



# SMMSN

## Funding Update

(items in yellow are new compared to the previous update)

### SPOTLIGHT

#### **Aberdeen-Curtin-Calgary Research Catalyst Fund 2026**

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** Funds are available to support the strengthening and initiating of partnerships within the Aberdeen-Curtin-Calgary (ACC) Alliance. Energy, Nutrition and Remote and Rural Health following areas are considered as priority for applications. Funds must be spent, and activities undertaken by 31st July 2026.

**More info:** <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/research/support/funding-opportunities/internal-funding/#panel125638>

#### **ODA Opportunities Fund 2025/2026**

**Deadline to Submit Worktribe record: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Deadline to submit application form via Worktribe: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** The University has been awarded funding from the SFC/International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) Institutional Support Grant to support ODA-compliant activity. We are now inviting proposals for projects which are ODA compliant and can complete their activity by 31st July 2026.

A wide range of activities will be considered including seed funding, overseas researcher exchanges, capacity building and training, workshops, partnering activities, impact activities and the extension of existing ODA compliant projects.

**Budget:** <£20k, to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, activities can run until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**More info:** <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/research/support/funding-opportunities/internal-funding/#panel156073>

#### **CRUK Spotlight call: reducing inequalities in cancer early detection and diagnosis**

The CRUK Early Detection and Diagnosis Research Committee is seeking to foster a targeted research effort to bring together epidemiological, behavioural, biological and mechanistic insights to develop novel approaches for tackling inequalities in cancer early detection and diagnosis (ED&D) across society. Funding for the spotlight call will span multiple funding rounds across the ED&D Research Committee's funding programmes.

**More info and registration for the webinar:** <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/for-researchers/apply-for-and-manage-your-funding/how-we-make-funding-decisions/early-detection-diagnosis-research-committee>

### Programme/Centre/Strategic Grants

#### **NIHR Early action and prevention within Health and Social Care Services**

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** high quality research about early action and prevention within Health and Social Care Services.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/early-action-and-prevention-within-health-and-social-care-services/2025410?>

**NIHR Work and Health Research Awards Round 2**

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** to fund research into reconstructive surgery for survivors of FGM/C

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-work-and-health-research-awards-round-2/97026?>

**NIHR HTA Reconstruction surgery for FGM/C survivors**

**Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** to enable research teams to receive funding for larger programmes of research or large scale and ambitious projects to tackle priorities in work and health research.

**Budget:** Up to £2M, over 3 yrs

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/reconstruction-surgery-fgmc-survivors/2025446?>

**NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme**

**Deadline: 1st April 2026**

- [EME Programme Researcher-led](#)
- [NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity \(EME Programme\)](#)
- [NIHR NICE rolling funding opportunity \(EME Programme\)](#)

**Budget:**

**More Info:** see individual links above

## Research Grants

**Novo Nordisk Inter-SUSTAIN – Part 2**

**Deadline: 10th February 2026**

**Scope:** for research projects that focus on CMD, infectious disease and regenerative medicine and make use of existing data from one of shortlisted databases

**Budget:** 1-3yrs, DKK 1M – DKK 5M

**More Info:** <https://novonordiskfonden.dk/grant/inter-sustain-part-2-for-researchers/>

**NIHR Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) researcher-led**

**Deadline (EOI): 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** to fund high quality, well designed research to provide findings which meet the needs of NHS and social care managers and leaders. The research will be carried out by effective and efficient research teams.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/health-and-social-care-delivery-research-hsdr-researcher-led/2025330?>

**NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling funding opportunity (HSDR Programme)**

**Deadline (EOI): 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** we are looking to receive applications for research studies addressing JLA PSPs' research priorities, rather than to conduct a PSP itself. One of the priorities is palliative and end of life care.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-james-lind-alliance-priority-setting-partnerships-rolling-funding-opportunity-hsdr-programme/2025331?>

#### **MRC Small molecule high throughput screen using AstraZeneca facilities**

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Scope:** to run a high throughput screen (HTS) using AstraZeneca's compound library and screening robots.

**Budget:** £270K

**More Info:** <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/small-molecule-high-throughput-screen-using-astrazeneca-facilities/>

#### **MRC ERA4Health Partnership 2026 Joint Transnational Call - Trials4Health**

**Deadline:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Scope:** to support UK researchers to engage in multi-country investigator-initiated clinical trials in cardiovascular, autoimmune and metabolic diseases (Trials4Health).

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/era4health-partnership-2026-joint-transnational-call-trials4health/97051>

#### **EUP OHAMR Joint transnational call 2026 on new treatments to tackle AMR**

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**Scope:** to explore new treatments to tackle AMR, in consortia of minimum 3 eligible partners from 3 different eligible countries. The call is co-funded by the European Union.

**Budget:** total estimated budget over €31M, over 3 yrs

**More Info:** <https://ohamr.eu/calls/call-2026-new-treatments-to-tackle-amr/>

#### **THCS Partnership Joint Transnational Call 2026 - Access to Care**

**Deadline preproposals:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**Scope:** funding for research and innovation projects that contribute to ensuring equitable access to and utilisation of health and care services and provide policy and decision makers with the knowledge and tools necessary to implement the reallocation of resources as the health and care system undergoes a transition to meet new and ongoing challenges.

The European Partnership on THCS brings the opportunity to coordinate and optimize research and innovation efforts in Europe and its partner countries, supporting transformation of health and care systems. The consortium must include at least three eligible partners from three different countries whose funding organisations participate in the call. At least two members of the consortium should be legal entities from two different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.thcspartnership.eu/funding/jtc-2026-access-to-care.kl>

#### **NIHR Production of Technology Assessment Reviews (TARs)**

**Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Scope:** to produce high-impact Technology Assessment Reviews (TARs). Research teams must be suitably qualified with a proven track record in health technology assessment, health economics and evidence synthesis, and of attracting research funding from recognised sources.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/production-technology-assessment-reviews-tars/2025455?>

#### **BIRAX Healthy Ageing | Call for Research Proposals**

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** For joint projects by British and Israeli scientists on the topic of ageing

**Budget:** 2yrs, £100K

**More Info:** <https://www.britishcouncil.org/il/en/birax/call-for-proposals>

### **EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2025**

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** Funding for projects (consortia of at least 5 organisations from Horizon Europe-eligible countries) to build innovation & entrepreneurship capacity in HEIs

**Budget:** 2yrs, up to €2M

**More Info:** <https://eit-hei.eu/funding-support/funding-opportunities/open-calls/call-for-proposals-2025/>

### **Rising Tide Foundation Clinical Cancer Research**

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** Funding clinical trials worldwide across all cancer types, designed together with patient partners

**Budget:** \$100K/y, up to 5 yrs

**More Info:** <https://www.risingtide-foundation.org/clinical-cancer-research-how-to-apply/>

### **NIHR Decarbonising the health and social care system**

**Deadline:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** to fund research into decarbonising the health and social care system. As part of our climate, health and sustainability commitments to help reduce carbon emissions and achieve net zero

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/decarbonising-health-and-social-care-system/2025389>

### **NIHR Research for Patient Benefit**

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health and care service staff, and that have the potential to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of health and care services.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/research-patient-benefit-november-2025/2025425-2025426-2025437?>

### **NIHR Climate Change and Health Research Collaboration Awards**

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** For research that addresses the challenges of climate change by building resilience into the delivery of health and social care services during severe weather events. Smaller development awards will be offered initially. After the development phase, holders of development awards will be invited to submit large scale and ambitious collaborative projects.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-climate-change-and-health-research-collaboration-awards/2025411>

### **MRC Gap Fund: single-step support for medical product development**

**Deadline:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Scope:** For developing a new or repurposed medicine, medical device, diagnostic, or other medical product.

**Budget:** £50K-£300K

**More Info:** <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/gap-fund-single-step-support-for-medical-product-development/>

**NIHR Health Technology Assessment: Reconstruction surgery for FGM/C survivors**

**Deadline (outline): 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** to fund research into reconstructive surgery for survivors of FGM/C

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/studies-evaluating-clinical-and-cost-effectiveness-ambulance-service-led-interventions/2025375>

**NIHR Step-up treatment for people with uncontrolled asthma (HTA programme)**

**Deadline (outline): 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** What is the best step-up treatment for people aged 12 years and older diagnosed with asthma, whose asthma is uncontrolled on a low-dose inhaled corticosteroid/formoterol combination inhaler used as needed?

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/step-treatment-people-uncontrolled-asthma/2025453?>

**NIHR Using light therapy in care/nursing homes (HTA programme)**

**Deadline (outline): 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** Can the use of light therapy boxes in residential care and/or nursing homes improve the mood, sleep and mental health of residents?

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/using-light-therapy-care-nursing-homes/2025452?>

**NIHR Public Health Research: Domestic violence against women and girls**

**Deadline (outline): 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

**Scope:** to fund research that will evaluate the effectiveness of community interventions that support female survivors and victims of domestic abuse in mitigating physical and mental health impacts.

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/domestic-violence-against-women-and-girls/2025450>

**NIHR Improving mobility and quality of life after stroke (HTA Programme)**

**Deadline (outline): 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Scope:** What is the clinical and cost-effectiveness of interventions to improve mobility on the quality of life of people who have had a stroke?

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/improving-mobility-and-quality-life-after-stroke/2025454?>

**NIHR Public HSDR Programme: Improving access to, experience of, and outcomes from physical health services in prisons**

**Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Scope:** funding high-quality research studies that address key evidence gaps to improve access to, experience of, and outcomes from physical health services across the UK secure estate.

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/improving-access-experience-and-outcomes-physical-health-services-prisons/2025461?>

**NIHR Public Health Research: Loneliness in the community**

**Deadline (outline): 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Scope:** to fund research that evaluates the health and health inequality impacts of community initiatives that aim to address loneliness at a population level.

**Budget:** -

**More Info:** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/loneliness-community/2025451>

## Charity Research Grants

### **Huntington's Disease Foundation Transformative Research Awards**

**Deadline (LOI): 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** To fund collaborative research teams to create innovative ways to study new pathogenic disease mechanisms and treatment modalities in Huntington's disease.

**Budget:** \$300K-\$500K/y, 2 yrs

**More Info:** <https://hdfoundation.org/transformative-research-awards/>

### **Rosetrees Major Project Awards**

**Deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** Major project grants support innovative research projects with an established proof-of-concept. It is expected that our funding will enable projects to develop further towards clinical translation and should target an unmet clinical need impacting a significant patient population in the UK.

**Budget:** £210K, 3 yrs

**More Info:** [https://rosetrees.org.uk/project\\_awards/](https://rosetrees.org.uk/project_awards/)

### **Muscular Dystrophy UK Grant Round 2026**

**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** We will invest in research that increases our understanding of neuromuscular conditions and that promotes the development of potential treatments. These may be basic, pre-clinical or clinical projects, but must be in line with our Research Strategy.

**Budget:** 2-3 yrs, £100k/yr

**More Info:** <https://www.muscular dystrophyuk.org/research/for-researchers/open-grant-calls/>

### **Pancreatic Cancer UK Research Innovation Fund**

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** This seed funding scheme will provide short-term investment to address research questions and hypotheses that are truly innovative in their objectives and/or means of delivery, into the causes, treatment and detection of pancreatic cancer and the support for those with it.

**Budget:** 12-18months, £100k

**More Info:** <https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/for-researchers/apply-for-funding/research-innovation-fund/>

### **Rosetrees and Race Against Dementia Award 2025 to 2026**

**Deadline LOI: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Full Application Deadline: May 2026**

**Scope:** Funding to accelerate progress in dementia research. Applications for basic science, translational, or clinical research projects in the following key areas of Development of new diagnostic tests, Strategies for prevention, Understanding disease mechanisms and Identification and evaluation of potential new treatments are invited.

**Budget:** £750k, 5 years

**More Info:** <https://rosetrees.org.uk/race-against-dementia-2026/>



### **ADDF Therapeutics Funding Programs**

**Deadline LOI: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Scope:** Funding for advancing therapeutic and biomarker development for Alzheimer's and related dementias. Three topics: Drug Development, Neuroimaging and CSF Biomarker, Prevention.

**Budget:** Up to \$5M

**More Info:** <https://www.alzdiscovery.org/research-and-grants/funding-opportunities>

### **MS Society Project Awards**

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Scope:** Project Awards provide support for research projects designed to answer a single question, or a small group of related questions. Applications must be hypothesis-driven.

**Budget:** No limit, 3 years

**More Info:** <https://www.mssociety.org.uk/research/researchers/funding>

### **Breast Cancer UK Career Development Awards**

**Deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Scope:** Aimed at Early Career Researchers who wish to focus on their research on breast cancer prevention.

**Budget:** £200K

**More Info:** <https://www.breastcanceruk.org.uk/science/apply-for-a-grant/>

### **Wellcome Trust Genomics in Context Awards**

**Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** To support transdisciplinary teams at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics.

**Budget:** £500k, 12-24 months

**More Info:** <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/genomics-in-context-awards>

### **GOSH Charity National Research Programme Grants**

**Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** to create a step change in an area of rare or complex paediatric disease by providing long-term, high-value funding.

**Budget:** £500k-£2.5M, 5 yrs

**More Info:** <https://www.gosh.org/apply-for-funding/research/research-funding-schemes/gosh-charity-programme-grants/>

### **Diabetes UK Addressing Pre-Pregnancy Gestational Diabetes**

**Deadline: 1st June 2026**

**Scope:** Diabetes UK welcomes applications investigating feasibility of a randomised study of significant weight loss prior to pregnancy among women who experienced GDM in a previous pregnancy. The study will acquire pilot data on effectiveness to inform a subsequent large, randomised study.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/our-research/for-researchers/applying-for-funding/funding-schemes/highlight-notices>

### **Diabetes UK Applying diabetes technology during the hospital pathway to improve care for people living with diabetes**

**Deadline: 1st June 2026**

**Scope:** Diabetes UK welcomes applications investigating how glucose sensor data and safety alerts/alarms can be made accessible to healthcare providers, investigating how people with diabetes and healthcare providers can benefit from using glucose sensors throughout the hospital journey, focussing on empowerment and greater preparedness for hospital admission, investigating the role of decision support tools using glucose and insulin

data from within the electronic healthcare records, and also investigating how to apply diabetes related technologies to improve outcomes in preparation for, during and after surgery and within acute maternity care.

**Budget:**

**More Info:** <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/our-research/for-researchers/applying-for-funding/funding-schemes/highlight-notice>

### **Bowel Cancer UK Pilot Grants**

**Deadline: Call opens 2026**

**Scope:** Funding for research into removing barriers to early and timely diagnosis of bowel cancer.

**Budget:** £50k

**More Info:** [https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/research/information-for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant/?utm\\_source=research-university-offices&utm\\_medium=outlook-emails&utm\\_campaign=pilot-grants-call-2026-teaser](https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/research/information-for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant/?utm_source=research-university-offices&utm_medium=outlook-emails&utm_campaign=pilot-grants-call-2026-teaser)

### **BHF Infrastructure Grants**

**Deadline: preliminary applications accepted at any time**

**Scope:** For the acquisitions of essential infrastructure to support cardiovascular research.

**Budget:** £1 million

**More Info:** <https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/infrastructure-grants>

## **Fellowships/Lectureships**

### **Brain Research UK Clinical PhD Fellowship**

**Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Scope:** Fellowships for medical graduates seeking to undertake a PhD in support of a clinical academic career, focusing on research of primary tumours of the brain and spinal cord, acquired brain and spinal cord injury, or headache and facial pain.

**Budget:** 3 yrs, £300k

**More Info:** <https://www.brainresearchuk.org.uk/research/apply/fellowship>

### **Asthma+Lung UK Junior Fellowships**

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Scope:** Funding is available to support post-doctoral researchers to continue research after their PhD or equivalent (e.g. Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree) and allow them to, for example, generate further preliminary data, continue data analysis and/or finalise/secure publications (e.g. from PhD data).

**Budget:** 18 months, £100K

**More Info:** <https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/information-researchers/current-funding-opportunities/application-guidance-2026-grant-round>

### **DAERA Postgraduate Studentships**

**Deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Scope:** PhD studentship, for residents of Northern Ireland (any nationality and any UK institution) on Climate change, Sustainable agri-food systems, One Health, Natural environment, Rural affairs.

**Budget:** 3 yrs, stipend

**More Info:** <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/daera-postgraduate-studentships>

### **MS Society Early Career Fellowship**

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**



**Scope:** Early Career Fellowships are one of our Career Development Awards, aiming to attract and retain talented postdoctoral researchers who want to build a successful career in MS research. These grants provide a staged career structure and the opportunity for you to progress towards higher level appointments.

**Budget:** 4 yrs, £375k

**More Info:** <https://www.mssociety.org.uk/research/researchers/funding>

### **Cancer Research UK Clinical Future Leaders Fellowship**

**Deadline (outline): 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** For a clinician who has already undertaken a period of postdoctoral research. All areas of the CRUK funding remit, including basic biological research, pre-clinical studies, imaging research, radiotherapy research, engineering and physical sciences applied to cancer, population research and early detection research

**Budget:** 7 yrs, £2.5M

**More Info:** <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/for-researchers/apply-for-and-manage-your-funding/our-funding-schemes/clinical-future-leaders-fellowship>

### **Alzheimer's Research UK Research Fellowship**

**Deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** The scheme is intended for PhD-qualified non-clinical researchers who have delivered previous research project(s) with impactful outputs, such as publications and conference presentations, and demonstrate an upward trajectory.

**Budget:** 3 yrs, salary + £20K/y

**More Info:** <https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/grants/research-fellowship/>

### **Alzheimer's Research UK Senior Research Fellowship**

**Deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** Senior Research Fellowship is designed for PhD-qualified clinical or non-clinical researchers with a demonstrated track record of original and productive research (having had typically at least one previous post-doctoral appointment). It is meant to support researchers towards their transition to lead independent groups. Research question should be framed to understand/diagnose/treat/ reduce risk of Alzheimer's disease.

**Budget:** Up to 4yrs, up to £420K

**More Info:** <https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/grants/senior-research-fellowship/>

### **CSO Early Postdoctoral Fellowship**

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Scope:** Funding for clinical and non – clinical health researchers to develop their research following successful completion of a PhD. Candidates should have less than 2 years research experience post PhD.

**Budget:** Salary + £30k research consumables, 3 years

**More Info:** <https://www.cso.scot.nhs.uk/fellowship-funding/early-postdoctoral-fellowship/>

## **Other**

### **BBSRC and MRC Survey on UK animal research facilities and resources**

**The survey closes 19 January 2026**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and the Medical Research Council (MRC) have launched a UK-wide survey to gather insights from the animal research community. This forms part of a major fact-finding initiative focused on the nation's animal research facilities and resources.

More information [here](#).

### ResearchBites series: Introduction to Research Ethics

**Wednesday 14 January 2026, 12-1pm, online**

This session will provide researchers with a general introduction to the topic of research ethics, including a discussion of the types of research activity that require ethical approval. The rationale behind research ethics and its implementation in the context of research integrity will also be discussed, and researchers will also be provided with a general overview of the research ethics approval processes within the University. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the presentation.

Book your place [here](#).

### ResearchBites series: Introduction to Worktribe Ethics

**Wednesday 28 January 2026, 12-1pm, online**

This session will provide researchers with an overview of the Worktribe Ethics application process, including the responsibilities of the student applicant's Supervisor. The session will also provide an opportunity to discuss the associated question sets within the application process so that applicants will have a clearer understanding of the expectations of the Ethics Boards/Committees. There will be opportunities for Q&A throughout the session.

Book your place [here](#).

### Higher Education for Sustainable Societies Community

The Higher Education for Sustainable Societies Community is an online forum for all staff at ACU member universities who are directly working on sustainable development issues and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within their universities, local community and globally. This community provides a dedicated online space where insights, knowledge and resources can be shared directly between university staff to support personal and professional development and inform institutional practice.

For more information and how to join click [here](#).

### Leverhulme Trust Outline Project Grant Applications: February 2026 deadline, ahead of system change

The Leverhulme Research Project Grants scheme normally does not have a set outline application deadline. However, the Trust will move to a new Grants Management System as the current system will no longer be supported after December 2026. Applications in progress cannot be transferred to the new system.

Therefore, **outline applications must be submitted by 27 February 2026**. There will then be a pause until September 2026, when new outline applications will be accepted in the new system.

For applicants who have been or will be invited to submit a Detailed Application, the deadlines will be closer and you will have less time to develop and submit your detailed application.

More information can be found here: <https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/news/RPG2026>

### MRC fellowships to attract global research talent

The Medical Research Council (MRC) is funding up to an additional £8.5 million to expand our 'early independence' Career Development Award (CDA) and Clinical Scientist Fellowship (CSF) schemes. As part of this investment, from January 2026 CDA and CSF awardees relocating to the UK can request support for visa costs for themselves and now

their dependent family members. This additional investment will also enable four or five additional talented early career researchers to start their independent research careers in the UK.

More info [here](#).

#### **UKRI seeks your views in 2025 stakeholder survey**

**The survey closes 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

UKRI is asking its communities to share their views by taking part in our 2025 stakeholder perspectives survey.

More information and link to participate [here](#).

#### **IBiolC26 - BioSolutions for Tomorrow's World**

**10th and 11th March 2026, Glasgow**

The Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBiolC) holds its 12th Annual Conference in Glasgow on 10 and 11 March 2026 in partnership with the BioBased and Biodegradable Industries Association (BBIA).

More information [here](#).