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NEW! – SCI-RIN grant application timelines

New timelines for external grant applications in the SCI Schools have been put in place in order to facilitate more effective RIN support for well-planned applications, and applications that are *unavoidably* late.

One key change is that applications notified to RIN at a very late stage (1-2 weeks from deadline) will be assessed for their urgency, importance and practicality in each School by the Head of School and Director of Research in discussion with RIN, and may have to be postponed.

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Equipment grants & access to facilities

1. Natural Environment Research Council

Arctic research station

This enables researchers to carry out environmental research relevant to the Natural Environment Research Council's remit at the Ny-Ålesund station on the Svalbard archipelago. The station is open from March to September.

Deadline: 31-Mar-20. This call is repeated once a year.

<http://www.arctic.ac.uk/infrastructure/research-station/access-to-the-station/>

Fellowships

1. Royal Society of Edinburgh

STFC enterprise fellowships

These enable the development of new businesses that stem from previously-funded STFC research in particle physics, astronomy, particle astrophysics, solar and planetary science, and nuclear physics. Fellowships are worth up to £90,000 each in funding and training support and last for one year.

Deadline: 03-Apr-20. Applications due by 5pm.

<https://www.rse.org.uk/awards/enterprise-fellowships/>

2. Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

David Phillips fellowships

These support researchers who wish to establish their first independent research group in any area of science within the council's remit. Up to five fellowships, worth up to £1 million at 80 per cent full economic cost, are available for a five-year period.

Deadline: 12-May-20. Applications due by 4pm. This call is repeated once a year.

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/david-phillips.aspx>

3. Royal Society

Shorty industry fellowships

This enables scientists employed in industry or academia and their postdoctoral researcher to have shorter, more dynamic engagements between academia and industry, working on a mutually beneficial and collaborative project. The fellowship covers the fellow's basic salary during the secondment and research expenses up to the value of £1,000.

Deadline: 28-May-20. Applications are invited between 1 April and 28 May 2020. Deadlines on: 28 May 2020, 2 November 2020.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/short-industry-fellowship/>

4. Royal Society

Research professorships

These provide long-term support to world-class scientists, enabling them to be relieved from teaching and administration duties in order to focus on research. Professorships are tenable for up to 10 years and cover salary costs of £83,334 per year and research expenses.

Deadline: 04-Jun-20. Applications are invited between 2 April and 4 June 2020.

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/research-professorship/>

5. Royal Society

University research fellowships

These enable early-career scientists who have the potential to become leaders in their field to build an independent research career in the natural sciences. Awards cover 80 per cent of the fellow's salary costs, research assistance, as well as research expenses over five years.

Deadline: 03-Sep-20. Applications are invited between 14 July and 3 September 2020.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/university-research>

6. Royal Society

Royal Society/Leverhulme Trust senior research fellowships

These fellowships enable researchers to focus on full-time research by relieving them of all their teaching and administrative duties. Fellowships include salary costs and research expenses of up to £2,500 for a period between one academic term and one year.

Deadline: 13-Jan-21. Applications are invited between 10 November 2020 and 13 January 2021. This call is repeated once a year.

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

Innovation & engagement funding

1. Ministry of Defence

Map the gap – autonomous gap crossing survey, phase 1

This supports technologies that demonstrate an unmanned and automated or autonomous system to gather the data required for the crossing of wet gap obstacles. The total budget for phase 1 is expected to be £1.2 million over ten months to support three to four projects, with a further £2.5m anticipated for phase 2 activities.

Deadline: 26-Mar-20. Applications due by 12 noon.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/competition-map-the-gap-autonomous-gap-crossing-survey/competition-document-map-the-gap-autonomous-gap-survey-crossing>

2. Science and Technology Facilities Council

ESA business incubation centre – Harwell campus

This supports start-up companies in turning their ideas into profitable products and services using space technology, or developing technologies for use in space. Funding is worth around £40,000 per company.

Deadline: 03-Apr-20. Deadlines on: 3 April 2020, 3 June 2020, 23 September 2020.

<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/innovation/our-facilities-and-services/esa-bic-harwell/>

3. Innovate UK

Innovation scholars secondments – biomedical sciences

This enables individuals from any discipline to spend time on secondment in the biomedical sciences sector. Grants are worth up to £300,000 each over 36 months.

Deadline: 15-Apr-20. Applications due by 12 noon UK time. Deadlines on: 15 April 2020, 13 May 2020, 1 July 2020.

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/552/overview>

Prizes

1. Department for International Development

Electric pressure cooker competition

This recognises energy-efficient and affordable electric pressure cookers that are appropriate for use in underserved markets. Winning products will receive up to USD 200,000 in prize money.

Deadline: 27-Mar-20

<https://globalleapawards.org/electric-pressure-cookers>

Research grants

1. Medical Research Council

2019-nCoV rapid response call – active intervention development

This supports projects that develop active interventions, including vaccines and therapeutics, to mitigate the severity of the 2019-nCoV outbreak. The total budget is £20 million and grant sizes vary according to the needs of each project.

Deadline: 27-Feb-20. Applications due by 12 noon GMT.

https://mrc.ukri.org/funding/browse/2019-ncov-rapid-response-call/2019-ncov-rapid-response-call/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

2. Academy of Medical Sciences

Global Challenges Research Fund – networking grants

These bring together novel combinations of perspectives to identify key areas for future research to address the global challenges, inform thinking of how these might be addressed, and build the capacities and relationships required to support this. Grants are worth up to £25,000 each for one year.

Deadline: 31-Mar-20. Applications due by 4pm BST. This call is repeated 2 times a year.

<https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/gcrf-networking-grants>

3. Royal Society

Research grants

These provide seed-corn funding for scientists in the UK who are at an early stage in their career, or returning from a career break. Grants are worth up to £20,000 each over one year.

Deadline: 19-May-20. Applications are invited between 24 March and 19 May 2020. Deadlines on: 19 May 2020, 12 November 2020.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/research-grants/>

4. Waterloo Foundation

COMING SOON: Child development grants – diet and the microbiome

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open close in mid June. The following information is subject to change. These grants supports research projects on diet or the microbiome. Grants are typically worth between £40,000 and £60,000 each for direct research costs. ***

Deadline: 15 Jun 20 (Forecast). We have no information from the funder yet about the next call. Based on past experience, we forecast the deadline to be around June 2020.

<http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/ChildDevelopmentResearchDeadlines.html>

5. Cancer Research UK

COMING SOON: Early detection project award

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to close in July 2020. The following information is subject to change. This award supports research projects that drive a transformational change in how and when early cancers and pre-cancerous states are detected. Awards are worth up to £500,000 each for up to three years, or four years when funding a PhD. ***

Deadline: 28 Jul 20 (Forecast). We have no information from the funder yet about the next call. Based on past experience, we forecast the deadline to be around July 2020. This call is repeated 3 times a year.

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/early-detection-project-award>

6. Natural Environment Research Council

Urgency grants

These allow scientists to respond rapidly to unexpected and transient events affecting the environment. The maximum total project funding is £65,000 over one year.

Deadline: None. You can apply for this opportunity at any time. Applicants must contact the appropriate science programme officer before submitting a proposal.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/researchgrants/urgency/>

Studentship grants

1. Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

UKRI-BBSRC collaborative training partnerships

This enables the establishment of business-led doctoral training partnerships that build capacity and address strategic skills challenges in the UK bioeconomy at doctoral level. The total budget is £22.5 million, to fund up to 10 partnerships.

Deadline: 05-May-20. Applications due by 4pm.

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/filter/2020-bbsrc-doctoral-training-partnerships/>

2. Academy of Medical Sciences

COMING SOON: MRC internship scheme

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open in autumn 2020. The following information is subject to change. This scheme enables PhD students to undertake a policy internship at the academy to gain experience of the medical science policy environment. Students will be supported by a three-month extension to their PhD stipend. ***

Deadline: 21 Oct 20 (Forecast). We have no information from the funder yet about the next call. Based on past experience, we forecast the deadline to be around October 2020. This call is repeated once a year.

<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/about/administration/internship-schemes/>

Travel, conference & dissemination grants

1. Innovate UK

Energy catalyst round 8 – brokerage mission to Ghana

Funding enables organisations applying for the energy catalyst round 8 to take part in an international brokerage trip to Ghana, to be held in June 2020. Grants cover flights, visas, accommodation, in-country transport and meals.

Deadline: 13-Mar-20.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/energy-catalyst-round-8-brokerage-visit-to-ghana-tickets-85074705735?eboga=1079406875.1563446894>

2. Medical Research Council

Metabolomics with the Q Exactive course bursaries

These enable MRC-funded researchers to attend a course on metabolomics, to be held from 30 March to 1 April 2020 at the University of Birmingham. Bursaries cover the registration fee.

Deadline: 26-Mar-20.

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/metabolomics-training-centre/courses/2020/Metabolomics-with-the-Q-Exactive-April-2020.aspx>

3. Medical Research Council

Metabolite identification with the Q Exactive and LTQ Orbitrap Elite course bursaries

These enable MRC-funded researchers to attend a course on metabolite identification, to be held in April 2020 at the University of Birmingham. Bursaries cover course fees.

Deadline: 31-Mar-20. This call is repeated once a year.

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/metabolomics-training-centre/courses/2020/Metabolite-identification-with-the-Q-Exactive-and-LTQ-Orbitrap-Elite-April-2020.aspx>

4. Medical Research Council

Introduction to metabolomics for the microbiologist course bursaries

These enable MRC-funded researchers to attend a course on metabolomics, to be held in April 2020 at the University of Birmingham. Bursaries usually cover the full cost of the course.

Deadline: 24-Apr-20.

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/metabolomics-training-centre/courses/2020/Introduction-to-Metabolomics-for-the-Microbiologist-April-2020.aspx>

5. Wellcome

Genomics for dermatology course bursaries

These enable individuals to attend an introductory course on genetics relevant to skin biology and clinical dermatology, to be held in November 2020 at the Wellcome Genome Campus, UK. A limited number of bursaries are available to cover up to 50 per cent of the standard registration fee.

Deadline: 15-Sep-20. Applications due by 11.59pm UTC.

<https://coursesandconferences.wellcomegenomecampus.org/our-events/genomics-for-dermatology2020/>

6. Medical Research Council

Multiple biofluid and tissue types, from sample preparation to analysis strategies for metabolomics course bursaries

These enable MRC-funded researchers to attend a course on multiple biofluid and tissue types, from sample preparation to analysis strategies for metabolomics, to be held in September 2020 at the University of Birmingham. Bursaries cover the full cost of the course.

Deadline: 15-Oct-20.

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/metabolomics-training-centre/courses/2020/Multiple-biofluid-and-tissue-types-from-sample-preparation-to-analysis-strategies-for-metabolomics-October-2020.aspx>

7. Department of Health and Social Care including NIHR

Infrastructure visiting speaker award

This enables NIHR Academy members to present their work in another NIHR infrastructure centre or school. The award is worth up to £300.

Deadline: 29-Jan-21. Applications due by 1pm.

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-visiting-speaker-award-vsa/23941>

8. Wellcome

COMING SOON: Epigenomics of common diseases conference bursaries

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open soon. The following information is subject to change. These bursaries enable PhD students to attend a conference discussing the future of epigenomic studies of common diseases, to be held in November 2020. The bursaries cover up to 50 per cent of registration costs.

Deadline: 27 Aug 20 (Forecast). We have no information from the funder yet about the next call. Based on past experience, we forecast the deadline to be around August 2020. This call is repeated once a year.

<https://coursesandconferences.wellcomegenomecampus.org/event-type/conferences/>

9. Wellcome

COMING SOON: Low input epigenomics course bursaries

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The following information is subject to change. These bursaries enable individuals to attend the course on low input epigenomics at the Wellcome Genome Campus, UK. Bursaries cover up to 50 per cent of the registration fee. ***

Deadline: Not known.

<https://coursesandconferences.wellcomegenomecampus.org/our-events/low-input-epigenomics-2020/>

UEA-managed funding

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding>

1. Eastern ARC Fund

Eastern ARC (Universities of East Anglia, Essex and Kent) has set up the Eastern ARC Fund to support collaboration between two or more of the partner universities in meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Eligible activity includes pilot projects; visits and exchanges; workshops, sandpits and other events.

Awards up to £2K, £5K or £10K depending on activity

Deadline: Open

<http://easternarc.ac.uk/eastern-arc-fund/>

2. UEA Academic Secondment to Business Fund

To support academic secondments to business of relevance to the Four Grand Challenges (AI and the digital economy, Future of Mobility, Clean Growth, Ageing Society) of the Industrial Strategy. Requests from early career stage researchers are welcome. Awards up to £30K.

Deadline: Open.

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding/uea-academic-secondment-to-business-fund>

3. External Business Visit to UEA Fund

To support visits to UEA from an external business of relevance to the Four Grand Challenges (AI and the digital economy, Future of Mobility, Clean Growth, Ageing Society) of the Industrial Strategy. Applications are particularly welcome for visitors who might be able to facilitate multiple interactions across a number of different research groups.

Awards up to £5K.

Deadline: Open.

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding/uea-external-business-visit-fund>

4. UEA Industrial Strategy Seedcorn Fund

To fund a range of activities that could support UEA's response to the Industrial Strategy but will be primarily focused on developing multi-disciplinary activities. Eligible activity could include support for a meeting drawing together researchers from different disciplines to consider one of the Four Grand Challenges (AI and the digital economy, Future of Mobility, Clean Growth, Ageing Society) or pump priming for multi-disciplinary collaborations.

Deadline: Open.

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding/uea-industrial-strategy-seedcorn-fund>

5. UEA Continuing Professional Development Fund

To support the development of new CPD programmes and packages, run through the CPD Executive.

Awards up to £5K.

Deadline: Open

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding/cpd-development-fund1>

6. UEA Enabling Innovation: From Research to Application (EIRA) Fund

Eastern ARC (Universities of East Anglia, Essex and Kent) has been awarded funding by Research England's Connecting Capability Fund to support business innovation in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent for AI, biotech and digital creative. A range of funding opportunities is available for UEA researchers and businesses active in the New Anglia and South East Local Enterprise Partnerships interested in working together. Examples include innovation vouchers and R&D grants.

Deadline: Various depending on EIRA intervention.

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/rin/find-funding/uea-and-uea-managed-funding/eira-funding>

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