy: International Grants
Next deadline: 15 April 2018

Royal Society of New Zealand Catalyst Fund: Seeding Grants
Next deadlines: 19 April, 19 July and October 2018 (exact date TBC)

Weston Brain Institute: Rapid Response (Fluid Biomarkers)
Deadline for letters of intent: 23 April 2018

Project Management Institute: Sponsored Research Programme
Deadline: 25 April 2018

NERC: Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund [PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT]
Deadline: Early May 2018

Spencer Foundation: Small Grants for Education Research
Next deadlines: 1 May, 1 August and 1 November 2018

Africa Union: Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition
Deadline: 22 May 2018

Russell Sage Foundation: Calls on Computational Social Science, and Integrating Biology and Social Science Knowledge
Deadline for letters of inquiry: 24 May 2018
Deadline for full proposals (invitation only): 15 August 2018

DFID-ESRC-MRC-Wellcome Trust: Health Systems Research Initiative
Deadline for foundation grants (single-stage): 5 June 2018

Global Connections Fund: Bridging Grants with Australian Entities
Deadline for eligibility tests: 14 June 2018
Deadline for full applications (invitation only): 28 June 2018

Christensen Fund: Global Programme for Biological and Cultural Diversity
Deadline for pre-proposals: 31 August 2018

Matsumae International Foundation: Research Fellowship Programme in Japan
Deadline: 31 August 2018

John Templeton Foundation: Small and Large Research Grants in Core Areas
Deadline: 31 August 2018

Centre for Education and Ethics: Research Grants
Deadline: 6 November 2018