

All Research Groups: Past Deadlines

BBSRC: Follow-on Fund

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites proposals for projects supported by the research council follow-on fund. The fund aims to increase the level and accelerate the rate of commercialisation of ideas arising from the research council community. The scheme supports further scientific or technical development and other activities essential to securing commercial opportunities such as licensing, seed or venture finance. Applications for follow-on grants must fall within the remit of BBSRC and will draw substantially on the outputs of the council's recent research funding.

Individual grants will be typically in the range of £90,000 to £100,000 (awarded at 80 per cent of full economic cost value) over a period of up to 12 months. The fund is open to academics in UK universities and research council institutes to take forward ideas generated by funding from BBSRC.

Additional information about the grant is available [here](#). The deadlines are 22 February, 26 June and 30 October 2008. The next external deadline is 30 October 2008, with an internal deadline of 16 October 2008.

European Research Council: Starting independent researcher grants – physical science and engineering

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals for European Research Council starting independent researcher grants. The grants will provide support to the independent careers of researchers located in the EU and associated countries. These researchers should be establishing or leading their first research team or programme.

Grants will support projects carried out by teams which are headed by a single principal investigator and will be awarded to the institution hosting the PI. The scheme is open to researchers of any nationality who would like to set their research activity up in any European Union member state or associated country. The physical science and engineering research domain will receive 39 percent of the overall indicative budget of 295.762 million euros for the SIRG programme.

ERC-2009-StG. OJ C187 (24/07/2008) p13. Further information is available [here](#). Deadline: 5pm, Brussels local time, 29 October 2008. Internal deadline: 15 October.

Wellcome Trust: Engaging Science: People Awards

Projects are worth up to £30,000 each and have a maximum duration of three years. Eligible activities include workshops, talks, discussions, and exhibitions in public venues; deliberative or opinion-gathering projects.

People Awards enable you to explore the impact of biomedical science on society, its historical roots, effects on different cultures, or the ethical questions that it brings, by supporting activities such as events, debates, exhibitions, art projects and drama productions related to biomedical science.

We aim to encourage people of all ages and from all walks of life to consider, question and debate the key issues of now and the future. We want people to be informed, inspired and involved.

People Awards support projects that aim to achieve at least one of the following:

- stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science through various methods
- support formal and informal learning about biomedical science
- reach new audiences not normally engaged with biomedical science, as well as continuing to target existing audiences
- examine the social, cultural, historical and ethical impact of biomedical science

- encourage new ways of thinking about biomedical science
- encourage high quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships
- investigate and test new methods of engagement, participation and education.

Further information on this scheme is available [here](#); the deadlines for applications are 18 July and 10 October 2008, with internal deadlines of 4 July and 26 September respectively.

EPSRC: Leadership fellowship

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council has issued a call for outline proposals under its leadership fellowship programme. The awards provide up to five years funding to talented early or mid-career researchers with the most potential to develop into the UK's international research leaders of tomorrow. They offer an opportunity to concentrate on research for the period of the award, as well as supporting the cost of associated research for the full duration of the fellowship. The expectation is that fellows will have established themselves as leading researchers of international standing in their area by the end of the award, as well as demonstrating leadership within their institution and research community.

The awards allow fellows to follow new research directions and build collaborations internationally, within and across disciplines. Fellows will also be expected to contribute to the uptake of research outputs for economic and social impact through appropriate knowledge exchange activities.

Applications are welcome across the breadth of EPSRC's remit. In addition, EPSRC has highlighted the following research themes where applications are particularly encouraged: energy; towards next generation healthcare; nanosciences through engineering to application; digital economy.

To be eligible for the scheme candidates must currently hold a permanent UK academic post. The award will cover costs related to the programme of research, as well as the fellow's personal expenses, that is salary, travel and subsistence costs. The fellow's host organisation must be a UK higher education institution eligible to apply for research grants.

Further information about this call may be found [here](#). External deadline: outline applications 4pm, 9 October 2008; internal deadline: 11 September 2008.

NERC: Follow-on fund

These funds will help scientists to develop research ideas to a stage where commercial opportunities (eg licensing, seed or equity funds) can be secured. Funds can support further scientific and technical development of an idea though applications may involve some activities towards improving an intellectual property position, market research or investigating potential licensees and joint ventures.

Examples of projects funded through the Follow-on Fund are given in the '**Other business applications**' section of **Case Studies**. Individual grants will typically in the range of £80,000 to £100,000 (awarded at 80% of fEC) over a period up to 12 months.

Further information is available [here](#). The external deadline is 4pm, 1 October 2008; the internal deadline is 17 September 2008.

Medical Research Council and Department of Health: Methodology research programme

The Medical Research Council, in partnership with the Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research, invites proposals under its methodology research programme. The programme supports research on methods development to underpin the biomedical sciences, experimental medicine, clinical trials, population health sciences, health services research and health policy, including:

- methods for the design and analysis of primary descriptive and evaluative studies;
- methods for the design and analysis of secondary studies involving reviews and evidence synthesis of descriptive and evaluative studies;
- the design, process and analysis of clinical trials including improved methods for the assessment of risk, efficacy, safety and other issues related to regulatory approvals for new medicines, devices and diagnostics;
- methodologies in the applied disciplines underpinning research in the health science, for example, health economics, biostatistics and quantitative analysis, modelling, decision sciences, epidemiology, behavioural sciences and health psychology, qualitative analysis and mixed methods, medical sociology, organisational and management science and bioethics;
- the measurement and validation of health, health outcomes and satisfaction.

More information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 1 October 2008; internal deadline: 17 September 2008.

STFC: CASE: studentships

The Science and Technology Facilities Council invites applications for its cooperative awards in science and engineering studentships. The awards are for take up at UK higher education institutions, with a duration of three years. Case awards provide an opportunity for training a research student on a project which involves the joint supervision of the student by a member of staff of an academic institution and an employee of an industrial firm or an organisation in the public service.

Here are the details of **STFC's** rules and regulations. The external deadline is Tuesday 30 September 2008 at 4 PM. Our internal deadline will be Tuesday 16 September 2008.

Boehringer Ingelheim Fund: PhD Studentships

Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds invites applications for its PhD scholarships for basic research aimed at acquiring new scientific knowledge. The foundation supports projects aimed to elucidate basic phenomena of human life. Applicants should not be older than 27 years of age. Natural scientists may apply after having submitted a diploma or equivalent thesis; physicians, veterinary surgeons and pharmacists should have passed state examinations. At the deadline the applicant should not have worked on their project for longer than six months. Nationality is irrelevant. European citizens are supported in Europe or overseas; non-European citizens receive support when working in Europe. Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds will award approximately 15 PhD scholarships per funding round. Each scholarship is granted for at least two years, with an option of renewal for a further 12 months. Irrespective of the scholar's age the basic monthly grant amounts to 1,400 euros. In Switzerland, in the US and the UK 500 euros are added as a compensation for purchasing power.

Here are the details of **Boehringer Ingelheim's** application. The deadlines for this application are 1 February, 1 June and 1 October annually. The next external deadline is 1 October 2008. The internal deadline is 17 September 2008.

Royal Society UK: History of science meeting grants

The Royal Society is offering funding through its history of science meeting grants. Funding is available for one or two day meetings on the history of science. Applicants should be learned societies in the history of science or scientific bodies in the UK. A fellow or other representative of the society must be on the organising committee. Meetings should also be open to the public.

Here are the details of **Royal Society's** grants programme. The deadline for this application is 30 September 2008. Our internal deadline is 16 September 2008.

STFC: CASE-Plus studentships

The Science and Technology Facilities Council invites applications for its cooperative awards in science and engineering-Plus studentships. Case studentships are designed to give students experience outside a purely academic environment. They provide for training of a research student on a project which involves the joint supervision of the student by a member of staff at an academic institution and an employee of a UK industrial firm or an organisation in the public service. For the first three years of the award, CASE-Plus operates in the same way as the CASE scheme. The main difference is that the student spends a fourth year working full-time on the premises of the cooperating body as an employee. During this additional year, the student will receive a salary equivalent to that of a new STFC postdoctoral fellow. STFC will contribute 50 per cent of the salary costs incurred by the cooperating body, up to a maximum STFC contribution of £13,600. Moreover, students holding Case awards receive £615 per annum in addition to the basic maintenance allowance. Eligibility for a fourth year of support is dependent on the student demonstrating a level of achievement agreed in advance between the sponsor, the university and the student.

Here are the details of **STFC's** rules and regulations. The deadline for this application is Tuesday 30 September 2008 at 4 PM. Our internal deadline will be Tuesday 16 September 2008.

EPSRC: Career acceleration fellowships

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its career acceleration fellowships. These provide up to five years funding to talented researchers at an early stage of their career. The awards offer an opportunity to concentrate on research for the period of the award, as well as supporting the cost of associated research for the full duration of the fellowship. The expectation is that fellows will have established an independent career of international standing by the end of the award. The fellowships allow scientists to follow new research directions and build collaborations internationally, within and across disciplines. Fellows will also be expected to contribute to the uptake of research outputs for economic and social impact through appropriate knowledge exchange activities.

Proposals are welcome across the breadth of the EPSRC remit. In addition, EPSRC has highlighted the following research themes where applications are particularly encouraged: energy; towards next generation healthcare; nanosciences through engineering to application.

To be eligible applicants must not: hold or have held a permanent UK academic post, or have been promised such a post before the start of the award. Candidates should hold a PhD or equivalent higher degree or have several years research experience at an equivalent level. They should have between three and 10 years postdoctoral research or relevant industrial experience by the start date of the fellowship.

The award will cover costs related to the programme of research, as well as the fellow's personal expenses, that is salary, travel and subsistence costs. The fellow's host organisation must be a UK higher education institution eligible for research council funding.

Further information on this call is available [here](#). External deadline: outline applications 4pm, 23 September 2008; internal deadline: 26 August 2008.

European Commission, BE: Framework programme 7: Capacities

The objective of the research infrastructures initiative, part of the Capacities programme, is to optimise the use and development of the best research infrastructures existing in Europe and to help to create in all fields of science and technology new research infrastructures of pan-European interest needed by the European scientific community. Total indicative budget is 20m euros. The external deadline is 5pm Brussels time, 11 September 2008; the internal deadline is 28 August.

EPSRC: Bridging the Gaps

The aim of the funding scheme is to facilitate collaborations and provide researchers with the opportunity to develop multidisciplinary research projects that might be submitted to funding bodies in the future. Funding of up to £6 million has been allocated to this call. Awards will have a duration of up to three years.

More information about this funding scheme is available [here](#). The deadline for the outline proposals is by 4pm, 2 September 2008. Our internal deadline will be Tuesday 19 August.

British Council UK: UK-Netherlands partnership programme in science: individual research visits - UK applicants

The British Council in the Netherlands and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research invite applications from UK researchers for individual visits under the UK-Netherlands partnerships programme in science. The programme provides grants-in-aid towards the cost of international travel and accommodation for short visits within new research collaborations. Visits will last up to 21 days and may encompass all fields of academic research, including the humanities, social sciences, life sciences, natural sciences, technical sciences and agriculture. Applicants must be young researchers at the beginning of their academic career and have no more than ten years of postdoctoral experience.

Here are the details of **British Council UK's** partnership programme. The deadlines for this application are 14 March and 15 August 2008. The next external deadline is 15 August 2008. The internal deadline is Friday 1 August 2008.

NERC: Knowledge exchange

The Natural Environment Research Council invites proposals for knowledge exchange projects. The programme enables the sharing and flow of knowledge, people, skills and expertise between the UK's research base and the user community (public and private sector organisations). Activities which will receive funding include: special data management; networks; KE translators/facilitators; special publications; workshops; training for industry or the public sector; secondments, fellowships and interchanges. Applications should fall within the NERC science remit.

Awards are usually made for up to three years. NERC pays the standard proportion of full economic costs. This call is open to applicants based in UK higher education institutions, NERC research and collaborative centres, and independent research organisations approved by NERC.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 5 August 2008; internal deadline: 20 July 2008.

EPSRC: Interact - Building links with India

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites proposals from UK eligible researchers to form networks with academic researchers in India in all areas within EPSRC's remit. The network must contain at least three UK research institutions and at least one research group in India.

The programme will support travel and more substantial follow-on funding for building an international network as part of a single award. This will lead to strong collaborative research

partnerships and promote UK research interests in India. It is expected that the networks will be relevant to the needs to business and may have some industrial interaction.

The international research networks formed through this call will be expected to operate for no longer than two years with EPSRC funding, after which time they should aim to become self-supporting. The total budget for this round of Interact is £500,000 and up to four awards will be made in 2008.

More information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 30 July 2008; internal deadline: 16 July 2008.

British Council UK: Researcher exchange awards

The British Council invites applications for the researcher exchange awards. The exchange awards are aimed at supporting new links between researchers in the UK and other countries. Applications are invited from researchers at the beginning of their research careers or those in the last year of their PhD.

Here are the details of **British Council UK's** research exchange programme. The deadline for this application is 2 July 2008. Our internal deadline is Wednesday 18 June 2008.

NERC: Consortium Grants

The Natural Environment Research Council offers consortium grants to support collaborative research into specific issues that cannot be addressed through other funding modes. The scheme is intended to promote inter-institutional collaboration and to enhance opportunities for interdisciplinary projects. Proposals may address any area of science within the NERC remit, including NERC strategic priorities or new curiosity-driven research challenges. A minimum of three eligible UK research institutions are required to constitute a consortium

Here are the details of **NERC's** research grant. The next external deadline is 1 July 2008. Our internal deadline is Tuesday 17 June 2008.

University of Sydney: International Network Research Collaborations

The University of Sydney international programme development fund invites applications for its international network research collaborations grants. Applicants are encouraged to submit funding applications for innovative and sustainable programs built around multilateral collaborative research with partner universities in three international networks: Academic Consortium 21, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and the Worldwide Universities Network. Greater consideration will be given to projects that seek to enter existing research clusters within these international networks however, new research collaborations will also be considered.

Researchers must be based at a tertiary institution within one of the networks. Proposals that include an international research mobility component are encouraged. Applicants may travel to a partner university for a period of one week to three months to cultivate research activity as part of the research project. Applications that include plans for reciprocal visits, whereby a representative from the partner institution also spends time at the University of Sydney, will have an advantage. Early career researchers and postgraduate students are particularly encouraged to take part in this initiative.

The maximum funding available is \$20,000.

More information is available [here](#). External deadline: 5pm, 16 June 2008; internal deadline, 2 June 2008.

European Science Foundation: European collaborative research Eurocores scheme

The European Science Foundation is inviting proposals for its European collaborative research Eurocores scheme. The ESF expects to select approximately five theme proposals from this call for further development. The Eurocores scheme aims to enable researchers in different European countries to develop collaboration and scientific synergy in areas where European scale and scope are required for cutting-edge science in a global context. The scheme is intended to allow national funding organisations to join forces to support top class European research in and across all scientific areas, including humanities. Current Eurocores programmes are in the fields of materials, medical, humanities, bio-, geo- and environmental sciences.

Proposing groups can include scientists from at least four different countries within ESF membership or representatives from national funding organisations. A Eurocores programme should be able to attract 70 to 200 interested scientists and total research funding of at least 10 million euros over three to four years of funding. A theme proposal, if selected, will then be developed into an open call for research proposals.

More information about the call for themes is available [here](#). The deadline for this call is 2 June. Our internal deadline will be Monday 19 May.

Economic and Social Research Council: ESRC-Australian Collaborative Projects

Proposals are invited from UK participants for bilateral collaborative projects under the ESRC standard or small grants schemes. ESRC awards are worth a maximum of £200,000 full economic costs. Relevant areas of research include social science computing, social statistics, and management and business studies. Further information on this scheme can be found [here](#); the deadline is 4pm, 4 June 2008, with an internal deadline of 21 May.

EPSRC: Partnerships for Public Engagement

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council welcomes proposals for awards under its partnerships for public engagement programme. The objectives of the programme are to:

- stimulate the public's interest in contemporary research, including work funded by EPSRC;
- inspire future generations of researchers in engineering and the physical sciences;
- encourage public debate about the role of research in society and establish a dialogue between researchers and the public;
- build and sustain a community of researchers active in public engagement, including through partnerships, with the necessary expertise.

EPSRC is particularly interested in projects that not only increase the public's awareness of science and engineering, but also include some level of dialogue between members of the public and scientists or engineers, where this is appropriate.

The resources required should be estimated according to full economic costing. The majority of grants are expected to range between £20,000 and £120,000, but smaller or larger bids are welcome.

The scheme is open to active researchers, in partnership with their research teams and outside specialists or partner organisations, that can provide communication expertise. Applicants should normally hold or have held an EPSRC research grant or fellowship, and the research being communicated must fall within the EPSRC remit.

More information about this grant is available [here](#). The deadline for this application is on 4pm, 8 May 2008. Our internal deadline will be Tuesday 24 April 2008.

Leverhulme Trust UK: Visiting Professorships

The Leverhulme Trust invites applications for its visiting professorships. These enable UK universities to host an internationally distinguished academic from overseas in order to enhance the research skills and work of the host institution. Visiting professors will be expected to offer a short course of Leverhulme lectures to mark their residence at the UK university. Professorships will last three to 10 months and may be in any field. However, where other specialist agencies exist, for example in the case of medicine, applications to these agencies may be more appropriate. Staff employed in UK universities are eligible to apply for the award. Professorships will provide a maintenance grant commensurate with the salary of a senior professor in the relevant discipline, as well as expenses for travel and consumables.

Here are the details [Leverhulme Trust UK's](#) visiting professorships programme. The deadline for this application is 16 May 2008. Our internal deadline is Friday 2 May 2008.

London Mathematical Society: International Short Visits--Collaboration with Africa

The London Mathematical Society invites applications for its international short visits scheme. The aim is to provide a grant to a mathematician within the UK to support a visit for collaborative research either to or from a country in Africa, or countries in which mathematics is in a similar position. Any mathematician working in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant, but if the applicant is not a member of the society then the application must be supported by a member. For visits to Britain the maximum grant shall be up to £2,100, including £1,400 for accommodation and subsistence and up to £700 for actual travel costs. For visits from Britain the maximum grant is £1,300.

Here are the details of [London Mathematical Society's](#) scheme 5. The deadlines for this application are 31 January, 15 May and 15 September. The next external deadline is 15 May 2008. Our internal deadline is Thursday 1 May 2008.

Leverhulme Trust UK: Research Project Grants

The Leverhulme Trust invites proposals for its research grants. These are primarily intended to provide the salary costs of one or more researchers working on a specific and discrete project proposed by the applicant. Postgraduate studentships may also be linked to the project. Under this scheme, the trust supports research in all fields except social policy and welfare, medicine and school education.

Here are the details of **Leverhulme Trust's** grants and awards programme. The deadlines for this application are 21 March, 1 September and 1 December. The next external deadline is 21 March 2008. Our internal deadline will be 7 March 2008.

Leverhulme Trust UK: International networks for academic collaborations

The Leverhulme Trust offers research interchange grants to encourage the formation of academic networks and to permit individual scholars to visit the UK. Under this scheme, the trust supports research in all fields except social policy and welfare, medicine and school education. The geographical distribution of the proposed Network should reflect locations directly linked to the proposed research theme. The lead applicant should be employed at a UK university or other institution of higher and further learning.

Here are the details of **Leverhulme Trust's** grants and awards programme. The deadlines for this application are 21 March, 1 September and 1 December annually. The next external deadline is 21 March 2008. Our internal deadline is 7 March 2008.

Royal Society UK: Research Grants

The Research Grants scheme provides seed corn funding for new projects of timeliness and promise initiated by young scientists at an early stage of their career or by established scientists wishing to change the direction of their research. The grants will support research in any scientific or technological discipline within the remit of the Royal Society, including the natural sciences, mathematics, engineering science, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology, and research in the history of science.

Here are details of **The Royal Society UK's** grants programme. The deadline for this application is Tuesday 1 April 2008. Our internal deadline is Tuesday 18 March 2008.

BBSRC: The ageing bladder and bowel

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and Research into Ageing wish to encourage more basic and translational research to increase understanding of the ageing bladder and bowel, and the processes that lead to incontinence, and thus to improve treatments and quality of life for older people.

Expressions of interest are therefore invited on one of the following themes: increasing understanding of the physiology of the ageing bladder and bowel; exploring preventative measures, treatments and diagnosis of urinary and faecal incontinence.

Proposals can be submitted to BBSRC or RiA and will be reviewed by the most appropriate funder. BBSRC's remit covers the biological basis of ageing, but not applied biomedical science. Thus applications addressing the second priority should be submitted to RiA for consideration for funding. The remit of RiA is broad, covering both basic and applied biomedical science. However, for this call, applications that are at the fundamental or theoretical end of the spectrum should be submitted to BBSRC (eg basic cellular mechanisms, signalling, muscle and nerve control, organ specific ageing, tissue engineering, model species, systems approaches/modelling). RiA will cover the more translational end, but also some underpinning science as appropriate.

Funding for this call is not ring-fenced and successful applications will be funded through BBSRC responsive mode funding or through the RiA grant schemes as appropriate.

Additional information about the grant is available [here](#). The external deadline is 2 April 2008. Our internal deadline is Wednesday 19 March 2008.

South Africa-UK Science Networks

The Royal Society, in collaboration with the National Research Foundation, is inviting applications for its South Africa-UK science networks. These networks are aimed at developing new and enduring partnerships between excellent UK and South African scientists. Applications are invited for the following networking activities which may take place in either the UK or South Africa:

- one-to-one meetings, lasting from five days to three months;
- thematic workshop, typically lasting up to five days with the sending side supporting up to five scientists;
- exploratory visits lasting up to one week. These visits may include up to five scientists who wish to collaborate together on a particular theme. The group may visit up to a maximum of three institutions.

The research must be on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural and medical research, scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology, and the history of science. The scheme does not cover social sciences or clinical medical research. Applicants must have completed a PhD and be preferably in their early or mid career stage. Funding of up to £10,000 is available.

Additional information about this grant is available [here](#). Applications must be submitted to both the Royal Society and the NRF by 30 April 2008. Our internal deadline will be Wednesday 16 April 2008.

Royal Society UK: Conference Grant Schemes

The Royal Society invites applications for its conference grants. The scheme supports UK based scientists to either present their own paper or poster or to chair a session at an overseas conference, where conference participation is the main purpose of the visit. The conference must be on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology and the history of science. Candidates must have a PhD or extensive experience at an equivalent level and must hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in an eligible institution in the UK. Funding is available for up to ten days and covers international airfares, registration fees, subsistence and childcare, where appropriate.

Here are the details of the **Royal Society's** grant schemes. The deadline for this application was 5 March 2008. Our internal deadline was Wednesday, 20 February 2008.

BBSRC: Longer and Larger Responsive Research Grants-Above £2 million

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites outline proposals for its responsive mode grants valued at a full economic cost of £2 million and above.

Proposals should:

- fall in BBSRC's remit;
- aim to address a strategically important biological problem which merits large scale commitment and has added benefit from being funded as a single grant;
- not principally be a request for large equipment;
- if multidisciplinary, state which disciplines outside the biosciences are also involved (these multidisciplinary skills may be located within a single department).

The scheme is open to higher education institutions and research council institutes for which the BBSRC has established a long term involvement as major funder as part of the national research base. Individual applicants must be resident in the UK and hold an appointment which extends beyond the period of the research grant at either an eligible HEI or RCI at lecturer level or equivalent and above.

More information about the grant is available [here](#). Deadline: outline applications 4pm, 12 March 2008; full proposal due to normal responsive mode closing dates within six months of the invitation to submit. Our internal deadline for the outline application was 27 February.

British Council UK: UK-Netherlands partnership programme in science: seminars/workshop UK institutions apply

The British Council and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, under their partnership programme in science, invite applications from UK institutions for funding to organise workshops or seminars for UK and Dutch participants. Topics can be in all fields of academic research, including the humanities and social sciences, but the subject area should be well defined and specific. Participants should be a mix of UK and Dutch young postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic careers. Events may last one to three days and can take place either in the UK or the Netherlands.

Here are the details of **British Council UK's** partnership programme. The deadline for this application was 14 March 2008. Our internal deadline was Friday 29 February 2008.

NERC: New Investigator's Competition

The Natural Environment Research Council solicits proposals under its new investigators' competition. This is for investigators at the outset of their scientific career who are within three years of first becoming eligible to apply for NERC funding as a principal investigator, and who have never received funding on a NERC research grant. The maximum funding is £40,000 for the total directly incurred costs and in addition, NERC will pay the standard proportion of directly allocated and indirect costs.

Here are details of **NERC's** programme. The deadline for this application is 1st February annually. Our next internal deadline was Friday 18 January 2008.

CONNECTIVITY GRANTS

The London Mathematical Society invites applications for its connectivity grants.

Information about the connectivity grants are available [here](#). The external deadline was 31 January. The internal deadline was Wednesday, 16 January 2008.

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851: Industrial Fellowships

The Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 invites applications for its industrial fellowships. These are offered to selected graduates, working in British Industry, who have a good first degree in engineering, science or medicine. One of the awards (co-funded with the ERA foundation) will be reserved for an individual employed in the electro technology sector.

The fellowships support work on an identified research or development topic, leading to a patent, product or process specification within the timescale of the award. Projects may be undertaken in conjunction with studying for a higher academic award. Applicants should have established link with appropriate staff at a British university and be within two years of graduation. Candidates must be British or Commonwealth nationals who are resident in UK and are employed by a British based company.

Here are the details of **The Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851** industrial fellowship programme. The deadline for this application was 31 January 2008. Our internal deadline was Wednesday 16 January 2008.

German Academic Exchange Service UK: One-year grants for postgraduate students

The German Academic Exchange Service invites applications for its one-year grants for postgraduate students in subjects other than art, music and architecture to study at any institution of higher education or carry out research in Germany in any area other than arts, music or architecture.

Here are the details of **DAAD 's** scholarship programme. The external deadline for this application was 18 February 2008. Our internal deadline was Monday 4 February 2008.

Royal Society UK: Short visits to the UK (from all countries except Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the US)

The Royal Society welcomes applications from UK host scientists for grants to support short visits to the UK. The scheme funds collaborative visits by scientists from all countries except Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the US. The key objectives of the awards are to: initiate one-to-one collaborations; explore opportunities to build lasting networks; provide access to complementary equipment, data observations and ideas. Research must be in a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology and the history of science.

Here are the details of the **Royal Society's** international grants programme. The deadline for this application was 21 February 2008. Our internal deadline was Thursday 7 February 2008.

Royal Society UK: Short visits from the UK (to every country except USA)

The Royal Society invites applications for grants for short visits from the UK. These fund visits by UK-based scientists to all countries except the USA. The scheme aims to initiate one-to-one collaborations, explore opportunities to build lasting networks and provide access to complementary equipment, data observations and ideas. Research must be on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology and the history of science.

Here are the details of the **Royal Society's** international grants programme. The deadline for this application was 21 February 2008. Our internal deadline was Thursday 7 February 2008.

London Mathematical Society UK: Conference Grants

The London Mathematical Society is inviting applications for grants for organisers of mathematical conferences to be held in the UK. The current upper limit for grants is £6,000. Any mathematician working in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant, but if the applicant is not a member of the society then the application must be countersigned by a member who is prepared to support the proposal.

Here are the details of **London Mathematical Society's** grant scheme 1. The deadline for this application was Thursday 20th September 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 3rd September 2007.

STFC: Standard research studentships

The Science and Technology Facilities Council invites applications for its standard research studentships. These normally lead to the award of a PhD and are tenable for three to four years, and are awarded to postgraduate students for training in the methods of research. Studentships are allocated to departments of UK higher education institutions.

Here are the details of **STFC's** rules and regulations. The deadline for this application was Thursday 27th September 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 10th September.

EPSRC: Joint EPSRC and Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology postgraduate initiative

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology invite applications for their joint postgraduate initiative 2008. The initiative provides EPSRC PhD award holders in their second or third year with the opportunity to undertake a three month placement at POST. Fellows will work on a policy topic grounded in science and technology, with the aim of providing balanced and independent analyses of science and technology based issues of relevance to Parliament. The award offers a three month extension to the fellow's PhD funding.

Here are the details of joint **EPSRC's** initiatives programme. The deadline for this application was Friday 5th October 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 17th September 2007.

Wellcome Trust UK: Capital funding to support science-based activity

The Wellcome Trust invites applications for capital funding in support of science-based activity. This biennial competition provides capital funding for large-scale projects that support science-based activity. The projects will be in partnership with the host institution, and will facilitate internationally competitive, leading-edge biomedical research that would not otherwise be possible. The research area must fall within the trust's biomedical science remit. Up to £30m available for the first round of this initiative. Individual requests for funding should be above £1m each.

Here are the details of the The **Wellcome Trust's** funding programme. The deadline for this application was Monday 5th November 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 22nd October 2007.

British Association for Cancer Research UK: Meeting Bursaries

The British Association for Cancer Research invites applications for its meeting bursaries. These are to primarily support non-student members to attend scientific meetings relevant to cancer research. Grants of up to £800 each are available to cover second class overland fares or APEX airfare, registration fees, accommodation and subsistence. Candidates should have been members or members-elect for at least one year by the time of the application.

Here are the details **BACR's** fellowships and bursaries programme. The deadline for this application was 2 February 2007.

ESF: Mathematics conference in Poland in partnership with MSHE and the Institute of Mathematics

The European Science Foundation invites applications to its mathematics conferences, to be held in partnership with the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Institute of Mathematics. The aim of the conference is to exchange ideas developed and being developed in three fields: geometric nonlinear control theory, geometrical mechanics, and geometry of quantum systems. The three topics use similar tools from differential geometry and may offer to each other new methods and ideas. Besides current research presentations, there are planned survey lectures, introducing new language and results to all domains described above. The main emphasis will be put on systems of finite dimension.

Here are the details of **ESF's** calls for proposals. The deadline for this application was Tuesday 31 July 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 16th July 2007.

EPSRC: Bridging the Gaps

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications from research organisations for grants under its bridging the gaps funding programme. The principal objectives of the programme are to; initiate new, long-term collaborations between researchers across the EPSRC remit; stimulate innovative approaches to collaboration between disciplines; increase the cross-fertilisation of ideas and the take up of advances across the boundaries between disciplines.

Here are the details of **EPSRC's** call for proposals. The deadline was 24 July.

Newby Trust UK: Training and education grants

The Newby Trust invites applications for its training and education grants. Funding is available to those taking second degrees, to mature students, and to students from abroad with a proven UK educational record whose circumstances have been affected by events beyond their control.

Here are the details of **Newby Trust UK's** training programme. The deadline for this application was 30th June 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 11th June 2007.

EPSRC: Collaborating for success through people

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for grants under its collaborating for success through people funding scheme. The aim of the programme is to empower UK academic researchers and research groups with current EPSRC funding to develop novel ways of building connections across academic and user communities, both nationally and internationally. Proposals can include a range of activities, for instance,

creating links across disciplines, international exchanges and industrial secondments. All areas of EPSRC's remit are covered in this call

Here are the details of **EPSRC's** engineering programme. The deadline for this application was Tuesday 6th March 2007. Our internal deadline was Monday 19th February 2007.

Royal Society UK: Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships

The Royal Society invites applications from mid-career scientists for the Leverhulme Trust senior research fellowships. This scheme provides opportunities for academics in the natural sciences, including agriculture, mathematics, medicine, technology and engineering, to be relieved of their teaching and administrative duties. The aim is to enable scientists to conduct full-time research, in order to re-establish their careers. Applicants must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status, hold a permanent post at a UK university and be at a stage in their career when they would particularly benefit from a period of full-time research.

Here are details of **The Royal Society's** Leverhulme Trust scheme. The deadline for this application was 10 January 2008.

EPSRC: Ideas Factory Topics

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council is requesting proposals under its initiative ideas factory. The aim of the initiative is to provide mechanisms that will stimulate highly innovative and more risk-accepting research activities that would be difficult to conceive or review under normal circumstances. The council aims to bring areas together that normally would not interact. Issues should not be solely engineering, technology or science focused, but should also relate to the arts, humanities, social and political sciences.

The deadline for this application was Monday 8th January 2007.

Leverhulme Trust UK: Research Leadership Awards

The Leverhulme Trust invites applications for its research leadership awards. The scheme offer funds to support researchers who are confronted with the task of building a research team of sufficient scale to tackle an identified but distinct research objective. The aim is to provide opportunities for the demonstration of research leadership, i.e., direction of an active group whose research convincingly represents a changing of the traditional landscape of disciplines. Each award will be at a level of up to £800,000 in total for up to five years of work. The intent is that the funds be used to provide each awardee with ten postdoctoral assistant years and ten research student years for the grant period, though other patterns would be permissible. Associated costs can form up to 25 per cent of the award..

The deadline for this application was Friday 1st December 2006. Our internal deadline was Monday 13th November 2006.

British Council UK: British Polish young scientists programme

The British Council invites applications under its British-Polish young scientists programme, to enable participants to make one or more research visits to partner institutions in the UK, for Polish participants, or to Polish institutions, for UK participants.

Here are the details of **British Council UK's** young scientists programme. The deadline for this application was 30th November 2007. Our internal deadline was 13th November 2007.

Fulbright Commission UK: Traditional Postgraduate Awards

The US-UK Fulbright Commission invites applications for its postgraduate awards. Funding is available for UK or EU citizens, normally resident in the UK, who wish to study at postgraduate level in any subject area except business administration, film studies and journalism, at any approved US university. The award covers maintenance and tuition fees for the first year of study.

Here are details of **Fulbright Commission's** awards programme. The deadline for this application is Saturday 31 May 2008. Our internal deadline will be Friday 16 May 2008.

London Mathematical Society UK: Joint Research groups (Scheme 3)

The London Mathematical Society invites applications under its scheme to support joint research groups. This encourages groups of mathematicians with a common research interest, working in at least three different locations in the UK, to engage in collaborative activities.

Here are the details of **London Mathematical Society's** grant schemes. The deadline for this application was Thursday 20 September 2007.

Royal Society: International Joint Projects

The Royal Society Joint Project programme is designed to enable international collaboration by providing a mobility grant for researchers to cover travel, subsistence and research expenses. The collaboration should be based on a single project including two teams or individuals in the UK and outside the UK. A relationship between both parties should already be established prior to making an application. The collaboration should involve bilateral visits between the UK and the country with which the overseas collaborator is based.

Here are details of **International Joint Project**. Closing date for this application was Wednesday 15th March 2006. Our internal deadline was Monday 27th February 2006.